

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

AUTION ITEMS (LIVE & SILENT)

The benefit will feature live and silent auctions. Silent auction bidding will take place electronically through GiveSmart starting a couple days before the event. You will be getting a link to bid on items. The live auction will take place at the party on March 2nd. We are in need of donations! Do you own a business or know of someone who does? Do you have season tickets for a local team? Looking to part with gift cards you have no use for? We are seeking donations such as restaurant gift cards, hotel stays, tickets to concerts or sporting events, vacation rentals and much more. Please contact our auction chair, Lindsay Stavrakas, to donate an auction item – ldstavrakas@gmail.com.

SIGN-UP PARTIES

At the benefit, you can sign up to attend fun, themed parties hosted by Sauganash parents held throughout the year. You decide if you would like host alone or have co-hosts, the theme, the location, the date, how many attendees and other details. Some ideas for themes may include Mardi Gras, 80's, sports, scavenger hunt, etc. Be creative! We ask that you set the date after the 2019 benefit and before the 2020 benefit. You can host in your house, backyard, garage, restaurant, bar, wherever! Any parent or staff can sign up on the poster board the night of the benefit (March 2, 2019). A preview of the offered parties will be available in advance on GiveSmart. The money paid to attend the parties goes to Friends of Sauganash PTO. Contact Eleni Tianis if you wish to host – eleni.tianis@comcast.com.

GRADE LEVEL ART PROJECTS

Many of our children have already begun work on their grade level art project. Unique and handmade, each grade level will come together to create a work of art to be auctioned the night of the benefit. The artwork will be available for preview on the GiveSmart website prior to the event. Thank you to all the parents who have already stepped up to facilitate these projects!

GRADE LEVEL RAFFLE BASKETS

Back by popular demand, the themed gift baskets will be raffled off on March 2nd. Our teachers have generously volunteered to assemble the baskets. They, along with your room parents and an army of volunteers, will be collecting items related to each theme. Please watch for upcoming communications on the assigned grade level theme and how you can contribute to make your child's basket a hit!

TEACHER TIME

With "Teacher Time", parents are able to bid on activities that their child can do with a teacher or staff person. Teacher time will be available for purchase/bidding on the GiveSmart website. The bidding will start Friday, February 15th and **close Sunday, February 24th at 8:00pm**. All proceeds go directly toward the Friends of Sauganash PTO. Stay tuned for more details. A special thanks to our teachers and staff for donating their time and talent to these popular activities that help support the PTO!

RAFFLE TICKETS

Along with the invitation to the benefit on March 2nd, we are sending home a supply of raffle tickets for each student to sell. We are asking each student to sell \$30 worth of tickets (3 tickets at \$10 apiece). Anyone can purchase a ticket – aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, coaches, friends..... Winning tickets are selected on March 2nd, and winners need not be present when their names are called. Winners receive (\$1000, \$500 or \$250) and ticket sellers win prizes too! Tickets are also available for online purchase on the GiveSmart website. If purchased online, your ticket will be filled out and placed in the ticket drum for our drawing on March 2nd. Contact Marcia Shapiro with raffle questions – msshapiro@aol.com.

AD SPACE

New this year, we will pass out an ad book at this year's party. The book will also be available online after the event. We have two advertising sections – one is for business ads and the other is for personal ads. If you would like to advertise your business, contact Pete Tutura – ptuterajr@sbcglobal.net – for pricing. We are also offering space to congratulate your child and include a picture (“Congrats on Your 8th Grade Graduation”, “Good Luck at Your Recital”, etc.) Information and a form will be coming home soon!

VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT

Many hands make light work! A benefit like this could never happen without the help of volunteers. Please consider helping set up and/or volunteer the night of the party. Contact Sarah Creviston to learn what volunteer opportunities are available – creviston.sarah@gmail.com.

Please contact Laura Honda with any questions regarding any part of the Spring Benefit – SauganashSpringBenefit@gmail.com.

At this time, you may register, purchase ad space and purchase raffle tickets on the Friends of Sauganash Spring Benefit website - [HTTP://FOS2019.GIVSMART.COM](http://FOS2019.GIVSMART.COM).

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