

Hello Potential Winners!

This year, we are doing something a little different for the 2012 Westmount Spring Fling. In the past, parents have had to make a snap decision on whether they want a vacation or event and not have their calendars ready or time to see if they could use one of these packages. This year, we'd like to give you more time to see if you (or someone you know) can fit one of these great trips in and help raise money for the school. To that end, we are taking "absentee bids" on live and silent auction items and accepting absentee bids before the actual events.

What is an absentee bid?

It is the amount you are willing to pay for an item or package. This amount is secret to only you, the fundraising organizer and the auctioneer.

How does an absentee bid work?

If there is a trip worth \$500, and the reserve price is \$250 but you are willing to pay \$400 for it, the auctioneer will bid on your behalf up to \$400 to get the item for you. The bidding will NOT start at \$400 but at the reserve price which in this example is \$250. For silent auction items, we will take bids as usual at the event and if someone has placed a confidential absentee bid that is higher than the one on the open bid sheet, we will move that item over to the live auction and open it up to bidding so anyone present will have a chance to "top" the absentee bid.

How do I place an absentee bid?

On a special sheet below, please leave your name, address, and contact information and the number of the item you want to bid on and the amount you are willing to pay. Again – the auctioneer will start at the reserve price on these items and you could get it for as little as that! Complete the sheet and either hand it in to the school (in an envelope) or email JHFeehan@shaw.ca. They will see that the event organizer receives and records this information for the auctioneer.

Will an absentee bid guarantee I get the item?

No – there could be someone at the auction who wants to bid more than the amount you left and in that case, they will get the item. If you want to get the item for sure, come to the auction.

Why use an absentee bid?

If you are unable to come to the auction, this is a great way to try and get some wonderful packages and support the school.

How will I be notified if I win with an absentee bid?

You will be telephoned within 24 hours that you are the successful bidder and payment arrangements will be made over the telephone.

For further information on these items and all the other items that will be available, http://www.westmountcharter.com/news/spring_fling.html

WESTMOUNT SCHOOL 2012 SPRING FLING

Friday, March 2, 2012

ABSENTEE BID SHEET

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MAX. BID AMOUNT