

St. Dunstan Parish School
Annual Spring Fundraiser Lobster Dinner
Saturday, March 29, 2014
5pm - 10pm

Dear St. Dunstan Parents,

Lobster Dinner is coming right up on Saturday March 29th from 5pm-10pm at the Parish Center. Get ready for a great time - food, fun, dancing, raffle prizes and live 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 your child's class. Room Parents are 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 chef, Bob Disco. We boil the lobsters along with all sorts of shrimp, garlic, sausage & veggies. Yum! Meanwhile, our delicious chicken and sides will be prepared and cooked by Kamal Naser.

At 6:00pm, we call attendees into the parish center (ie, 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 (big, huge pots) 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.

After a while, the eating subsides and everyone pauses to catch their breath. 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 two nights stay at a well-known San Francisco Hotel (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 8:30 PM followed by dancing until 10:00 PM!

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 help maintenance and clean up crew. If you can help, please contact Leta Labson at leta_lee@yahoo.com.

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

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

Committee volunteers and servers will ABSOLUTELY get to enjoy dinner - just ask your wife/partner/friend to keep a spot for you at one of the tables. You'll have plenty of time to sit and mingle. 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 and names 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:

- No, tickets will not be sold at the door. We are sorry, but we cannot accommodate walk-ins.
- Yes, 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.
- If you ordered an extra lobster, a lobster ticket will be given to you at the registration table. Your extra lobster can be picked-up from the kitchen window after dinner is served.
- Yes, bibs will be provided. But bring your own lobster crackers and whatever else you need to enjoy your lobster.
- We are sorry, but we cannot accommodate lobster take-out orders for those who are unable to attend the event.
- Sorry, we don't have TO-GO containers, so please bring your own doggie-bag for your leftovers.
- The attire is casual - Dress for mess!

If you have any other questions about the Lobster Feed, don't be afraid to ask one of our Lobster Feed Chairpersons: Leta Labson – leta_lee@yahoo.com, Shalimar Lim-Pagua – shalilim@comcast.net or Beth Nievera-Soliman – bethsoliman@gmail.com

We want everyone to have a great time!

See you there!