



Cabaret Night – Silent Auction Requests

Cabaret Night will take place this year on Friday, February 9th 2018 and once again we will be running our Silent Auction to benefit our Music Department— however we need the help of our music families to make it better than ever!

There are several ways you can help that are listed below:

1. **Ask businesses for donations:** You'll be surprised how easy it is once you try it and you'll also be surprised by how many say "Yes" without hesitating - especially if it is an establishment that gets a lot of your business in the first place. All donations are tax-deductible.
So that we do not duplicate our requests, please let Tricia Elgarten know who you will be contacting and she will provide you with a Procurement Letter with our Tax ID that you can hand directly to these businesses.
2. **Grab a Group of Friends and Donate Your Own Basket** – Coordinate with your neighbors, your friends from Book Club, Sport Teams, Music Ensembles , etc.... and pull together your very own basket. See below for some ideas or come up with your own!
3. **Make a donation to go towards a basket** – If creating a full basket is too much, feel free to make any type of merchandise donation. We will add it to another basket or create a basket to go with it. Do you have a special talent or skill that you'd like to donate? We can create a basket around that!
4. **Search your closets for unopened items** – Did you receive a gift last year that you never even opened? Rather than re-gifting them, consider donating these items to the auction. If you receive a holiday gift that you would prefer not to keep, we will gladly accept those donations in January
5. **Gift Cards** – Do you have any Gift Cards that you know you will never use? We can use them! (just check to make sure they have not expired or donate a new gift card)
6. **CASH is King! Cash donations are always accepted and helpful!** – Cash donations will be used to round-out baskets that need a few additional items.
Checks for cash donations should be made out to WMMHS Music Boosters.

Donations will be collected at the upcoming Music with a Mission Concert in November and the December Holiday Concerts.

Should you have any additional questions, or would like to make a donation - please contact Tricia Elgarten at Tricia.Elgarten@gmail.com

Some of our popular baskets in the past have included:

Jazz Basket -included 2 tickets to Cabaret Night & Gift Certificate to Shanghai Jazz

Messiah Basket –included 4 reserved seats to the Messiah Concert, plus reserved parking

Tailgating Basket –included 4 tickets plus parking to a Giants Game

Educational/College Prep Basket -included sessions at Breakaway Prep

Short Hills Mall Shopping Spree – Included Gift Cards to various different stores at the mall

Nature Basket - Included a hike and gift certificates to the Garden Center

Valentine's Date Night Included Champagne, Chocolate & GC to Sweet Spot Bake Shop

Night out on the Town–Included GC to a local restaurant & Wine

Tickets to Great Conversations & Music in the Park (Giralda)

Other Ideas for Baskets –

Prom Basket –could include GC for Tux rental, florist, manicures, etc...

Fitness Basket –could include some free classes at a gym or fitness center

Sports Basket –could include tickets to any sporting event

Theater Night –could include tickets or GC to any of the local theater venues

Jewelry Basket

Girls (or Guys) Night out Basket -- be creative!

Baking Basket

Food and/or Drink Basket - think different themes, Italian, Mexican, Chocolate...

Come up with your own Basket Idea.... The possibilities are endless.....