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# Chance & Auction FAQ

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This document is to assist individuals to answer frequently asked questions (FAQ) in regards to the Chance & Auction fundraiser at Saint Ephrem School.

## Chance & Auction

### ***What is Chance & Auction?***

Chance & Auction is a fundraiser event to benefit the students at Saint Ephrem School. The event takes place over two nights. The first night is preview night. The second night is the main event.

### ***Who can attend Chance & Auction?***

Anyone may attend C&A provided they are 21 years of age and older.

### ***Why should I attend Chance & Auction?***

Chance & Auction allows individuals to try their luck on silent auction and live auction items.

### ***When is Chance & Auction?***

Chance & Auction is the last Friday and Saturday in March.

### ***When do the doors open for the Chance & Auction main event?***

Chance & Auction doors open at 5:30 PM. Chance basket winners begin calling at 6pm.

### ***What are the Chance baskets?***

These baskets have a minimum value of \$30 or more. The items are neatly wrapped so you can view the prizes. All baskets are donated or purchased by the Saint Ephrem Families.

### ***When do I drop off my donated Chance baskets?***

The week before the auction you will receive labels for each basket you are going to donate. Please place the label on the clear wrap and drop it off at the designated time on the Wednesday and Thursday before the auction.

### ***Do I need to be present to win/claim the chance baskets?***

If you cannot attend the event then someone else should hold your claim tickets to claim your prize on your behalf. If the basket is not claimed in a reasonable time then another ticket will be pulled.

### ***How can I help?***

Yes volunteers are needed during preview night and throughout the main event. An hour or more is greatly appreciated.

## Preview Night

### ***What is preview night?***

Preview night allows students, families of the school and other individuals attending the event the opportunity to view and add chance tickets into the chance baskets.

### ***How long is the Preview night?***

Preview night the doors open at 5 and remain open until 8:30 pm.

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## ***What do I do at Preview night?***

Preview day allows individuals to view and purchase tickets for the chance baskets. Silent and Live auction items are only viewable on the day of the main event.

## ***Are there other items to buy a chance to win?***

Yes there are chance items for Preview night only. Tickets will be purchased the night of preview night and placed in the baskets

## **Main Event**

### ***Where is the main event held?***

Chance & Auction is held at Saint Ephrem School downstairs in the cafeteria.

### ***What is included in my admission ticket?***

The cost of admission includes a catered meal, including dessert, coffee, soda, wine and beer. Tickets are limited and do sell out fast. Be sure to get your tickets early.

### ***What is the setup of the main event?***

Individuals attending the event sit with those designated on their ticket form. If no group is designated then those will be seated with another group where space allows. The seating are by tables and chairs in groups of 10.

### ***What can I expect at the Chance & Auction main event?***

The night will begin with calling of the winning tickets for the chance baskets. At the same time the silent auction items are available to view and begin bidding. In addition to the silent auction there are other items to take a chance on (each year it changes, in years pass we had lottery tickets, tiki bar, fire pit and chairs).

### ***What is the bid number on my ticket?***

Each individual attending the main event receives a bid number. This is used for the silent and live auctions. This allows the individual to place a bid on an item. If they are the final winning bidder on an item then they win the item.

### ***What are the silent auction items?***

These items range from theater, restaurants, museum passes to sports memorabilia. All items are on display or specified on the silent auction bid sheet.

### ***When does the silent auction close?***

The silent auction items begin closing one section at a time beginning approximately at 7:30 pm and on for the duration of the event. Once the tables close no more bids are accepted.

### ***How do I know if I won a silent auction item?***

At the time the section for silent auction closes the winner is the final bidder on the bid sheets. The winning number is circled on the bid sheet and the sheet is left on the table.

### ***How do I claim my winning bid item?***

Individuals should proceed to the checkout room upstairs in the Marian Center. Individuals will provide their bid number to see if they won a prize. If they have won a prize they will be able to pay and receive the prize

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### ***How do I pay for my winning items?***

The checkout room takes VISA/MasterCard, cash and check. Checks should be made payable to *Saint Ephrem Home & School*.

## Kids Chance & Auction

### ***What is Kids chance & Auction?***

There are several baskets created for the children of Saint Ephrem School to take a chance on.

### ***When can the children see the kid's chance & auction baskets?***

Baskets are on display in the Saint Ephrem library for two weeks prior to the main C&A event.

### ***How do I purchase tickets for kid's chance baskets?***

Information is sent home to purchase kids' chance & auction tickets one month prior to the main C&A event. Simply fill out the form and return it to school.

### ***Who do I send the money to for kid's C&A baskets?***

Fill out the kid's C&A ticket form with your information with a check or cash. Return the form and money back to school in an envelope labeled 'Kids C&A'.

### ***Can I write a check?***

Yes. Checks should be made out to *Saint Ephrem Home & School*.

### ***When do I get my tickets for the kid's C&A baskets?***

Tickets are distributed two weeks prior to the week leading up to the main event of C&A.

### ***Where do I put my chance tickets for kid's C&A baskets?***

Children should bring their chance tickets with them during their designated library time. They will distribute them at that time.

### ***What is the difference between Special basket raffles and kids basket chances?***

Special basket raffles have a higher value for the items in this basket than the kid's basket chances.

### ***How do I know if I won a kid's chance & auction baskets?***

Winning tickets are called on the Friday prior to the main event. Winners are announced in school.