

Dear TAS Families:

Due to COVID-19, we are not going to have a live auction and dinner event this year. Instead, we will be having a week-long party including, a raffle, online auction, zoom happy hour, and much more. Without a doubt the TAS auction is our keystone fundraiser, making up over 80% of our fundraising budget. Not to mention, it's the one time a year when the whole TAS community can get together and celebrate this amazing team. We don't want to lose this part of the TAS DNA, but we also know that we can't all gather right now. Despite the challenges that COVID-19 poses, times like these are why community matters so much. Please take the time this fall to help support TAS and all of TAS' young athletes. WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER THIS YEAR!

We want to get things rolling with the hopes of making this the most successful TAS auction yet! Although the auction isn't until November  $7^{th} - 14^{th}$ , we all know how quickly these next few weeks will roll by. There's no time like the present to start working on procurement.

This year's fundraising goal is \$50,000. In order to get to that goal, we're asking that each full time U-12 and up TAS family procure and/or purchase items at the auction that raise a minimum of \$500.

Three ways you can help us get to that \$50,000 goal: procure, purchase, or donate. We are looking for some big-ticket items like golf, lodging, trips, and ski related items are needed. Any unique experiences are welcome! It goes without saying that the team budget depends on this auction. Meeting our financial goal at the auction means that we can keep your tuition payments down. Luckily, TAS is represented by a fantastic group of overachievers and we're sure that meeting this year's goal will be realistic.

The deadline for procurement is October 30<sup>th</sup>! You may drop procured items off with Chris (Seattle) or Courtney (Bellevue). We're also looking for folks to volunteer for a variety of other auction related opportunities. If you're interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, or if I can answer any other questions regarding this year's auction, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help in any way we can.

Thanks again and go procure!

Sincerely,

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