

A Bloomin' Auction and Benefit!



Falmouth Academy
April 6, 2019

Falmouth Academy will hold its annual auction on April 6. We hope you will plan to join us. Here is a list of frequently asked questions about this important event below.

Why do we have an auction?

The auction is Falmouth Academy's largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds, ranging from \$48,000 to \$65,000, benefit the Fund for Falmouth Academy, which supports everything we do here. Called "A Bloomin' Auction & Benefit" this year, it's also the school's largest annual social gathering for our parents, friends of the school, trustees, faculty, and alumni. It's a fun opportunity to meet others and enjoy a great night out!

How many people usually attend?

Typically we welcome between 200 and 230 participants in the Simon Center for the Arts.

What is served?

We will offer passed hors d'oeuvres as well as a buffet dinner including vegetarian options. We'll provide a welcome drink, and two bars serving beer, wine and soft drinks. All libations and food items are included in your ticket price of \$75.

How many and what types of auction items are available?

Typically there are between 125 and 150 items, services, and experiences up for auction. These include approximately 20 larger and unique live auction items, and another 130 items in the silent auction.

What happens during the event?

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Auction goers grab their welcome drink and meander through the silent auction, placing bids as our student musicians provide background music. Hors d'oeuvres will be passed and two open bars will be available. A buffet dinner is served about 7:00 in the theater, followed by the live auction. To get everyone revved up, our emcee leads a Heads & Tails game; the last person standing wins a wine basket.

The highlight of the evening is "Fund A Need." This is a separate bidding event for high-ticket item(s) that benefit the school. Audience members are invited to bid at various levels to raise the funds needed to support the project. Last year 57 bidders raised a total of \$25,125 to purchase a theater curtain and lift. Fund-A-Need bidders in past years have subsidized technology needs in the library and computer room, and helped fund the purchase of a new bus, among other things.

Can I invite friends or neighbors who may not be affiliated with FA?

Yes, please. You are encouraged to invite guests. This event is a wonderful introduction to Falmouth Academy!

How/when can I buy tickets? Can I buy a table? How many seats to a table?

Tickets will be available at the end of February. There are ten seats at each table, available as open seating. Some tables are reserved for sponsors who pay a special price.

What is the dress code?

We use the term “Cape Cod Casual,” so anything goes. People typically dress up, and some take the theme to heart and dress accordingly.

How do I pay for auction items?

You can pay for your purchases via credit card, cash or check. As a convenience, especially for those who have to catch the ferry, we have a pre-pay form you can fill out and leave with our check out crew.

How can I help?

Donate something. Be a sponsor. Pass the word that we are looking for donations. Ask your family members, neighbors, co-workers for items, experiences or unique services that they provide – or if they might be a sponsor. Lastly, attend the event. We need you to support our school!

Questions?

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