Auction Vocabulary



Bid Card – in your registration packet you will get a card with your bid number printed on it. Use that number to bid for silent auction items and lift the card above your head to bid on live auction items.

Bid Number/Bidder Number – every guest (or couple) is assigned a bid number to use for bidding on items in the silent auctions, live auction, and to participate in the Fund-A-Need. You will find it on the label on your registration packet and on the bid cards inside that packet.

Bid Sheet – a two-part form on the table used to bid on silent items.

Catalog – a book with all the items available for bidding. It also contains information on the schedule, Fund-A-Need, Auction Rules, and much more. It will be sent home to guests with their Lower School students a week before the auction. Middle School and Upper School parents will get an email telling them it has been put at the front desk for them or their student to pick up. Look online, on the auction webpage about March 18 for a copy.

Certificate Auction Item – if you buy an auction item that is not a thing, it is a certificate. After the auction, stop at the top of the escalator to pick up your tan envelope. Look at your green receipt for a Y under the word Cert. for certificate items. Some items have both a tangible portion and a certificate portion.

Closing - the time when a certain section of the silent auction is over - no more bidding is allowed.

Express Pay – swipe your credit card at the registration tables on floor two when you arrive at the auction and avoid lines at the Bank after the auction.

Express Pay Receipt – if you swipe your credit card when you arrive, we will deliver a copy of your silent auction purchases to the dinner table. It is on green paper.

Fund-A-Need – every year during the live auction people are asked to donate to a special project that directly benefits our students.

Heads or Tails – Once person will win a collection of dining gift certificates worth \$1000-\$1200. To play, write your bid number on the sheet on your table – it costs \$15. Stand up and choose "heads" or "tails" by putting your hands on your head or your hands on your pockets. The auctioneer will flip a coin. If it is heads, all with their hands on their heads remain standing, and everyone else sits down. The fun continues until only the winner is standing.

Live Auction – bid from your dining table by raising the Bid Card in your registration packet.

Online Registration – buy tickets, sponsor a teacher's ticket, or if you can't attend, donate to Fund-A-Need or underwrite the auction. Tbcs.org/auction

Raffle – 100 tickets sold for \$100 each. The winner gets to choose any live auction item before the auction starts. Buy raffle tickets at the front desk the week before the auction or at the auction.

Registration – stop on Floor two when you arrive to pick up your registration packet. Be sure to swipe a credit card to sign up for Express Pay.

Registration Packet – a white envelope with a label (your name, bid number, table number, food choices). Inside are your bid card(s), table assignment, and meal ticket(s).

Silent Auction Section – four sections (Silent One, Silent Two, Almost Live, Sports, Wine and Spirits, and Unique to Bear Creek) with about 300 items usually valued under \$1000. Bid on these items displayed on tables by writing your bid number on the Bid Sheet before the ballroom opens at 7:00 p.m.

Tangible Item – these items are things, not certificates. You will see them on the table where the items are displayed. If you buy a valuable item in the silent auction, it will be taken to the bank for safe keeping.