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Hello Homeroom Parents-

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding knowing that you have not received much information regarding the Winter Chill Gala. We felt that it was important to support an important school fundraiser - *The Fund for Corpus Christi*- with sole focus since we have such a generous dollar for dollar match offer. We know you understand.

Having said that, we are ready to blast off into auction mode! Classroom baskets and projects are an integral part of our gala as they are always been some of our most sought-after items. Hand-made class projects are some of the most cherished and beloved pieces – they are crafted by CCCS's biggest treasures, our children. The baskets are always a big hit as well and everyone is excited to see what original and creative way each basket is filled. We all know our gala would not be as successful without these two important pieces to the puzzle.

Below is a description of the two classroom donations. This is where you, as homeroom parents, come in. As homeroom parents, your role will be to coordinate with your class as to who will “head up” the class project and to decide what “theme” your basket will be.

### **Class Auction Baskets:**

Every year each class donates a class basket to be bid on at the gala. The room parent will be responsible for collecting the items that class families will be dropping off. Usually a box is left by the classroom door to collect basket items and then you (or some other designee) will collect them at least once a week, and/or Fridays. A few examples of baskets we've had in the past are: Lego basket, Italian basket, gourmet food basket, Texas basket, wine basket, Gourmet tea and coffee basket, gift card basket, etc. Please respond all to this e-mail by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** to let us know what basket your class will donate. Please turn in all donations by **January 12<sup>th</sup>** so that our basket decoration team has plenty of time to work their magic and transform these into beautiful, high-end baskets.

Friendly reminder, we are asking class baskets to be turned in with an itemized list of contents with approximate values and a container for the items. If a donor would like a tax receipt for their donation, please let the donor know to fill out the Auction Donation Form and at the top of the form notate for which grade. (ex. Donation to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade basket).

Auction basket coordinators, Columba Merendoni, [amerendoni@gmail.com](mailto:amerendoni@gmail.com) and Leigh Woods [lmgw@rocketmail.com](mailto:lmgw@rocketmail.com), with their team will assemble and shrink wrap the baskets. Please do not send basket/containers that are soft sided or that have handles.

### **Class Auction Projects:**

This year we are blessed to have Allison Pohl, [allisonpohl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allisonpohl@sbcglobal.net), volunteer to be our contact person regarding class projects. She is available to offer suggestions, advice, and direction when it comes to class project ideas and implementation. Please feel free to contact Allison should you need help with your classroom project.

Class auction projects are usually hand-made larger pieces that each class works on. Our goal is to create an awe-inspiring project, creating a buzz, causing all that see it to want to bid! Coordinate with the art teacher, Mrs. O'Neil, [boneal@corpuschristihouston.org](mailto:boneal@corpuschristihouston.org) to schedule opportunities during art periods for your class to work on the project. Round up as many class parents as possible to help, this also creates a great buzz!

Your support is appreciated by our CCCS community, we cannot thank you enough. We are looking forward to another successful auction/gala, filled with fun, food, fellowship....and fundraising, too!

Please feel free to contact either myself or Susan Miller, [smiller@corpuschristihouston.org](mailto:smiller@corpuschristihouston.org) with any questions that you may have. We're here to help you. Thank you, truly, for your support to the vital and important fundraising effort for our little school where Faith and Education Really Shine!

Warmest regards,

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