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Dear St. John's Parents,

It's hard to put into words the whirlwind of emotions that the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought on our communities, our families, and our friends. Our lives have been turned upside down. This crisis has had a tangible impact on all of us, but as the world rises to address COVID-19, I am reminded that we are better when we work together. Will you please consider supporting our next dinner auction?

The biennial auction is our single largest fundraiser at St. John's. In addition to helping with tuition assistance, the funds raised also provide much-needed updates and improvements to our school. In 2018, the auction raised \$105,000. Our goal for the 2021 auction is \$115,000! But we can't do it without your help!

We rely on the support of parents, grandparents, the congregation, and the community to make our auction a success. Here's what you can do:

- **Save the Date and Plan to Attend - Virtually!** This year's "live" auction event will be held online on **Friday, March 5, 2021**. During the week leading up to our "live" event, our silent auction items will be available for your bids. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend, and join us for what is sure to be a fun-filled night! More information will be forthcoming.
- **Consider a Donation or Help Solicit Donations.** Do you own a condo by the lake? Do you have access to sporting event tickets? Is there a service you provide? Can you donate gift cards? Consider donating a product, service, or unique experience to our auction. It's completely tax deductible, and the success of the auction depends on the generosity of both donors and attendees. Send a message to [auction@sjlsarnold.org](mailto:auction@sjlsarnold.org) TODAY to make a donation.
- **Volunteer to Help.** Volunteers are crucial in a fundraiser of this magnitude. From helping to arrange baskets to setting up for the event, we would appreciate all assistance offered. We can even discover together what tasks may best suit your personality. Send a message to [auction@sjlsarnold.org](mailto:auction@sjlsarnold.org) TODAY to offer your help.
- **Pray.** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11 ). We would appreciate your prayers in asking God to bless our efforts for this event, so that our hope to bring more children to Him through our school will be fulfilled and that the future success of our school will be sustained.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help make our 2021 "Crowned with Hope" auction a fun and memorable event. More information will be forthcoming, including ticket purchasing information. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us at [auction@sjlsarnold.org](mailto:auction@sjlsarnold.org). Thank you, and God bless!!

Thanks for your prayers and support of our school,

David Florine | School Principal