

Hi, Friends! A very Happy New Year to all of you and welcome back to school (almost!!)!

As anticipated months ago, we are 60! days out from our 21st annual auction, "Cathedral is Blooming!" and we are so excited to get going and reach this finish line! Here are some updates and some very important information to remember for the next 30 days:

*We have hotel rooms! Hotel deLuxe has generously offered us a block of rooms for the night of March 5 and if you'd like, you can stay there Friday night, too! This beautifully remodeled hotel is the former Mallory Hotel and is only a few walking blocks away from the MAC. Our rooms are being offered to us for an incredible price of \$150/night + tax--these rooms usually go for over \$300/night! Please click on the link for easy reservations and just put in our auction date to start:
http://tiny.cc/cathedralschool_deluxe

*Hotel Room Raffle: All procurement forms turned in by Friday, Jan 22 by 3:10pm will have their family's name entered into our drawing to win a night's stay at Hotel Deluxe! We're starting the competition today so don't delay--get those forms turned in by Jan 22 so you can check off your \$400 procurement requirement AND have a chance at having a fabulous hotel room!

*Speaking of procurement: each Cathedral family is required to donate, procure or solicit at least \$400 in cash, product or services towards our auction. We LOVE products and services but know that some of you would rather just write a \$400 check! Since Feb 1 is our procurement deadline, all families who have not met their \$400 requirement will be invoiced that day; please don't wait! Also, each of us are required to commit to 8 hours of volunteer time towards the auction--office help, check-in, check-out, set-up, night-of, day-after, transporting goods, decorating, etc!

*Office Hours: the Auction Office will be officially open regular hours as we near our big night! Wednesdays and Fridays after dropoff (8-11) and before pickup (2-3) and of course, by email, phone, text, in person!

Thanks so much, everyone! These next 30 days are going to be fast, furious AND a lot of fun so please get your procurement in, get in touch ASAP about your ideas for an easel party or the live auction section and book a hotel room!

Our very best....here we go! Christy and Dee