



WHAT IS THE AUCTION?

The Strake Jesuit Auction is a fun-filled evening with dinner, silent and live auction and big boards. It is held annually every spring to raise money for Strake Jesuit College Preparatory. This year's date is **Saturday, April 14, 2012** and the theme is **"JAZZ at the GREEN"**, and we are proud to announce that the **event will return to the beautiful Strake campus for the first time in almost twenty years!** All The festivities will take place in and around the Competition Gym.

The Auction was first organized in 1981 to contribute financial support to the school's operating budget. Over time, the school began to rely less on the Auction to support the annual budget and now primarily counts on the Auction to raise funds for financial aid, the endowment and campus renovation projects.

Your support of this event helps many wonderful boys and their families become a part of the Strake Jesuit community, improving our school for everyone!

WHAT ARE THE AUCTION KICK-OFF PARTIES?

The Auction Kickoff parties are the official start for the Strake Jesuit Auction. These Kickoff parties are held by grade level and this year are as follows:

FRESHMAN PARTY – Saturday, November 5 - Claire and Caldwell Fletcher's home

SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR/SENIOR PARTY - Saturday, January 7 - Franny & Jim Gray's home - RSVP to francelcg@earthlink.net

Come enjoy time for fellowship with parents of your son's classmates and support the auction while at the same time donating SILENT, LIVE, and BIG BOARD auction items!

WHAT DO I BRING?

Please bring a gift to be included in the auction accompanied by your completed donor form that was included in the mailing. You can order online for direct shipment to the school. The auction offers a wide variety of items, and your donations of any size and type are greatly appreciated. If you need some suggestions, how about....

GIFT REGISTRIES: You can visit one of the following stores OR, with our busy lifestyle, simply order online from the registry (**look up as: First Name: "STRAKE"; Last Name: "JESUIT"**) and have the item sent directly to:

**AUCTION - Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School
8900 Bellaire, Houston, TX 77036**

**CRATE and BARREL, TARGET, POTTERY BARN,
WILLIAMS SONOMA, DILLARD's, MACY's,**

GIFT WISH LIST: Your gift need not be limited to the suggestions on the registries. Items can include men's, women's, gift gallery, home and garden, vacation homes, restaurant gift certificates, tickets to sporting and theater events, high-tech gadgets (iPads, iPhones, e-readers, etc). **For more information contact jeanjenner@comcast.net or svenables@strakejesuit.org**

GROUP GIFT: Collaborating with other families on a group gift is a wonderful way to participate. Consider putting together a trip, a collection of fine wines, a humidor filled with cigars, a night on the town with a hotel stay, a painting class for girlfriends – USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

CASH DONATIONS: Of course we NEVER turn this down and would be happy to purchase a gift on your behalf, sometimes allowing us to choose just the right item to complete a package or to help underwrite a trip. We will accept cash donations at the parties and any time prior to our event.

UNABLE TO ATTEND?? Okay you will miss a FUN time but you can still make a donation! You can deliver to the Hamilton Building (ATTN: Sharon Venables) or by mail to the school.

WHAT ABOUT PROGRAM ADS? There is an advertising form included in this mailing. An ad can recognize your son, an alumnus, a favorite teacher, faculty member, coach OR advertise your business. There are many sizes and price points from which to choose. Your ad will reach over 1200 households and may be considered a business expense.

***PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING both the Kickoff Party and the
"JAZZ AT THE GREEN" Auction on April 14, 2012.***

Your participation will make this event a HUGE success!

***Jean and Rick Jenner
AUCTION CHAIRS 2012***