

# Fundraisers and Final Payment Info

*Final Bills to be issued on April 30 - Final payment due by May 2.*

**This was our best year ever for fundraising in Close Up. And there was plenty of opportunity to get involved and raise money. Some individuals really rocked...**

**Fall Fundraiser - Poinsettia Plants** - We sold 613 poinsettia plants at a profit of \$5.25 per plant. This was an individual fundraiser, however we did advertise, work, and deliver together to maximize profit. Gabby, Sydnee, and Savannah all sold 38 poinsettias - nicely done ladies.

**Spaghetti Dinner** - Great job on the spaghetti dinner. In conjunction with the Drama Club and Diane in the kitchen we had our best year. Fifteen people sold their allotment of 10 tickets; Kahri Potts blew everybody out of the water with 44 sales and earned a \$50 bonus. Everybody worked at least a shift. We had fun. We cleared \$1500 which was nearly evenly divided among travelers.

**Silent Auction** The Silent Auction was a mixed bag. 239 items for auction was certainly impressive; our highest total to date. The efforts of some individuals in going out and getting stuff for the auction was particularly vital - without Gabby's mom, Gabby and Shaina our auction would have been whole lot skinnier - thank you gals - You brought in probably 75% of our stuff. -In addition Zach and Sydnee and Shaina worked their rear end off from the start to present it to the community. Kahri and Hannah joined us to keep the project afloat online and in the teacher's lounge; in addition to contacting the winners. All five of you did a fine job and earned a substantial share of the profits. In addition Ethan Epplert (OHS class of 2018) and a Close Up Alum provided leadership with the online auction.

We raised over \$4500- that is fantastic! The silent auction was not however an equal opportunity effort. A handful of individuals did a large majority of the work; collection and monitoring of the auction's progress. Consequently I have employed a multi tiered layering of payouts. I have been clear about this for some time, and continually prodded those not involved in either collection or allocation to get moving if they wanted a larger share of the profits. This asset allocation division should not be a surprise to any traveler as it was posted on Schoology multiple times through out the Spring.

**And finally - The Dany Gruszka Award** - is given annually to the individual (s) who worked the most diligently throughout the fundraising process to raise money for the D.C. Trip. If you win the Dany Gruszka Award -you are in good company. Dany was an Oakridge Polish Exchange Student in 2016. A Close Up Alum, she is about the hardest working young lady that I have ever had the pleasure work with. Sara Sarene won in 2017 - she sold 100 Poinsettia with no parental assistance and did justice to Dany's legacy. This years award comes with a \$100 stipend (for spending money) and my many thanks for the extra effort in funding your trip. Very well done ladies... I salute you both.

**Congratulations to Sydnee Little and Shaina Benedict.**

co-recipients of the 2018 Dany Gruszka Award