

Crosswinds Art and Science Theater Support (C.A.S.T.S) will be holding a silent auction on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in support of their production of **West Side Story**. C.A.S.T.S is the Parent Booster group that supports the Crosswinds East Metro Arts and Science School's theatre department.

Crosswinds is a year-round school the part of East Metro Integration District. East Metro Integration District (EMID) is a collaborative effort that fosters voluntary integration among St. Paul Public Schools and nine suburban school districts in the eastern Twin Cities metro.

At Crosswinds School, we take our Art and Science focus areas very seriously. We believe strongly that art and science are not simply subject areas but opportunities for students to engage in meaningful, hands-on learning. We look at everything in our curriculum through both an art (creative) and a science (inquiring) lens. Through residencies with community artists and scientists and an enriched art and science curriculum, students begin to think and see their world as artists and scientists do. Graduates report being far ahead of their high school peers in these focus areas.

We're in the process of collecting merchandise for the Silent Auction, and I'm writing to request your assistance in making this event a success. By donating an item, you'll be helping make this production a success and will help continue the theatre experience for these 6-10<sup>th</sup> graders.

Would you consider donating an item to support the continued work of these students? You may reach me at 612-961-5396 or email at <a href="mailto:dzaiman@msn.com">dzaiman@msn.com</a>

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