



September 12, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am excited to write to you regarding the upcoming DeSales gala, the “**St. Francis DeSales Benefit Feast.**” This annual dinner/silent auction/live auction fundraiser will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010, in Dodge Gymnasium. This year’s theme is “Hollywood.” We are looking forward to putting on a fantastic evening for our guests!

The success of our event relies heavily on the participation of our parents and alumni, as patrons, donors and volunteers. I am contacting you today as parents to ask your help with contributing items for the Silent Auction/Live Auction. The Silent Auction will be available for viewing and bidding on the Internet before the event, and then the items will carry over to the live event. Live Auction items will be bid on at the gala with the help of an auctioneer.

We are asking your help with a challenge being made to our students and their Colt Classes. Each Colt Class will receive credit when a student’s family makes a contribution to our auction. The Colt Classes that reach a goal of 12 students in a class participating will receive an out-of-uniform week on November 9-13 as well as a donuts/juice snack during a Colt Class that week. Qualifying contributions must have a minimum value of \$20 and be accompanied by a gift form, which you will find enclosed. You may also pick one up in the main office.

In addition, all contributions will count as points towards a student’s Colt Class, whether the class has reached their goal or not. Each \$20 donated will result in one point. For example, if your item turned in has a value of \$40, your son’s Colt Class will be awarded two points. Simply fill out the form and drop off your item in the office. **The deadline for participation in this challenge is November 2, 2009.**

In order to make it easier for students and parents this year, we have assigned themes to every Colt Class and their teachers. Simply find your son’s Colt Class teacher from the list below to determine his class’s theme. Our Auction Committee will make up the baskets from your donations.

Ms. Bartlett:	Tailgating Basket	Mr. McAnally:	Out to Eat Basket
Ms. Breen:	Aromatherapy Basket	Mr. Moore:	UK Basket
Ms. Byrne:	Out on the Town Basket	Ms. Quirk:	Scrapbooking Basket
Mr. Burke:	Golf Basket	Ms. Schrage:	Family Fun Night
Mr. Fiely:	Sporting Goods Basket	Mr. Soumare:	Games/Movies Basket
Mr. Gilbert:	Golf Basket	Mr. Sommer:	Car Care Basket
Mr. Houpt:	U of L Basket	Ms. Strong:	DeSales Basket
Mr. Jahn:	Pet (dog) Basket	Ms. Trigg:	Pampering Basket
Mr. LaCap:	Camping Basket	Mr. Wisman:	Fishing/Outdoors Basket

The Colt Classes will start accumulating points as soon as items arrive. Don’t forget the deadline of November 2, 2009. We appreciate your support of the St. Francis DeSales Benefit Feast!

Sincerely,  
Janet Harpe, Advancement Office