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Under The Harvest Moon

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Thou Shalt Not Miss the Spirit of Fire

Commandments aren't the only good things that come in "tens."

This year brings extra fanfare to the Holy Family community as we celebrate our 10th anniversary, and the *Spirit of Fire* Dinner Auction also marks its 10th event on November 14!

Longtime families, friends and supporters of Holy Family look forward to our annual fundraiser as a way to connect and celebrate with our school community. For newcomers to our school, the *Spirit of Fire* is Holy Family's largest fundraising event of the year,

where more than \$190,000 in net profit was raised last year with a *sold out* attendance of 600 guests.

Join us November 14 at 5:30pm for cocktails and Silent Auction bidding. Celebrate and socialize while bidding on the "must have" items and enjoying amazing hors d'oeuvres. The Holy Family Jazz Band will play guests into an elegant sit down dinner catered by D'Amico, where diners will also be treated to the gentle sounds of the Voices of Fire before the energetic Live Auction. We sincerely hope you take this opportunity to join us!

Spirit of Fire Silent Auction Traditions

Great Gathering Parties:
These aren't your parents' card parties!

Great Gathering Parties are hosted by spirited parents, either individually or as a group. The hosts plan a party theme, establish the number of guests, admission price, location, and party date. During the Silent Auction, those who are interested can sign up for one, two or any number of parties they would like to attend.

Remember that the Spirit of Fire doors open at 5:30pm, and some parties fill up early. Take our advice and get to the event early to get your name on a party bid sheet! At the end of the Silent Auction, the buy-ins to the parties are added to the customers' statement. The dates of the parties are pre-determined and published in the Auction Program that guests will receive one week before the auction. This gives you some extra time to check your social calendar and plan with friends, so you know which parties you'll be able to attend.

If you and/or a group of friends want to join in the fun and host a party, please contact Sue Rockers at (952) 401-0038 or Anne Traxler at (952) 443-2960.

Themed Tabletops:

Do you love to entertain? Well, you're not the only one who needs to dress up for the party. Don't forget your table! HF donors make it easy to make you look so good! Many creative and talented donors contribute themed tabletops, which include everything from matching table linens and centerpieces and décor, to silverware and glassware – all falling under the theme of the table. Some of last year's offerings included: Autumn Abundance, Garden Party, and Christmas Out West - to name a few.

If you're interested in donating a themed tabletop, please contact Danette Smith at (952) 495-0601 or Rhonda Schumer at (952) 474-1621. They can also give you great ideas!



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No-Fuss

Our goal is to make the guest experience no-fuss. Here's what guests can expect at the Spirit of Fire:

- Valet Service – It's gratis!
- Coat Check – Also gratis!
- Pre-swiped credit card at check-in makes check-out a breeze.
- Pre-purchased drink tickets & raffle beads via the RSVP card will be given to you at check-in.
- HF students will escort you to your table for dinner and the Live Auction.
- What to wear? Cocktail attire is suggested. No need for a sequin dress or tuxedo for this event.

We Love Our Volunteers!

Many surrounding schools and non-profit organizations have asked us what the secret is to Holy Family's Spirit of Fire success. It's our VOLUNTEERS!

More than 200 adult volunteers and 140 student volunteers provide the magic for the event. If you want to be a part of making it all come together or if you simply want to meet and work with some of the best parents west of the Mississippi, contact any of the people listed on the front of this newsletter, and we'll get you involved.

If you completed the *Spirit of Fire* section of the Volunteer Opportunities sheet in the summer parent packet, you will be contacted within the next few weeks and invited to participate.

Event Sponsorships

Patron and Friend Sponsorships still available!

Check out www.hfchs.org and click on "Support HFCHS" and "Spirit of Fire Dinner Auction" for more detailed information of all the perks for \$2,500 Patron Sponsors and \$1,000 Friends Sponsors. If preferred event seating, program advertisement, event signage, and making sure we meet our \$210,000 profit goal, is of interest to you, call Mary Stenerson at (952)443-1955.

Thank you to our Premier Event Sponsor:



What Should I Donate?

Some easy ideas to consider are: sports memorabilia, electronics, or offering to host a party. Do you have a cabin or vacation home you're willing to part with for a week? Bidders love getaways. Are you busting at the seams with extra frequent flier miles or are Vikings/Packers tickets burning a hole in your pocket? The ideas are endless. Go to www.hfchs.org and click on "Support HFCHS" and "Spirit of Fire Dinner Auction" for more ideas to get your donation juices flowing.

If you want the Spirit of Fire committee to simply tell you what offerings they'd like to have at the auction, pull an idea off the *Spirit of Fire Wish List* that will be posted during Parent Night on September 16 and in the Advancement Office afterwards.

Finally, still not sure what to donate? Go green! Cash is always happily accepted.

How Do I Donate?

By **OCTOBER 9**, complete the yellow donation sheet by indicating what you plan to donate, and mail it to school or drop it off at the school office.

If we don't hear from you by October 9, a volunteer committee member will call you to answer any questions and encourage your participation.

Secure your donation, and submit (along with the green donation sheet) by **OCTOBER 23**.

Questions? Call Celeste Brausen at (952) 470-9824.

Save the Date

Write it on your calendar with ink

Join us at 5:30pm on **Saturday, November 14**

Formal invitations will be mailed beginning of October;

in the meantime, here are the basics:

Tickets remain \$75/guest

Pre-sale **Drink Tickets** \$4/drink; at the event \$5/drink

Pre-sale **Raffle Beads** remain \$20/necklace

RSVPs are due no later than **October 30**

Attendance will be capped at **600 guests**