

## 2017 Silent & Live Auction Guide & Rules

#### **GENERAL RULES**

Guests are encouraged to pre-register for the silent & live auction at www.SIGala.org.

Guests may accumulate auction items, raffle tickets, or other purchases throughout the Gala events. On the evening of the event, guests may pay by credit card, cash or check at the Registration Desk at the conclusion of the event.

Any charges not paid for by cash, check or credit card on the evening of the Gala will be charged to the guest's credit card on the second business day following the auction, February 28, 2017. The school office will accept payment via check or cash for your balance due up to that date.

All sales are final. Items are not interchangeable, transferrable, or returnable, nor may they be exchanged for cash. All auction items must be removed from the Gala & Silent Auction and will be distributed upon payment and checkout.

Our donors have graciously donated homes, cabins, and other valuable items for your pleasure. Kindly contact the donor within two weeks after the auction to make reservations or arrangements for a mutual date. Also, kindly leave the homes/cabins in an orderly condition; otherwise a cleaning fee may be assessed.

Half of the purchase price of any items purchased will go towards a family's annual fundraising dollar requirement.

A tax professional can advise you that the amount of your contribution that is tax deductible is limited to the excess of the total amount paid for items over the estimated fair market value of those items as shown on your receipt.

Unless otherwise specified, all auction items and services must be used within one year after the auction. We have no authority to make exceptions.

#### **SIGN-UP PARTIES**

Sign up parties will be available online at www.SIGala.org starting February 21, 2017. You do not need to be present at the Gala to reserve your spot in a party. You will be required to submit a credit card to complete the process online, but you can submit a check or cash at any time for payment. You will receive an email and/or text after the Gala asking for payment at which time you can chose to pay online via credit card or print your receipt and pay at the school office with cash or check. If you do not submit payment for your purchases, your card on file will be automatically charged per the general auction instructions on the second business day after the Gala.

Unless otherwise noted or a specific exception is granted before purchase by the school Principal, only families of St. Ignatius Parish School can purchase and attend Sign-Up Parties.

## SILENT AUCTION RULES

The silent auction will be conducted entirely online through Gesture mobile bidding. You do not need to be present at the event to bid on items in the Silent Auction.

Bidding will open on February 21, 2017 and close prior to the start of the Live Auction on the evening of February 25, 2017.

If you are not present on the evening of the Gala and you are the winning bidder of an item in the Silent Auction, you have one week to coordinate picking up your winning item.

Please pre-register at www.SIGala.org and fully charge your mobile device if you are attending the Gala event. We are not responsible for any technical difficulties you may have during the bidding process. You are welcome to seek help from a Gesture staff person on site with any Gesture site specific issues you may have.

## Register Your Cell Phone at The Event:

To place bids on auction items or to make a donation, register with a Gesture Promember in <u>GRAY</u>. Gesture staff members will be present at the event to be your "personal shopper" if you do not prefer to bid via your cell phone/ tablet.

#### **Bid via SMARTPHONE**

Click the BLUE link in your welcome text message and it will take you to your personal bidding page. Click on an item you would like to bid on. The Gesture smart system prepopulates with the next minimum bid so all you have to do is push BID. If you'd like to go higher just enter a new amount and push BID. To have the Gesture smart system automatically bid for you to a designated amount, please select AUTO and enter a higher amount. The system will bid for you incrementally up until your designated amount only if someone bids against you.

#### Bid via TEXT

To see current bid, reply to your welcome text and simply text the 3-digit item number. Example: "102", then hit send. Then, text the 3-digit item number and amount you would like to bid. *No dollar signs (\$) needed*. Example: "102 300", then hit send. You placed a \$300 bid on item number 102.

#### LIVE AUCTION RULES

The Live Auction will begin during the dinner on the day of the auction and continue without interruption until all items have been auctioned.

To participate in the live auction and receive an auction paddle, you will need to put a credit card on file with a Gesture staff person. You will be able to pay for your purchases per the instructions above via cash, check or charge.

Proxy bids may be accepted from friends of St. Ignatius Parish School who are unable to attend. Friends utilizing Proxy Bidders accept full responsibility for actions and obligations by their designated Proxy Bidder.

# Thank you and happy bidding!

#### Please note:

The Gala Committee regrets any errors that may have been made or acknowledgements that were omitted. We have endeavored to catalog and describe the property correctly, but all items are sold "as is". St. Ignatius Parish School neither warrants nor represents, and shall in no event be responsible for the correctness of the description, genuineness, authorship provenance or condition of the property. No statement contained in the auction booklet, online or made orally at the sale or elsewhere shall be deemed to be such a warranty, representation or assumption of liability.