

Auction Fundraising FAQ

The Slavens Auction has several pieces:

Online Bidding & Staff Donations are online the week preceding the Auction Event. The Auction Event is comprised of Parent Hosted Parties, the Live Auction and the Paddle Raise. Each piece is detailed below.

2017 Timeline

March 1 - Auction Event Ticket Sales Begin

March 24 - Staff Donation Deadline

April 1 - Item Submission Deadline

April 17 - Party Submission Deadline

April 23 - Online Bidding Begins (including Middle School & Staff Hosted Parties)

April 25 - Last day to purchase Auction Event Tickets for \$60

April 26 - Auction Event Ticket price increase to \$75

April 27 - Online Bidding closes beginning at 7pm

April 29 - Auction Event with Parties, Live Auction & Paddle Raise

May 2 - Item Pick-Up in the Slavens Gym 3-5pm

To find out more regarding the Auction Event see the Auction Event FAQ.

Online Bidding

Online bidding begins the Sunday prior to the Auction Event and ends the Thursday prior to the Auction Event. You will need to create an account at PTAPal.com to bid online. Our acquisitions team does a fabulous job of collecting donations from all over the country. Items range from gift certificates, vacations, toys, spa treatments and much more.

Bid Increments are determined by the current high price of the item.

Current Price	Bid Increment Minimum
\$1-\$100	\$1
\$101-250	\$5
\$251-\$500	\$10
\$500 or higher	\$25

A note about bidding - item prices rise dramatically in the final hours and minutes of bidding. You will want to set an alarm or watch the clock to bid in the final minutes of the online auction.

The Auction Party definitions below pertain ONLY to Parent-Hosted Parties. Staff-Hosted Parties are part of the online auction April 23-27, 2017.

Auction Parties: Attending

There are no refunds on any party sign-ups.

The only way to sign-up for an auction party is to attend the Auction Event. You will use your paddle number to sign-up. Auction Parties are a first come, first serve item. Signup starts promptly at 6pm. Many parties sell out fast, so arrive early to guarantee your spot!

After the Auction Event has finished you will receive an email receipt listing the parties you are signed up to attend. Typically hosts send an email or evite with details and reminders a few weeks prior to their party.

Auction Parties : Hosting

Auction Parties are hosted by Slavens Parents and take place throughout the year. The party host(s) pay for all of the costs related to the party, guests purchase a ticket/entry at the Slavens Auction event. 100% of the money raised from Auction Parties goes to Slavens. Parties can be hosted by one or more families and the themes can vary wildly.

The deadline for submitting an Auction Party is April 17, 2017. You can submit your party [here](#).

Party Pricing – To know how to price your party we suggest estimating costs and deciding the number of guests you will allow. These numbers will help you determine your per person entry fee.

Here are a few sample party descriptions from the past:

Kid Party Description:

"Every Limbo Boy and Girl" Calling all CURRENT 1st Graders! Come join us at Skate City Littleton on Sunday, May 15th from 4-6pm. You will have a great time skating with your classmates. Skates and Dinner are included in this FUN event. It's the perfect way to wind down the school year together so we hope you will join us. Siblings are welcome but will just pay at the door and get their own meal. We look forward to seeing you then and limbo the night away!

Date: 05/15/2016

Cost: \$25 per kid, up to 100 kids

Donated by: Charnsangavej/Morris, Domer, French, Godley, Johnson, Jones, Krankota, Martin, Neale and Rippey Families

Family Party Description:

Join us for a family friendly progressive brunch and bike ride through the Slavens neighborhood. We will start our trip at school making stops along the way to enjoy a multi-course delicious Sunday morning brunch (including a bloody mary bar and mimosas for adults!). Riding will be limited to the neighborhood streets so that everyone can participate. A great way to send off the summer!

Date: 08/28/2016

Cost: \$65 per family, up to 10 families

Donated by: The Coombes, Elmquist, Jones and Tierney Families

Adult Party Description:

Glitter, Bell bottoms, lava lamps & disco balls...Yes, this year's SLAVENS PROM will be filled with DISCO FEVER!!! There will be a rockin' DJ, food, drinks and even a DISCO PROM king & queen! You won't want to miss this groovy party on June 4th at 7:00 pm! Make sure to sign up at the auction – this event is sure to sell out again! Must come in costume, ready to have fun & cut loose!

Date: 06/04/2016

Cost: \$85 per person, up to 100 people

Donated by: Sarah & Matt Godley, Judy & Mike Leuteneker, Erin & Mike Martin, Margaret & Derek McCandless, Amanda & Tim McWhite, Molly & Jim Mills, Tara & Randy Moyer, Abby & Jeff Munn and Emily & Taylor Praisner

Auction Parties: Waitlist

When a party sign-up is full a waitlist will be started. Allowing guests to attend from the waitlist is at the discretion of the host(s). You will not be charged for adding your name to a waitlist unless the host(s) add you to their party. For many parties as the event gets closer and guests cancel host(s) may decide to add guests from the waitlist. If this happens you will need to write a check payable to 'Slavens PTA' for the amount of the party entry prior to attending the party. Party hosts can assist you with getting payment to Slavens PTA.

Auction Parties: Last Chance Spot

For Family Parties there is a last chance spot in lieu of a waitlist. This is silent auction style bidding on a sheet next to the party sign-up. The bidding will begin at the cost for one family and increase incrementally. If your family really wants to go to a party and the rest of the guestlist is full this is the way to ensure your family gets in.

Auction Parties: Golden Ticket

This is a Live Auction Item sold during the Auction Event. This ensures party entry for one couple (2 people) to all adult parties (no family or kid parties, some exclusions may apply based on host limitations).

Middle School Babysitting

Several Middle School Students have volunteered their time to benefit Slavens. They are donating their time during the auction in exchange for a donation to Slavens. These students will receive hours credited to their community service requirement. Babysitting can be purchased online [here](#). Some students are willing to babysit for longer than the set 5:30-10:30 timeframe. Those students should be paid directly by parents for the extended hours as the extended hours are not eligible for community service credit.

Live Auction

Selected special items are auctioned off in a live format. We will have artwork, vacations and more. Raise your paddle to out bid others. Bid increments will be at the discretion of the Auctioneer.

Acquisitions

If you have an item to donate you may use [this link](#) to begin the donation process online. The 2017 acquisitions letter and form may be found on the Slavens website. If you have any additional questions please contact our Acquisitions Team Lead – Judy Leuteneker at judyleuteneker@gmail.com

Staff Donations

All Staff Donated items (whether an item or an experience) are part of the online auction April 23-27, 2017.

The Staff at Slavens School all understand our school is amazing because of parents like you! While participation is not required of staff members, over the past few years we have had 100% participation. Many of the items donated are priceless experiences such as lunch with a teacher or a movie night after school. Like Parent-Hosted Parties the costs of the staff donations are paid for by the hosting staff member(s) with 100% of the proceeds going to Slavens.

Paddle Raise

The last piece of the Auction Event is the Paddle Raise. The Auctioneer will start at the \$10,000 level and work down to the \$100 level. When the amount you'd like to donate is called lift your paddle high until you hear your paddle number read aloud by the Auctioneer. This is a straight cash donation to the school.

If the amount you'd like to donated is not mentioned by the Auctioneer please talk to the PTA Pal staff in the lobby at the Auction Event to input a custom amount.

Item Pick Up

Item Pick-Up will be on Tuesday May 2, 2017 from 3:00pm - 5:30pm. **Item Pick-Up is only for physical items**, party sign-ups do not have a physical ticket. Item Pick-Up is typically held in the gym after school the week following the Auction Event. We suggest bringing bags to carry multiple/large items home. You do not need to bring your receipt – a copy will be provided at item pick-up.