

Dear TAS Families,

I am excited to let you know we are going to have a live auction and dinner event this year. It would be our pleasure if you would join us Saturday, October 29th at the Mt Baker Community Club. Select auction items will be available online for those unable to join in person. The TAS Auction is our keystone fundraiser, making up over 80% of our fundraising efforts. Not to mention, it's the one time a year when the whole TAS community can come together and celebrate this amazing program. We can't lose this part of the TAS DNA. You are why this community matters so much; please take the time this fall to help support the team that supports a great group of kids. We want to get things rolling to make this the most successful TAS Auction yet! Although the Auction isn't until Oct 29th, we all know how quickly the next few weeks will roll by. There's no time like the present to start working on the procurement of auction items. Here are some ideas to get you started. <u>Auction Procurement Ideas</u>.

Thank you all for your time and energy in procuring, spreading the word, and volunteering. You're the best, without a doubt.

This year's fundraising goal is \$60,000. In order to get to that goal, we're asking that each family of U-12 and older athletes in the regular TAS program (excluding mid-week and Intro) procure and/or purchase items at the auction that raise a minimum of \$500. Three ways you can help us get to that \$60,000 goal: procure, purchase, or donate. We are looking for some big-ticket items like golf, lodging, trips, and ski-related experiences. Any unique experiences are welcome! It goes without saying that the team's budget depends on this auction, and a successful auction helps 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.

Remember, the deadline for procurement is October 20th! You may drop off procured items in Seattle or Eastgate, or arrange drop-off with Chris or Courtney. We're also looking for folks to volunteer for a variety of other auction-related opportunities. If you're interested in learning more about that, or if I can answer any other questions regarding this year's auction, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help in any way we can.

Thanks again, and go procure!

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