



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Spring means it's time to raise thousands of dollars with box lunch auctions**

Students at Saskatoon's Holy Cross High School have saved their cash and checked their cars for spare change to get ready for the school's annual box lunch auction, which last year raised more than \$25,000 in one hour.

Dozens of lunches – each with its own offbeat theme - will be auctioned off to staff and students during this raucous event where bidding among the nearly 1300 students can get intense. "It's the most exciting day of the school year," says teacher and auction organizer Louise Bitz. Winning bidders will enjoy their lunches, which are large enough to feed several people, over the noon hour.

The auction raises thousands of dollars each year - last year \$26,281 was raised. Money is donated to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

On May 5, St. Joseph High School held its 12<sup>th</sup> annual box lunch auction. Forty-four lunches – including one that featured a suckling pig – were auctioned off for a total of \$10,231. The money is donated to St. Mark Community School, which uses it for "kid-centred" things like sending students in need to camp.

Media are invited to attend the Holy Cross auction. Details are as follows:

**Box Lunch Auction**  
**9: 40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.**  
**Thursday, May 13**  
**Gymnasium – Holy Cross High School**  
**2115 McEown Avenue**

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