

Mantua PTA Alert News for December 9, 2008

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1. There will be a Spirit Day this Friday, December 12th: Twin Day! Friends should show their school spirit and dress like each other.

2. The Mantua Auction is coming...The Mantua Auction is coming to Town!

Let's make this year's auction the best ever! The online Auction is one of the largest fundraisers of the year and runs from February 1-15, 2009. Proceeds will pay for enriching educational programs for our children in a time of major budget cuts.

Last week a neon green family donation sheet was sent home requesting donations for the Auction. Families may choose to donate a personal service (a custom birthday cake, babysitting, homemade dinner delivered, etc.), something from their own business (a basket of Creative Memories supplies, a free 1 hour Consultation for a service) something they own (two tickets to one game to the Redskins, Capitals, Wizards from their own season passes) or a gift certificate from a favorite retailer or restaurant.

What if I don't have anything to donate? Well, you can do two things: 1. Check out the list of suggestions on the back of the neon green letter or brainstorm with friends. Homemade items and services tend to bring in a lot of money (Sunday breakfast delivered, sewing on GS patches, a gourmet meal, making desserts-a pie a month or batch of cookies). 2. Solicit a donation from a local merchant.

How do I get a merchant to donate? The white pages that came home last week were for merchant donations. Keep copies of the form in your car and drop them off as you

run errands. A business that you really like may want to get there business out there to all the families from Mantua.

But I am not good at sales and don't want to pressure anyone. Most merchants in the area to are happy to support Mantua. It gives back to the community and is a unique form of advertising. The donations are tax deductible. You are just trying to raise money for your child's school, who can argue with that?

Every family who makes a donation is entered into a raffle to win a Nintendo DS (max of 3 raffle entries per family). The more you donate, the more chances you have to win the Nintendo DS!

Every family has something to donate. Please donate to this important fundraiser for our children and our great school! The donations are due Friday, December 19th, 2008.

3 Easy Ways to Donate!

1. You can complete the neon green donation form to be put in the PTA Auction mailbox
2. Go online at <http://www.mantuapta.org/auction/makedonation.html>
3. Email Jackie O'Brien at JacMail5@cox.net with your donation

3. Yearbook News for Parents

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:1198225 and password:candids08
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! We have a few suggestions we ask before you upload your photos.

Choose the 10-15 best photos per event.

Look for ones that have more than one child in them, that are clear, that have a variety of students

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

If you have any questions, email jdunfee4@yahoo.com.

4. WOODSON HS BAND WINTER CONCERT!

The W.T. Woodson High School Band will present its Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, December 15. Admission is free and the entire Woodson community is cordially invited to come hear the award-winning Symphonic and Concert II Bands.

Please note that due to renovation of Woodson's auditorium, this year's Winter Concert will be held at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax.

The bands will be playing selections from band standards like "La Belle Helene" by Jacques Offenbach, "Occident et Orient" by Camille Saint-Saens, "Walking Tune" by Percy Grainger, "Dance of the Jesters" by P.I. Tchaikovsky, "Slavonic Rhapsody" by Antonin Dvorak and "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson. The Symphonic Band will feature guest flute soloist Betsy Hill from the President's Own, the United States Marine Band, playing "Concertino" by Cecile Chaminade.

5. Holiday Pops with the FSO!

Special \$15 Student Ticket Price

Sunday, Dec. 14th

3:00 p.m.

GMU

Center for the Arts

Fairfax, VA

Tickets start at \$15!!

FSO Invites FCPS Students and Families to a Community Celebration!

Join the Fairfax Symphony and our invited guests:

Fairfax Choral Society

W.T. Woodson H.S. Select Vocal Ensemble

Fairfax County Office of Partnerships

SACC

Special Guest from the North Pole

Celebrate the season in style.

Make our tradition your tradition!

**** The Fairfax County Office of Partnerships will be collecting hats, gloves, scarves and books for needy children in our area. Please bring your donations with you! ****

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