



Events & Dates ~

January

2nd ~ Beginning of Session 3

25th ~ All school ski trip!

21st ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – NO SCHOOL

January 31-February 11th ~ Latin American History Class trip to the Yucatan

February

1st ~ Middle School *Noon Dismissal*

15th ~ End of Session 3 – Middle School: *Noon Dismissal*

16 – 24th ~ WINTER BREAK!

March

8th ~ **SILENT AUCTION** ~ 7:30 to 9:00 pm at Parkmont

See also <http://www.parkmont.org/calendar.html>

A Familiar Face! ~

Michelle Banks ~ has returned to us for the rest of this academic year from Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. She has been coordinating school support and a literacy project for rural children. She will be one of the faculty leading Mexico trip this session to teach Latin American History and Culture.

Silent Auction Planning ~

Planning for our Silent Auction has begun! This year the Silent Auction will be held March 8th from 7:00 to 9:30 pm ~ before March Madness overtakes our lives! The auction is a joint undertaking of parents, Board members and Parkmont staff.

The second auction volunteer meeting was held on Wednesday, January 23rd at school. We still need more volunteers! Please look for notices of future meetings and plan to attend, even if you only have a few hours to volunteer over the next two months! Also, let Alison know if you can't come to meetings but would like to help out, and what sort of thing you're interested in working on, and she will assign you to a committee. Please email Alison at amaffry@parkmont.org.

Silent Auction Items Still Needed ~

What makes Parkmont's Silent Auction so successful is the wonderful assortment of items at this event. Parents are the best experts at soliciting items from local restaurants, shops, and other sources. The kind of item that you and your family enjoy is exactly what makes a 'hot item' at the auction.

Remember, donations need not cost *you* anything. We are always surprised at how willing merchants are to donate gift certificates to our Silent Auction. Merchants can use their donations as tax deductions. We also post our auction catalog on Parkmont's website. It is a form of free

advertising for the merchant. The most popular items are restaurants—of all sorts! Our goal this year is to receive at least two donations from each family.

Be on the Lookout for ~

- ❖ All Middle School families and many Upper School families will receive their next interim reports in late January.
- ❖ Evaluations for Session 3 will be sent out at the end of February

SAT Accommodations ~

Each year Parkmont provides accommodations for eligible students. To find out if you are eligible, please refer to the www.collegeboard.com website and work with NIJOLE at Parkmont to assure that the accommodations are coordinated.

Classroom Scenes ~



Mat in Allison's afternoon art class



Gaby and Tisha work on the details.



Alex focuses on her project.



Derrick, Zach and Sam struggle with their ice skates on the last day of session 2 classes



Zach and Unique get ready to hit the ice.

For Families of Seniors ~

We know this is the tough part for parents! Filling out that FAFSA and PROFILE are not more enticing than doing taxes. In fact, the FAFSA depends on your taxes. To make life easier, you know that you can estimate your 2006 taxes using your 2005 tax forms in order to meet the FAFSA deadline. Then update your figures once your 2006 taxes are filed.

For Families of Juniors ~

- ❖ Good luck with the SATs!
- ❖ The College Board website (www.collegeboard.com) has daily questions and exercises. Some students don't mind doing this kind of studying online.

Parents' Corner ~

Parents, please volunteer for the Silent Auction! Your participation is essential to the **FUN** of this important event!

Plan to bring your friends and family! The more the merrier for this **adult-only event!**

If you have any suggestions, regarding the auction or **News & Notes** send them to Cille at: cillelias@msn.com