



CALLING ALL BASEBALL PARENTS AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!!!

Planning has begun for The Staples Baseball Opening Dinner (Tues. April 8th) and we are asking everyone to be a part of this great evening. One very important (and fun) part of the evening is our auction, both silent and live.

These auctions provide us with a significant percentage of the program's funding that, among other things, allows us to pay our very talented assistant coaches, so we hope everyone can participate both in soliciting donations and bidding on items at the auction.

We are asking each family to contribute at least one item to the auction (more if you are able). Items can be something of value you already own, something you purchase for donation, or something you solicit from a corporation or local business. Nothing is too small--often many small items are bundled together to create one great gift basket.

Some ideas to consider:

- Tickets to sporting events, Broadway shows, Musical events-use your contacts!!
- Sports Memorabilia (always a big hit)
- Gift certificates to local restaurants
- Electronics (iPods, DVD players, TV's, iPhones, etc)
- Host a dinner or barbeque at the beach/provide a wine tasting at someone's home
- Jewelry/Salon or Spa services
- Vacation home for weekend or week

To make it easy, we've attached an introductory letter for the merchant describing your request and a donor form to fill out. If you'd like to see what's already been donated by others before you make your requests, just visit the Staples baseball website (staplesbaseball.com), click on the 'Diamond Club' tab, click on 'Forms', and click on '2014 Auction Donations'. Once you have an item to donate you can enter it onto our spreadsheet. (Copies of this letter and attached forms are also available on the same page). It's that simple!! Drop off items and donor forms to either Sheila Gallanty (33 Jennie Lane) or Martha Ellinwood (115 Compo Road North)

In addition, we will be asking that each family donate \$25 toward two large items that will be raffled off at the auction (e.g. an iPad). This money will be collected at a later date, so stay tuned.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this year's auction a great success!! It definitely takes all of us to make it work! If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Gallanty (sgallanty@gmail.com) or Martha Ellinwood (cmswood@optonline.net). We're happy to help!!! GO WRECKERS!!!