

# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS Catholic School



## *Celebrating the Spirit*

### **What is Celebrating the Spirit (CTS)?**

Celebrating the Spirit had been a cherished annual fundraising party at SPC since 2009. Our most recent Celebrating the Spirit event, Viva Las SPegas, was held on February 2, 2024. We are thrilled to be planning Celebrating the Spirit 2025, where we look forward to an evening of dinner, entertainment, dancing and community-building. This event also provides a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the advancement of St. Paul of the Cross School.

### **Will there also be a Parent Appeal this year?**

The Parent Appeal replaced our CTS fundraising events from 2021-2023, and we will hold the CTS party again this year! The funds raised at past CTS events and Parent Appeals have gone towards different projects that have benefited our students and improved the quality of our education. Projects include everything from building the playground, lower-level Library, STEM Lab, and Faculty Room to the fully redesigned lower level that allowed us to expand our STEAM programs and provide new rooms for resource learning. All of the efforts and generosity from these events and appeals have helped us keep supporting our mission to ensure that all SPC students have access to the best programs, learning environments, and faculty.

### **For what purposes will funds raised at Celebrating the Spirit 2025 be used?**

The net proceeds from CTS 2025 will be specifically allocated to support programs to benefit our exceptional teachers in the upcoming year. More on this below.

### **What should I expect at this year's Celebrating the Spirit Event?**

Experience the excitement of SPC's Centennial Birthday with an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a confetti cannon worthy lineup of live performers and birthday games. Visit the never-ending party buffet, dance through the decades, land a spot on the Pop-a-Shot leaderboard, and battle for prime auction items from generous external donors, faculty members, and our very own students. And what's a party without a show stopping rendition of Happy Birthday! We'll end the night on the dancefloor with DJ James spinning tunes at the most exclusive birthday party of the century!

### **How do I purchase tickets to Celebrating the Spirit?**

Visit <https://spsch.ejoinme.org/tickets25> to buy your tickets. The price of a ticket covers the cost of the event. A limited number of ten-person tables are available for \$1,500 if you prefer reserved seating. Rest assured, there will be ample seating for everyone to enjoy their meals, drinks, and entertainment.

### **How does seating work at Celebrating the Spirit?**

The event offers ample space for various activities, including lounging, sitting, dancing, and enjoying cocktails. You'll find the option to reserve larger round tables in advance, and a combination of larger and smaller tables for dining, drinking, and mingling. Whether you prefer to mix and mingle, take a seat, rank at the top of the arcade leaderboard, or hit the dance floor, we'll give you somewhere to celebrate.

### **What should I wear?**

Feel free to dress in whatever style you'd typically choose for a night out celebrating a milestone birthday! Whether it's a fabulous party dress, a classy suit, or jeans paired with a celebration-worthy top, the choice is entirely yours.

### **What is the event schedule?**

7:00 pm - Check In, Birthday Fun Zone, Champagne Toast, Welcome Entertainment

7:30 pm - Dancing Through the Decades and Dinner Buffet

9:10 pm - Dr. Mickelburgh Welcome, Legacy Award, Live Appeal

9:30 pm - Happy Birthday SPC with Special Guest

10:45 pm – Birthday Fun Zone prizes award

11:00 pm - Don't forget your party favor and travel safely!

### **Fundraising Proceeds**

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The net proceeds from CTS 2025 will be specifically allocated to support programs to benefit our exceptional teachers in the upcoming year. Our overarching mission is to advance education and empower the future. Your support plays a pivotal role in our school by generating funds to augment teacher salaries, guaranteeing that our educators receive the acknowledgment and remuneration they rightfully deserve.

Moreover, your contributions facilitate opportunities for deserving faculty members to pursue further education through scholarships. By coming together in this effort, we can profoundly impact the lives of our dedicated teachers and students alike, strengthening the foundation for our community's growth and success.

### **Online Auction and Paddle Raise**

What is the Online Auction all about?

The auction includes sporting tickets, vacation packages, exclusive experiences, services and products in addition to Party Boards and Teacher Treats (read more about these below).

### **When does the Online Auction open and close?**

All auction packages will be available online for purchase on Wednesday, February 5th. The bidding will continue through the night of the event until the Auction closes at 10:00 pm. You do not have to attend the event to bid in the Online Auction.

### **I keep hearing about Party Boards - What are they?**

Continuing a beloved tradition at SPC, parents unite to organize gatherings as part of the offerings during the Celebrating the Spirit event. These party sign-up boards will be available **at the event**, allowing attendees to add their names to as many parties as they wish! These parties not only provide entertainment and foster a sense of community but also play a significant role in backing our school. Additionally, keep an eye out for parties and auction opportunities contributed by our dedicated teachers and staff, which will also be featured in the auction!

### **How do I register for a Party Board Party?**

The Party Boards will be displayed on easels at Celebrating the Spirit; these are physical boards where the attendees can sign their names to register for their chosen parties. It's worth noting that many of these parties tend to fill up quickly, with limited spots available, so it's highly recommended that you arrive on time to secure your spots of interest!

### **Additional Questions?**

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