

HIPOW NEWS

Dear Parents & Friends of the Schools,

August, September, and October are active, joyful months in the **Catholic Schools of Fairbanks** and in the **Monroe Foundation** Office. New families come to school and meet returning families; students from 4 years to 18 years get to know one another through school-wide events, and junior & senior high school students become teammates where they represent CSF in a multitude of sports. The Foundation office is as busy as ever. Tucked away on the backside of the school, we are processing raffle tickets & dinner tickets, entering auction items, creating packages, meeting with people donating items to the annual **HIPOW Auction & Dinner**, acquiring sponsorships to underwrite the event, coordinating volunteers and greeting people who stop by to check in for a variety of reasons. We also house the CSF Business office where all things financial, for both the Foundation and School, are processed. It's a happening place.



BUT WHAT THE HECK IS HIPOW?

Ooh, that's a good one! Skipping ahead to 1970, (in school history) ...that year was when our then bishop, Robert Whelan, SJ, wisely realized the need to increase financial security and support for the schools. He asked Fr. Francis McGuigan, SJ, to organize the first ever **HIPOW** event. **HIPOW** stands for **Happiness Is Paying Our Way**. Through these many years the annual auction and dinner have succeeded in helping us to do just that—pay our way. **Monroe Foundation, Inc.**, has as its primary mission, the goal of raising funds to support the school. By hosting this annual event—and with the help of hundreds of generous volunteers, sponsors, benefactors, and the entire community—we can provide that security. We can fund our financial aid grant opportunities for families and assist with operational costs when necessary.

With **HIPOW** upon us, I want to take a moment on behalf of our President, Frank Ostanik (Mr. Ostanik is also the Director of Schools) and the entire Foundation staff to thank our wonderful community here in the interior of Alaska—we sincerely could not make this happen without you. This will be the **54th HIPOW Dinner & Auction**. The items provided to the Auction come in large part from locally-owned businesses; realtors; car dealers to construction companies; furniture and carpet stores to coffee shops; restaurants to sporting goods and clothing stores; gardening to recreational vehicle stores; hardware and plumbing stores to jewelry stores; the hospital; local utilities, airlines and heating products; dirt, concrete and gravel to vehicle repair businesses; plumbing, hardware, lumber and gift stores.

The success of the Auction depends upon the generosity of these local businesses. Not only do the owners donate to the Auction, but they are in the crowd raising their bid cards and donating via Fund-The-Vision. Please consider joining us on **October 14th for Italian Night in Boileau Hall**, it is truly a fun evening. Dinner tickets are still available at **HIPOW Auction and Dinner** hipowauction.com as well as raffle tickets (we have 3 raffle opportunities—a 50/50, 2 Alaska Airline tickets, and a 2022 Jeep Compass Latitude—donated by Gene's Chrysler Jeep Ram.) On that link you can also register to bid in the auction. You need not attend the dinner to bid—you can do that from the comfort of your couch! The auction catalog will become available for viewing a week or two before the dinner. When that happens, you will receive a bidding number text or email and you can start marking your favorite packages! We also need volunteers to serve in a variety of roles that evening and to help with clean-up on Sunday. Please look for the sign-up in **HAPPENINGS** and on the website. **We still need items!** It takes about six hundred packages to raise the amount we need each year. We have about three hundred packages as of this writing. Donations of new items like toys, tools, furniture, clothing, handbags, and jewelry are greatly appreciated. Also greatly appreciated are trips, dinner experiences, maintenance or cleaning packages, certificates, vintage items, and party experiences.

HIPOW is indeed a community event connecting families, students, alum, local and state-wide businesses. It's historical, meaningful, and necessary. Please stop by the Foundation office if you have any questions. We love visitors and we have chocolate.

Sincerely,

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Who IS this guy?

We call him HIPOW man! He's meant to resemble our dear Fr. Francis McGuigan, SJ, who organized the very first (and many after) HIPOW auction.

