

Life on the Beach

9th Annual Benefit Auction Star of the Sea Catholic School

To: Parents, Teachers, Friends & Guests
From: Auction Committee
RE: New Procedures & Exciting Announcements
Date: April 20, 2009

We are so excited about our upcoming auction. As you all know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful for your participation! We have planned a really great night with fabulous packages for your choosing and items you will want to have! The dress for the evening is Beach Casual – flip flops and jeans permitted!

Our biggest addition to the night will be our “Raise the Paddle” (RTP) session. This is where we all have a chance to bid on the new reading series that our school is in desperate need of, *Reading Streets*. The reading series is our “mission” of the night, as we need to raise \$25,000 for the purchase. The *Reading Street* curriculum is designed to build readers through motivating and engaging literature, research-based instruction, and a wealth of reliable teaching tools. The program takes the guesswork out of differentiating instruction with a strong emphasis on progress-monitoring. In addition, *Reading Street* prioritizes skill instruction at each grade level, so teachers can be assured they will focus on the right skill, at the right time, for each and every student.

This is a time to switch gears from people bidding against each other, to bid together for the greater good of the school! The auctioneer will start the bidding at an amount he chooses, and anyone and everyone can “raise your paddle” for that amount – paddles can be raised more than once, too – it will all be added together for our mission of a new book series! **The RTP session will come in the middle of our live auction – so BE READY!**

What else to expect:

- You may charge all purchases, including, children’s artwork, dress down booklets and “Raise the Paddle” portion.
- You must, however, have cash for bar purchases.
- Dress down booklet costs are: \$75 for first one, \$50 for each one after.

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Sneak Peeks

Our ***Silent Auction*** is loaded with fabulous items.....

- Beach Bag of Goodies
- Mrs. Van Buskirk for a Day
- Principal's Backpack for Boy and Girl
- Volcom for Girls
- ODU Football pack
- Dave Matthew's Band
- Big Sam's pack
- Picnic with Mrs. Flanary
- Pink Tricycle

Our ***Live Auction*** is loaded, too.....here are just a few.....

- Dr. Whisman babysitting for you
- "Through Looking Glass" 30x30 backwards window painting by local artist, Alice Husak
- "Reading is Fundamental" – including one week in OBX
- "Friends & Family" – everything you need for loads of summer fun!
- "Washington DC: A PATRIOTIC EXPERIENCE" – including a flag flown over the Capitol in honor of Star of the Sea School
- "Caribbean Blues" – Back to Bolongo Bay in St. Thomas, USVI
- "What's Cooking" – including everything you will need to host a dinner party for 12!
- Camp Silver Beach – WOW
- Principal for the Day

Our ***Chinese Auction*** is back & better than ever! \$10 will buy you 25 chances to win some fun filled baskets ~ and this year you may charge the tickets, so no cash is needed. Here are only a few of the baskets you may want to take a chance on:

- "Ultimate Pittsburgh Steeler Fan" basket
- Season passes to Jungle Golf
- Teeth Whitening Treatment
- Goodies from Electric Visual
- Rose Uniform Gift Certificate