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# ST. THOMAS SCHOOL 2021 AUCTION

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## **Online Auction**

Open · Friday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.  
Close · Tuesday, March 9, 9:00 p.m.

Early bidding on live auction items  
available during the Online Auction

## **Virtual "Live" Auction**

6:30 p.m. Pre-Func  
7:00 p.m. Live Stream Event

[bettertogether2021.ggo.bid](http://bettertogether2021.ggo.bid)

*The mission of St. Thomas School is to develop responsible citizens of a global society. In partnership with parents, we inspire and motivate intellectually curious students.*

*Our small, nurturing environment supports the acquisition of a broad academic foundation with an emphasis on critical thinking, leadership skills, and the development of strong character and spiritual awareness.*

# Welcome

This Auction's success is the result of the amazing collaborative effort of many parents in our community who have shared their time and creativity, and who have given generously in support of St. Thomas School. Thank you to this year's Auction Co-Chairs Piper Hanson and Tyler Core for their countless hours planning, pivoting, and procuring to bring us *Better Together*.

Why *Better Together*? This March marks one year since we, the St. Thomas School community, were last able to be fully together. We want to honor that our community, our collective spirit, is one of the things that makes St. Thomas School such a special place for our students, our parents, and our faculty and staff. We are, simply put, better together.

Our Online and Live Auctions raise money to support our school and everything that makes it excellent. The funds raised directly benefit our students by supporting our operating budget, including faculty salaries, student financial aid, and classroom equipment and supplies.

This year's Raise-the-Paddle will fund the construction of the final phase of our *Completing Our Campus* Capital Campaign. Every child, Preschool through 8th Grade, will benefit from your generous Raise-the-Paddle gifts.

Thank you for your participation and support of St. Thomas School and our entire community of outstanding students!





# Lemon-Lime Mojitarita

Half mojito, half margarita, and wholly delicious, this fun, alcohol-free mocktail can be enjoyed by the entire family!

## Ingredients

- 1 lime
- 1 lemon
- Water (sparkling preferred)
- 3 tsp of agave nectar or simple syrup (1½ tsp per glass); or artificial sweetener of your choice, to taste.
- Ice (crushed is best but not necessary)
- Optional: handful of mint (lavender also works, just use sparingly)
- Optional: sugar for rimming glass
- Optional: 1.5oz vodka/white rum/tequila blanco

## You'll Need

- Two old fashioned glasses (short tumblers)
- Peeler
- Juicer or spoon for juicing the citrus
- Sharp knife and cutting board

## Instructions

1. Fill each glass with ice.
2. Swirl 1½ tsp agave nectar or simple syrup over the ice.
3. Peel and reserve 2 wide lemon peels for garnish.
4. Cut lemon and lime in half. Juice ½ lemon and ½ lime in each glass.
5. Optional: gently bruise mint with your hand, then add preferred amount to each glass.
6. Optional: Add alcohol of your choice.
7. Top up glass with water.
8. Stir to mix.
9. Optional: Gently twist the lemon peel garnish over your drink to express its essential oils, then drop it in.
10. Enjoy!

Fun margarita-inspired twist: Before adding anything to the glasses: cut the citrus in half, rub the edge of the glass along the fruit, then coat with sugar.



# Auction Rules

## **Payments**

Winning bid payments will be processed in the weeks after the Auction. Payments must be made in full and may be made by personal or company check, VISA, American Express, Discover, or MasterCard. If you plan to pay by check, please contact [development@stthomasschool.org](mailto:development@stthomasschool.org). All sales are final and there are no exchanges or refunds on items unless specified in the catalog.

## **Donating Anonymously to the Raise-the-Paddle**

A guest may participate in the Raise-the-Paddle anonymously by pre-arranging their gift with the Director of Development, Leila Thomas, at 425-454-5880 or [leila.thomas@stthomasschool.org](mailto:leila.thomas@stthomasschool.org) prior to the event. During the Raise-the-Paddle, your gift amount will be recorded under the title of an "anonymous" gift. Also, please contact Leila Thomas if you're interested in a multi-year pledge, or paying with a transfer of stock.

## **Max Bidding**

Bidding for both the online and live auction items will be done via our mobile bidding platform, Greater Giving. The auction software allows you set a Max Bid where the system bids in your favor until you are outbid or the auction closes.

## **Collaborative Bidding**

Some Auction items may be split amongst friends. Prior to the auction, speak with your friends, collaborate on items that you would like to win together, and select a primary bidder for the group. Please contact [development@stthomasschool.org](mailto:development@stthomasschool.org) if you have won an item that is intended to be split amongst several purchasers.

## **Certificates**

Some packages require the buyer to coordinate with one or several donors. It is important to read all certificates and specifications for each item. If an expiration date is not stated, all items expire one year from the date of the Auction. You must maintain original certificates for redemption purposes. Copies of certificates are not guaranteed for redemption.

### **Jennifer Winter Photography Student Portraits**

A St. Thomas School Auction tradition! One portrait of each student is available to purchase on the Auction website prior to the event up until May 31, 2021. In a normal year, portraits are taken in January and February, before the Auction. To photograph students in the safest environment possible, portraits will now be taken in May in an outdoor setting/studio. An 8x10" print plus digital file are included in the purchase. Photographs will be available for pickup in June.

### **Item Pick Up**

You will be contacted by a member of the Development team regarding pick up of your winning items.



# Restaurant Partnerships

Support local restaurants while they support us!

On the night of the virtual "live" auction, order take-out from the following restaurants and when you mention St. Thomas School, they will donate a portion of the cost of your order back to STS.

## **Bis on Main**

[www.bisonmain.com](http://www.bisonmain.com)

Available for pick up only. Orders placed before 3:00 p.m. for evening pick up are appreciated.

Review the To-Go Food, Wine + Liquor menu.

Call 425-455-2033 to order and mention "St. Thomas School."  
5% will be given back to the school.

## **Thai Kitchen Bird Pepper**

[thaikitchenbirdpepper.com](http://thaikitchenbirdpepper.com)

Use the Order Online link.

Order Food for Pick Up. Please note orders through DoorDash or Grubhub will not qualify for a donation to STS.

Write "St. Thomas School" in the notes section.

5% will be given back to the school.

## **Zeeks Pizza**

[zeekspizza.com](http://zeekspizza.com)

Available at Bellevue and Kirkland locations only.

Call 425-893-8646 to order.

Mention you are from St. Thomas School when ordering.

Please note online orders through DoorDash or Grubhub will not qualify for a donation to STS.

Available for pick up or delivery.

10% will be given back to the school.



# Live Auction

Bid early on the following  
Live Auction items starting  
Friday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.

Consider placing a Max Bid.  
The auction software will  
bid in your favor until you are  
outbid or the Auction closes.

Live Auction items will close  
Saturday, March 13, during the  
livestream event.

Go to  
[bettertogether2021.ggo.bid](https://bettertogether2021.ggo.bid)  
to bid and donate.

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# Head of School for the Day

Being Head of School is important work! This is an amazing opportunity to spend the day with Dr. Wheeler, learning the ins and outs of a day in the life of the Head of School. The lucky winner will receive a special lunch off campus with Dr. Wheeler and a friend. This day of learning and leadership has become a treasured STS tradition. Don't miss the chance to make your child's year!

*Head of School for the Day open to Kindergarten – 8th Grade students.  
Valid during the 2021-22 school year on a mutually agreeable date.  
Expires June 3, 2022.*

**Thank You**  
Dr. Kirk Wheeler  
St. Thomas School



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# Escape to Napa for Four

Head south for a beautiful getaway to Napa. You and another couple will each enjoy a two-night stay in an elegant Premier Garden Cottage at Carneros Resort & Spa. Refresh and relax in your private backyard and patio with outdoor fire pit. During your stay at Carneros, you will also be treated to a beautiful dinner for four at the renowned FARM restaurant at Carneros. Complement your dinner for four with an extensive selection of wines, craft beer, or a hand-crafted cocktail.

When you are ready to leave your beautiful cottage, take a trip down the road to renowned Meadowood Spa. There, you'll all enjoy a day of pampering, beginning with their Suite Experience, followed by the Extended Essential Journey (includes a 60-minute massage and 30-minute facial), and a luxurious lunch. Lounge between treatments in their relaxation garden and mineral soaking pool.

*Mutually agreed-upon date. Black out dates may apply. Not valid on holidays or weekends. Certificates must be consumed in one stay. Carneros and FARM certificates expire 2/12/22.*

*Four \$600 Meadowood gift cards are intended to be used toward Extended Essential Journey and lunch, but can be used toward any service.*



**Thank you**  
Carneros Resort & Spa  
Duke Realty



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## Chef Bobby Moore + Mark Ryan Wines

Mark Ryan and Barking Frog – a match made in heaven!

Gather your friends for a night of heavenly food and unforgettable wines! Barking Frog Chef Bobby Moore will prepare dinner for you and seven of your best friends at the Medina home of John & Piper Hanson. STS parents Mark and Megan McNeilly, owners of Mark Ryan and Megan Anne wines, have curated wines to pair perfectly with your meal. Cheers!

*Mutually agreed-upon date and time.*

### **Thank You**

John & Piper Hanson  
Mark Ryan Winery  
Mark & Megan McNeilly  
Bobby Moore





# Raise-the-Paddle

Each year at our St. Thomas School Auction, we raise our bid cards to support a particular area of the school during our "Raise-the-Paddle." While we will not have actual bid cards this year as we gather virtually, our hope is that every family will participate.

This year's paddle raise is in support of the Final Phase of our *Completing Our Campus* building project that will transform our students' collective experience at St. Thomas School. Our current Gym will be transformed into a 2-story space to include the Center for Leadership & Innovation, a new Technology Lab, and the Center for Responsive Learning. Renovation work will begin in April during Spring Break, and is due to be completed in December 2021.



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## Palm Desert Dream Golf Experience for Four

Spend two days full of golf, sun, and spa in the exclusive golf communities of Palm Desert, CA. After your excellent first class direct flight, you'll stay at the magnificent La Quinta Resort in a Starlight Casita for two nights. You'll play two exclusive, world-renowned private courses: Tradition Golf Club course, and the Bighorn Golf Club Mountains or Canyons course.

### **Tradition Golf Club**

Tradition Golf Club is a Platinum Club of America, ranking #33 in the top Platinum Golf Clubs in America and a top 100 Platinum Club of the World. Caddie included.

### **Bighorn Golf Club**

Enjoy an afternoon of golf at Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert. Play the Arthur Hills-designed Mountains or the Tom Fazio-designed Canyons course! Enjoy lunch at the Pour House before, after, or during your round. You'll have a Bighorn caddie along to make sure you have a great experience.

*To take place on a mutually agreed-upon date from mid-November 2021 to July 2022, Monday through Thursday. Bighorn schedule is subject to course events/tournaments/maintenance. First class roundtrip airfare for four on Alaska Airlines is included.*

### **Thank You**

Jon & Liz Hamren  
John & Piper Hanson  
Ryan Companies



# 5

## Front Row at the Christmas Program

The Christmas Program is a beloved tradition at St. Thomas School, but getting a seat with the perfect view can be challenging. This is your opportunity to secure eight reserved front row seats and enjoy the entire performance up close. Your child will know right where to look to find you as he or she takes the stage. Don't add trying to find a seat to your long holiday list – take a seat up front and enjoy the performance!

*2021 Christmas Program. Limited to eight seats.*

**Thank You**  
St. Thomas School



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## Dinner for Eight at Cafe Juanita with Wines from àMaurice

Speaking of being better together, what could be more complementary than local wine and a beautiful meal? Winemaker and STS parent and alum Anna Schafer Cohen (àMaurice) and Chef Holly Smith (Cafe Juanita) will host a dinner of deliciousness for eight either remotely or in person at Cafe Juanita. Chef Holly Smith opened Cafe Juanita to showcase her passion for hospitality and the cuisine of Northern Italy, interpreted through the finest ingredients from Italy and the Pacific Northwest. Holly believes in supporting sustainable agriculture and the outstanding growers who have committed their lives to resourceful usage of the land.

àMaurice is owned and operated by the Schafer Family. Their estate vineyard is situated on 20 perfectly sloped acres in the Blue Mountain foothills of Walla Walla, Washington, producing balanced, world class wines. àMaurice seeks the best vineyard sites for their wines, works with select vineyard partners, and sustainably farms their estate. àMaurice has been in the Top 100 Wineries in the World from Wine and Spirits four of the last five years.

*Mutually agreed-upon date. Redeemable in restaurant if open to the public, otherwise it will be delivered to your house with Anna and Holly "Zooming in" to introduce their meal and wine.  
Eight person meal plus a case of paired àMaurice wines.*

**Thank You**  
àMaurice Cellars  
Anna Schafer Cohen  
Cafe Juanita  
Holly Smith



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## Seattle Kraken "In the Action" Package

Four amazing on-the-glass seats in the home end of ice, at an inaugural season Kraken game. Included will be 4 cool baseball caps and a fun back-of-house tour around our new Climate Pledge Arena.

*Mutually agreed upon game.  
Not available for first five games of the season.*

**Thank You**  
Jay Deutsch



# 8

## Reserved Parking Space for School Events

Imagine avoiding the rush, driving leisurely into the St. Thomas School parking lot knowing that your parking space awaits you. You will have a reserved spot up front to park your car for each of these special events: First Day of School, Fall Social, Back to School Night, Parent Days, Christmas Program, Preschool Spring Program, Walkathon, Spring Arts Evening, Field Day, Graduation, Last Day of School/Moving Up Day and your student(s) birthday(s)!

*Valid for 2021-2022 school year. One spot only. Expires 6/17/22.*

**Thank You**  
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## Oki Golf Club Grand Tour for Four

Grab three friends to play the complete Grand Tour at eight golf clubs with ten 18-hole courses. Each outing includes one round of golf for four golfers, greens fees, two golf carts, use of practice facility, and eight \$100 gift cards to use towards lunch or beverages. This unique package gives you the opportunity to tour some of the best golf courses across the Puget Sound region. Two STS logo'd golf bags and umbrellas round out this awesome item.

*The Grand Tour includes play at eight golf clubs with ten 18-hole courses including: The Golf Club at Newcastle – Coal Creek; The Golf Club at Newcastle – China Creek; The Plateau Club in Sammamish; Indian Summer Golf & Country Club in Olympia; Washington National Golf Club in Auburn; The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge; Harbour Pointe Golf Club in Mukilteo; The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie – Links in Lacey; The Golf Club at Hawks Prairie – Woodland in Lacey; and Trophy Lake Golf and Casting in Port Orchard.*

**Thank You**  
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Tyler Core and Piper Hanson

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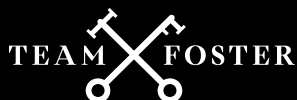
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