

Online Auction Rules and Procedures

Bidding: Your bid—by mobile device—constitutes a legal promise to buy. Please give thought to your bidding. The highest bid at the close of that portion of the auction is the winning bid.

Minimum Bids: A minimum bid or minimum increase is required. St. Francis reserves the right to remove any item from the auction without notice and change minimum bids as necessary.

Travel and Accommodations: Reservations for airfare, auto rentals, hotel rooms, entertainment, and services are subject to availability and must be arranged with donors unless otherwise specified. Please contact the donor within 30 days to advise them of your purchase unless otherwise stated. Holiday and blackout dates may apply.

Nontransferable Items: Auction items have been secured and donated by St. Francis families and friends and are intended for use by St. Francis families and friends. Transferring items to others outside of our community is strongly discouraged.

Item Expiration: When bidding, be sure to note the expiration date and any special restrictions on the item(s).

Tax, Gratuities, and Alcohol: Tax, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages are not included in entertainment and dining packages unless otherwise noted.

Everything Is “As Is”: All auction items are offered “as is.” Auction item descriptions are for the sole purpose of identifying the items. The donor and seller disclaim any express or implied warranties.

Disputes: In the event of a dispute, an auction official will determine the winning bidder. The auction official's decision will be final.

All Sales Are Final: There will be no exchanges or refunds on items once purchased unless otherwise specified. Auction items are not redeemable for cash.

Payment: Payment must be made by the winning auction bidders. If a winning bidder leaves before the auction checkout, he or she will be charged the amount of the item bid. Cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover cards are acceptable forms of payment.

Checkout: Invoices will be prepared shortly after the closing of the auction. This may take anywhere from 20 to 45 minutes. Invoices will be available at the checkout tables. Instructions for how to pick up your items will be given when the invoice is obtained. If later delivery is necessary, arrangements must be made by the buyer at the buyer's expense.

Items Not Claimed: If an item is not picked up the night of the event, it will be held in the St. Francis Special Events Office. St. Francis is not responsible for any item that has not been picked up by May 22, 2017.

Deduction: According to the Internal Revenue Service, you may not take a deduction for your purchase unless you have paid more than the fair market value, in which case you may deduct the difference between the price you paid and the fair market value. Official gift receipts will be issued by St. Francis Episcopal School after the auction.

Problem Resolution: Contact St. Francis Director of Events Abby Clark at 713.458.6116 or aclark@StFrancisHouston.org.

All auction items have been graciously donated by the persons or companies listed with each item.