

January 9, 2009

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Dear Middle School Parents:

On **Saturday evening, January 31, 2009**, the Parent Association will hold its annual Art Auction. The Art Auction helps to raise funds for programs such as special luncheons, assemblies, speakers, class gifts, and holiday treats for the students.

Your assistance is requested in creating a very important component of the event's proceedings: a Middle School gift basket for the basket raffles. The Middle School's basket theme is "**The Art of Reading.**" Please contribute to this basket by collecting donations of goods or gift certificates from local businesses, or donating unused items from your home, such as:

- A book store gift certificate
- A unique bookmark or a book light
- A subscription to your favorite magazine or newspaper
- A crossword puzzle book
- A book on tape or a DVD of a book made into a movie
- A collection of books by your favorite author
- A soothing candle to light, or a warm throw to use, while you read
- A gift certificate to a furniture store for the purchase of a comfortable easy chair for your reading corner.

Alternatively, please send in \$5 that will go toward filling in the basket with theme-related store bought items. Donations of goods and services that are unrelated to your "school basket" theme are also welcome and will be used in other baskets. Donations could include services that you or a family member could offer, such as a certificate for a free tax return, a free real estate closing, or a free dental cleaning.

**Please bring or send your donations to the Middle School Office by Wednesday, January 21, 2009.** If you have any questions about donations, raffle baskets, or the auction in general, please contact Jan Rogers at [EJROGE@aol.com](mailto:EJROGE@aol.com) or (347) 675-2521.

All donations - big and small - will significantly enhance the fundraising potential of this event and will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We look forward to seeing you at the auction on January 31<sup>st</sup>!

Sincerely,

The Art Auction Committee