

ST. DUNSTAN PARISH SCHOOL

LOBSTER FEED

April 13, 2013

5pm – 10pm

Dear St. Dunstan Parents,

Lobster Feed is coming up this Saturday, April 13th from 5pm-10pm at the Parish Center. Get ready for a great time - food, fun, dancing, and silent auction. Here's how it works.

Doors open at 5pm. St. Dunstan parents hit the bar and peruse the silent auction. We'll be auctioning off class baskets that contain a special piece of artwork from every student in your child's class. Room Parents have been working very hard on creating a masterpiece from their class. Please thank your room parents for their hard work when you see them around school.

While parents are mingling and enjoying their drinks, the Lobster Cooks will start assembling an outdoor kitchen in the South Yard under the guidance of our professional chefs, Bob Disco and Mike Burns. We boil the lobsters along with all sorts of shrimp, garlic, sausage & veggies while Mike prepares the best ribs on this side of the Bay.

At 6:00pm, we call attendees into the parish center (i.e., dining room) and ask them to take their seats (so make sure you get your drinks early). Father Casey will lead us in prayer before we all stand up and step away from the table for the cooks to pour the entire contents of the cauldron over the tables for everyone to feast. There will be plenty of food. You sit down and eat...no plates or utensils but plenty of paper towels and wet wipes.

Next, we offer dessert and coffee to wash down anything caught in the esophagus and to please the palate. Once we start seeing folks drift away from tables, the Lobster Cleaning Crew swoops in for a quick cleaning. This is easy, considering we've previously covered each table in plastic wrap. We then fold up half the tables to make room for the dance floor.

But don't leave because we'll have an exciting Live Auction which includes tickets to the Sharks game, two nights at the San Francisco Marriot Marquis (a \$600 value) and those coveted front row seats at the Kindergarten and 8th grade Graduation! Raffle prizes and winners of the Silent Auction will be announced at 8:30pm followed by dancing till 10pm!

As you know, this is our biggest event for the year, and our expectations are that we'll net somewhere north of \$20K for our school. Our Lobster Committees are working hard to make this evening a success. But we could use some help. If you need service hours or if you would like to help, I ask that you please start considering where/how you can contribute. We can use more cooks to help with the lobsters or parents to help set-up. If you can help, please contact Leta Labson at leta_lee@yahoo.com.

The following items tend to represent some of our larger expenses, and we can really use donations for:

Beer
Coffee (ask your favorite java house if they'll donate)
Propane

Committee volunteers and servers will ABSOLUTELY get to enjoy dinner have someone keep a spot for you at one of the tables. You'll have plenty of time to sit, mingle and feed yourself silly. Seating is open but the key here is that we must preserve a ratio of 16 people per table. We can't have 18 at one table and 14 at another. Why? There are 16 lobsters per cauldron, and we allocate one cauldron per table. In order for everyone to be assured a lobster, it's critical that you don't move chairs around. As attendees arrive at the Parish Center, we ask them to secure seats by writing their names on the table with markers. Not only will this help everyone save seats early in the evening, but it will make it more unnatural to move chairs around during dinner.

Here are answers to some FAQs in advance:

- Tickets will not be sold at the door. Because we are at capacity, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.
- Your dinner includes one non-alcoholic drink per person. Additional drink tickets can be purchased at the door for \$3 for alcoholic drinks and \$1 for soda and water.
- Bib will be provided. However, bring your own lobster crackers and whatever else you need to enjoy your lobster.
- We do not have TO-GO containers, so please bring your own doggie-bag for your leftovers.
- The attire is casual - Dress for a mess.

If you have any other questions about the Lobster Feed, do not be afraid to ask one of our Lobster Feed Chairpersons: Donna Hammond – morgdonna@gmail.com; Leta Labson – leta_lee@yahoo.com or Marvin Laubacher – mamcomarvin@hotmail.com

We want everyone to have a great time!

See you there!