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#### *Simsbury*

#### **Lobo Brings In A Win For St. Mary's School**

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St. Mary's School in Simsbury rallied to raise \$45,000 net profit at its annual fall auction.

Rebecca Lobo Rushin, UConn basketball legend and St. Mary's School parent, emceed the live auction. In true Lobo fashion, she facilitated the school's most successful live auction to date.

Auction proceeds benefit the school's science program, with a new laboratory and enhanced curriculum. Specifications for the new science lab are being finalized, and construction will take place summer 2010. The lab will be completed by the start of the 2010/2011 academic year.

Expanded curriculum will be implemented in the current school year. St. Mary's School partners with the Talcott Mountain Science Center to offer special science seminars for its students. Additional seminars and classes will be added for the elementary grades immediately.

St. Mary's principal, Marie Gannatti comments, "The ever-changing fields of science and technology demand that we keep our facility and curriculum current. As such, they have been the chief focus of our advancement efforts." She adds: "I'm thrilled with the Auction's results, and I'm touched by the sense of community that results from such a collaborative win. We are grateful to the generous businesses and merchants in Simsbury, Avon, Granby, Canton and West Hartford who made donations for the Auction. They, along with our dedicated school community have enabled us to meet this goal."

St. Mary's School is the Farmington Valley's only Catholic school for grades K-8. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. For more information about St. Mary's School, visit [www.stmarysschoolsimsbury.org](http://www.stmarysschoolsimsbury.org) or call 860-658-9412.

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