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*The Spring Fundraiser is here!*

For those of you joining us, we can't wait to see you. Please read this email carefully as it contains some essential information about the new, online bidding system this year called BidPal.

- BidPal replaces all paper bid sheets. So, to participate in the silent auction, be sure to bring your charged smartphone and get ready to bid!
- Bid, Sip and Celebrate programs were sent home today with your oldest/only student. The programs will not be distributed at the event. The program contains a partial listing (only) of silent auction items. Due to printing deadlines, some items may not be listed. To see a complete listing and details for each item, please visit: [www.bidpal.net/sspp](http://www.bidpal.net/sspp).
- For those not able to join, the exciting part of BidPal is that you can bid from anywhere! Are you home? on Vacation? Visiting relatives? At a ballfield? Have your smartphone handy to check out all the bidding action at Bid, Sip and Celebrate or participate yourself. IF you win an item, we will be sure to get it right to you!
- The Bid, Sip and Celebrate Silent Auction webpage opens on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. You can get a head start on bidding. You can browse items, place bids and even set max bids starting at 9:00am and through the end of the onsite auction, which is scheduled to close at 10:00 p.m. that night. Instructions for early bidding are provided in the "How to Bid Remotely" section below.

### FAQ's about BidPal

*For those attending :-*

**Q:** What should I have ready when I arrive at the Welcome area?

**A:** Be prepared to provide your mobile phone number and your credit card. You will be able to take advantage of our express checkout if you swipe a credit card when you register. This allows you to bypass the line at Checkout when the auction closes and proceed directly to Item Pickup and claim your items.

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**Q:** Can I purchase raffle tickets on my credit card?

**A:** Yes, all raffle tickets are sold at the Bank area. They will accept cash, check and credit card.

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**Q:** Can my spouse and I use separate mobile phones for bidding, but still share a bill?

**A:** Yes! Couples will be sharing a bidder number and therefore have the same bill at the end of the evening. However, you can each bid using your own devices and be able to view what items your spouse has bid on. Just provide both mobile phone numbers when you arrive.

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**Q:** What if I decide I want to change my payment method, or split the bill, at the end of the night?

**A:** No problem. Just go to the Checkout area when the auction closes and the volunteers can update your payment options or split your bills.

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**Q:** I don't want to use a credit card at all. What are my options?

**A:** We highly recommend swiping your credit card upon arrival in order to take advantage of Express Checkout. However, it is not mandatory. You may still pay by check or cash. Just proceed to the Checkout area when the auction closes to settle your balance before you pick up your items.

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**Q:** How do I access the auction on my smartphone?

**A:** It's easy! There's no app to download. When you register at the Welcome area you will be sent a text message with a link. This link will log you into your BidPal account and you're ready to bid! Note that if you forward this link to others, they will be logged into *your* BidPal account and be bidding under your name.

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**Q:** What if I need help or don't have a smartphone?

**A:** We will have student volunteers and BidPal assistants available on-site to help you place your bids. Look for someone with a green lanyard.

## How To Bid Remotely:

*If you will bid remotely or prior to arriving at The Desmond:-*

- Please click [here](#) or visit [www.bidpal.net/sspp](http://www.bidpal.net/sspp) and register to join the auction.
- There is no app to download. You can use your computer or your smartphone.
- Browse items, place bids and even set max bids starting at 9:00am and through the end of the onsite auction, which is scheduled to close at 10:00pm on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Make sure to select the “Click here to receive outbid text alerts” checkbox on your profile so that you will be notified if you are outbid on any items.
- You will be prompted to enter a credit card when you register. You will only be charged if you win items.
- Please share this information with friend, family, grandparents, co-workers who may not be attending but might be interested in participating and supporting our school.
- All proceeds directly benefit Saints Peter and Paul School.

*We thank you for your continued support and are so excited to see you this Saturday!*

*Enjoy your electronic bidding experience.*