

Dear St. Lawrence Familia ,

“Every child is an artist,” Picasso said.

What an incredible night was had by all at our **2024 Gala - “Málaga: An elegant evening in La Costa del Sol!”** Our Parents’ Club annual Gala is one of the school’s largest fundraisers, this year, helping us provide additional resources towards the arts and technology departments for supplies, equipment, and upgrades.

The arts are often neglected and forgotten, but they are so integral to a child’s development, and thankfully embraced at our school. Through the arts, students learn collaboration, focus, the thrill of starting something new, anticipation of where it will lead them, self-discovery, and other necessary life skills that can be used in any career.



An enormous thank you to **Richard Gonzmart** and **1905 Family of Restaurants** for being our La Familia Presenting Sponsor. Mr. Gonzmart and the Columbia Restaurant provided an unforgettable meal that transported everyone to Spain. The chefs and their staff outdid themselves!

The night was filled with smiles and hugs, as our more than 300 guests felt the warmth of La Familia. 8th Grader and soon-to-be St. Lawrence graduate, Luca DeMeo, moved and impressed the guests with his testament to the importance of the STL experience in his life. The crowd danced the night away to the rhythms of N Fusion Band. In the end, the generosity and support of all involved paved the way for a tremendous financial contribution to be made to the arts programs at the school.



For over 62 years, St. Lawrence Catholic School has served as a pillar of Catholic education in the Tampa Bay area, not only providing a strong academic foundation for its students, but also by preparing them spiritually, socially, and morally to be future leaders in a world where values and virtue are too-often pushed aside. In fact, St. Lawrence consistently excels in academics, athletics, arts and extra-curricular opportunities, all based in firm roots in Catholic tradition.

Let's remember how important it is to connect with each other, our Creator, and awaken the creative soul within!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Danah Lee Director of Development

Matt Przybycin Gala Chairman



Mission Moment

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Through the arts, students learn collaboration, focus, the thrill of starting something new, anticipation of where it will lead them, self-discovery, and countless other necessary life skills that can be used in any career. We have wonderful teachers in the art and technology departments, but they are faced with the recurring need for supplies, equipment, and upgrades.

One of the best ways to get close to our Creator is through creativity. Creator means, "one that creates usually by bringing something new or original into being," hence our Creator, is the original artist!

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