

## St. John's School Benefit Auction Update

Due to the concerns surrounding the spread and transmission of the coronavirus and the current round of school closures, the St. John's School Council is making some major changes to the School Benefit Auction scheduled for Saturday, March 21. **We WILL be having the school auction** but under an entirely different format. The auction will now be an **online only auction** with **NO** live bidding. It will still be held Saturday, March 21, but there will be no preview night on Friday, March 20, and no live bidding or meal on Saturday, March 21. Hansen Online Auction has been doing online auctions for several years and we will be using their platform to conduct our benefit online Sat. March 21.

**Beginning Tuesday, March 17**, the auction site will be open for registering as a bidder and viewing current auction items. New items and pictures will be updated daily, as items are still being processed. Starting on Thursday, March 19 at approximately noon, Hansen Auction will open the auction on their auction site for pre-bidding and setting maximum bids. Section closing times for Saturday will be forthcoming. Please visit our website at [www.gostjohns.com](http://www.gostjohns.com), St. John's School Facebook page, St. John's Parish Facebook Page, and/or Hansen Auction website at [www.hansenonlineauction.com](http://www.hansenonlineauction.com) for more updates and instructions on how to register and bid.

Those who have already purchased tickets **must** register online to bid on items. Bidders will be assigned a new bid number for the online auction so please disregard current bid number. There will still be a raffle and tickets for the raffle may be purchased online or at the parish office. Drawing will take place at the end of the auction as usual. Due to the nature of the auction, there will be no Pick of the Night drawing or Last Man Standing contest. **Catalogs are available for pick up at the Parish Office during normal business hours.**

There will be no Package 101 (Safety and Security Itemless Item) auctioned on Saturday night during the online auction. Donations to the Safety and Security Itemless Item may be made at any time at the Parish Office, may be made when registering online, and may be made at payout upon auction close. Opportunities to donate will remain open at the Parish Office through Thursday, March 26.

**You will not need to purchase tickets to participate in the auction**, simply register online at Hansen Auction. You will have to provide a credit card number to begin bidding but will have the option to pay with check or credit card at the end of the auction. There will be no 10% buyer's fee but buyers will be responsible for retrieving items or shipping costs. **Opportunities will be made for payment and item pickup will be on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the St. John's High School.** Item delivery arrangements may be made through Hansen Auction, (785)738-8932, starting on Monday, March 23. *Shipping charges will be the responsibility of the buyer.*

**For those who have already purchased tickets**, thank you in advance for donating your ticket purchase as a donation to our cause. If you desire a refund, arrangements may be made through the parish office at (785)738-2851.

We know this may come as a disappointment to many of you, as it is to us. The school auction has become a tradition for families, alumni, and members of the community to get together every year to celebrate and ensure the success of our school. The School Council feels, given the current health concerns, that this was a more prudent method of conducting our annual fundraiser. We hope you will take time to share this information with your friends and family and that you will take the opportunity to look over our catalog and enjoy bidding on our wonderful selection of goods and services from the comfort of your own home! Please be mindful of your friends and relatives with less technology experience and help them get registered so they can enjoy the auction as well.