



Eastern Elegance

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JOURNEY WITH US TO A GALA OF...

Eastern Elegance

A CELEBRATION OF ASIAN ELEGANCE AND CULTURE

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Dear Friends of St. Lawrence Catholic School,

You are joyfully invited to *"Eastern Elegance: A Celebration of Asian Culture,"* our annual fundraising gala. This is promising to be a night of flavor, flair, and faith!

Picture an evening where delectable cuisine meets captivating performances, laughter mingles with the beauty of Asian tradition, and our beloved St. Lawrence community joins together in celebration. As our patron saint once declared the people to be the true treasures of the Church, we, too, gather to honor and nurture the greatest treasures entrusted to us - our children.

This year, our gala has a very special purpose: to establish a long-term investment fund that will help St. Lawrence meet the needs of both today's and tomorrow's future students. Guided by the wisdom of saints like St. Jude, patron of hope, and shaped by thoughtful input from our parent community, this fund represents a faithful and forward-looking step toward a bright future for our school.

The evening will sparkle with unique raffle items, a live auction, a mouthwatering Asian-inspired dinner, and entertainment; each designed to engage parents and parishioners alike, deepen our connections, and, yes, maybe even test your bidding and dancing skills.

We would be thrilled for you to attend this extraordinary celebration. Through attendance, sponsorship, donating an item, or simply offering a financial gift, you are supporting the future of St. Lawrence Catholic School. As any parent knows, enthusiasm and healthy competition spreads quickly!

Let us step into this evening together with open hearts and joyful spirits. Whether beginning a new fundraising mission or savoring the richness of Asian culture, wisdom reminds us: *"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."* Let's take that step together, for our children, our community, and the bright future of St. Lawrence Catholic School.

With faith, joy, and a sprinkle of grace (and maybe soy sauce),

Collier Faubion and Scott Kearney

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St. Lawrence Parents' Club



When you or your organization partner with St. Lawrence Catholic School, you are showing your commitment to support and promote Catholic education in our community and help to contribute to our mission, *"...being dedicated to the creation of a Christ-centered environment in the Roman Catholic tradition which allows students to learn to serve God and others, to develop their unique talents and skills, to strive for academic excellence, and to become life-long learners."*



Are you ready

to embark on a cultural journey throughout the heart of Asia?

You are invited to celebrate the exotic and rich tapestry of Asian heritage and support Catholic education!



Goal

For this year's Gala, we invite you to be part of something lasting. This long-term investment fund isn't just about buildings or projects, it's about people. It's about our children, our teachers, and the generations who will walk these halls long after us. Once established, this fund will pay annual dividends back to St. Lawrence, to support the future of this community however needed; whether it means scholarships, classroom improvements, or other ways of growth for our campus. Together, we're not just building a school, we are shaping the future inspired by Christ's love.



Date

Saturday, February 7, 2026



Location

Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Parish, 5225 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL 33614



Times

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| 6:00 | Principal's Reception (by invitation only) |
| 6:30 | Main doors open, raffles, and silent auction |
| 6:30-7:30 | Asian street market delicacies |
| 7:30 | Dim-sum cart table service |
| 7:45 | Special performance |
| 8:00 | Program and live auction |
| 9:30 | Dancing |
| 11:00 | End of night ~ sweet dreams |



Attire

Culturally respectful traditional attire or evening formalwear



Food

Experience culinary delights at the fusion street market showcasing the diversity and richness of Asian cuisine.



Entertainment

Enjoy the rhythmic beat of traditional drums and a vibrant performance.



Gala Website

<https://stlawrencecatholicschool.org/gala2026/>
Qtego event page information will be shared soon.



La Familia Presenting Sponsor

GIFT OF \$25,000

ONE PRESENTING SPONSOR AVAILABLE

This exclusive opportunity honors our founding pastor, Msgr. Laurence Higgins, who oversaw the foundation of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School. At the core of St. Lawrence's identity lies the concept of "La Familia," as we are more than just a community; we are a family grounded in Catholic tradition and educational excellence.

- Premier table for you and your guests - special arrangements to be made with our Gala Chair
- Speaking opportunity at the gala ("What Catholic education means to me.")
- Invitations for you and your guests to attend the pre-event "Principal's Excellence in Education Reception"
- Exclusive shirt worn by our bid spotters to include your business logo
- Invitation to the Gala Benefactor's Mass and Breakfast in the Spring of 2026
- Your name included on a sponsor's plaque located inside the school
- "Sponsor Spotlight" article highlighting your family or business to be circulated to the school and parish families
- Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
- Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
- Verbal and visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
- Full-page advertisement in post-event digital program
- 4'x8' banner on the inside of the fence of the school athletic field
- Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer

Holy Trinity Sponsor

GIFT OF \$15,000

The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith. Holy Trinity Sponsors provide tremendous support for the mission of St. Lawrence and the underlying purpose of Catholic education.

- Premier table for eight (8)
- 8 invitations for the pre-event "Principal's Excellence in Education Reception"
- Invitation to the Gala Benefactor's Mass and Breakfast in the Spring of 2026
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- "Sponsor Spotlight" article highlighting your family or business to be circulated to the school and parish families
- Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
- Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
- Verbal and visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
- Full-page advertisement in post-event digital program
- 3'x6' banner on the inside of the fence of the school athletic field
- Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer

Celtic Pride Sponsor

GIFT OF \$10,000

Our sponsors have "Celtic pride inside" and provide a strong foundation for our Parents' Club's support of our school, allowing our children to flourish in the light of God's love

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- "Sponsor Spotlight" article highlighting your family or business to be circulated to the school and parish families
- Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
- Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
- Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
- Full-page advertisement in post-event digital program
- 3'x6' banner on the inside of the fence of the school athletic field
- Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer



Wushi Performance Sponsor

GIFT OF \$9,000

ONE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Be that sponsor that creates the unforgettable mood and ambiance for this memorable gala by sponsoring the music and entertainment.

- Premier table for eight (8)
 - 8 invitations to the pre-event "Principal's Excellence in Education Reception"
 - Invitation to the Gala Benefactor's Mass and Breakfast in the Spring of 2026
 - Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
 - Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
 - Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens as the Wushi Performance Sponsor
 - Full-page advertisement in post-event digital program
 - 3'x6' banner on the inside of the fence of the school athletic field
 - Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer
- SOLD OUT!!!**

Lanterns of Hope Sponsor

GIFT OF \$8,000

These sponsors understand that a St. Lawrence education prepares students to love God and life, fostering the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love, which empower students to live virtuous lives and serve others.

- Premier table for eight (8)
- 8 invitations for the pre-event "Principal's Excellence in Education Reception"
- Invitation to the Gala Benefactor's Mass and Breakfast in the Spring of 2026
- Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
- Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
- Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
- Half-page advertisement in post-event digital program
- 3'x6' banner on the inside of the fence of the school athletic field
- Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer

Cherry Blossom Photo Sponsor

GIFT OF \$6,000

ONE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Everyone will want photos of this memorable evening! Provide the gala's photographer with this sponsorship level and your logo will be added to every photo!

- Table for eight (8)
 - Exclusive logo placement on each printed photograph
 - Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
 - Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
 - Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
 - Advertisement in post-event digital program
 - Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer
- SOLD OUT!!!**

Silk Road Bid Paddle Sponsor

GIFT OF \$6,000

ONE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Every bidder gets a paddle and each time a bid paddle is raised during the live auction, your logo is seen!

- Table for eight (8)
 - Exclusive logo placement on each printed bid paddle
 - Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
 - Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
 - Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
 - Advertisement in post-event digital program
 - Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer
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Chinoiserie Sponsor

GIFT OF \$4,000

These sponsors are ready for a night of friendship, fundraising, food, and entertainment!

- Table for eight (8)
- Business link on the school website through September 1, 2026
- Company or family name on all gala promotional materials
- Visual recognition during gala program including company branding of logo on signage and screens
- Advertisement in post-event digital program
- Financial commitment fulfilled for school year for the buyer

Futari Sponsor

GIFT OF \$350.00 FOR TWO TICKETS

Hitorri Sponsor

GIFT OF \$175.00 FOR ONE TICKET

Sponsor a Teacher

GIFT OF \$175 FOR ONE TICKET OR \$350 FOR ONE TEACHER AND GUEST

St. Lawrence families are blessed to have such talented and dedicated faculty and staff working with our children. Show your appreciation by treating them to a special night out!

If a teacher receives multiple sponsorships, an invitation on your behalf will be extended to another faculty or staff member. Once all teachers interested in attending have been assigned gifted tickets, unused sponsorship donations will go directly into the overall funds collected towards the gala.

Sponsor a First Responder or Military Member

GIFT OF \$175 FOR ONE TICKET OR \$350 FOR TWO TICKETS

Many of our school parents are active in the military and currently working as 1st responders. If gratitude for their service and protection, you can sponsor them and their date for a special evening out.

There is also a discount of 20% off for up to two tickets for our first responders and military members. If interested in receiving a sponsored ticket(s), please contact Bianca Brink. Sponsored names will remain confidential.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these sponsorships, please complete the information on the back of this packet. When you or your organization partner with St. Lawrence Catholic School, you are showing your commitment to support and promote Catholic education in our community and help to contribute to our mission, "...being dedicated to the creation of a Christ-centered environment in the Roman Catholic tradition which allows students to learn to serve God and others, to develop their unique talents and skills, to strive for academic excellence, and to become life-long learners."

Thank you for your generosity!



SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT



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| SPONSOR NAME(S): | |
| BUSINESS/FAMILY NAME: | |
| PHONE: | |
| EMAIL: | |
| ADDRESS: | |
| I/We are attending the Gala. | |
| I/We are unable to attend the Gala. Please accept my donation of: | \$ _____ by check # _____ |



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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| | La Familia Presenting Sponsor | \$25,000 |
| | Holy Trinity Sponsor | \$15,000 |
| | Celtic Pride Sponsor | \$10,000 |
| | Wushi Performance Sponsor <u>SOLD OUT!!!</u> | \$9,000 |
| | Lanterns of Hope Sponsor | \$8,000 |
| | Cherry Blossom Photo <u>SOLD OUT!!!</u> | \$6,000 |
| | Silk Road Bid Paddle Sponsor <u>SOLD OUT!!!</u> | \$6,000 |
| | Chinoiserie Sponsor | \$4,000 |
| | Futari Sponsor (two tickets) | \$350.00 |
| | Hitori Sponsor (one ticket) | \$175.00 |
| | Sponsor a Teacher +1 | \$350.00 |
| | Sponsor a Teacher | \$175.00 |
| | Sponsor First Responder +1 | \$350.00 |
| | Sponsor a First Responder | \$175.00 |
| | First Responder Discount Ticket | \$140.00 |

SPONSOR'S GUEST LIST

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Checks are preferred for ticket purchases.
Credit card purchase options are available through the
Qtego event page: <https://qtego.us/qlink/slcs>.
You may also visit our event website for updates.
<https://stlawrencecatholicschool.org/gala2026/>

Please make checks payable to
"STL PARENTS' CLUB" and return filled out
form and check in an envelope to
Jeanie Armstrong in the main school office or mail to:
St. Lawrence Catholic School, Attn: Bianca Brink
5223 N. Himes Ave., Tampa, FL 33614-6623

No cash please! Non-profit tax material provided upon request.
Inclusion in print collateral contingent on deadlines.

AUCTION DONATION FORM

Help us achieve our gala goals!

Your donated items can make a **HUGE** impact for St. Lawrence Catholic School!

We're hoping you might consider donating a prize to our raffle and auction. Please review our "WISH LIST" items below. To donate an item or service, please complete the auction donation form in this packet and return it to Jeanie Armstrong in the school's front office by January 23, 2026. You can also send the items to Bianca Brink or Loren Lopez.

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| Date form Submitted | |
| Donor name | |
| Family/business name | |
| Remain anonymous | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Address | |
| Phone and email | |
| Donor relationship | Alumnus/Class of _____ Current school family/Class of _____ Parishioner _____ Staff _____ Friend of STL _____ |
| Donated item title | |
| Item description | |
| Restrictions or expiration date | |
| Item value | |
| Donation enclosed with this form | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gift certificate is | Attached <input type="checkbox"/> To be delivered <input type="checkbox"/> Please make a certificate for me <input type="checkbox"/> |

Thank you for your donations!



For St. Lawrence families, there will be 50% financial commitment given, based on a value of \$100 or more, with a receipt or proof of value per donated item. Please fill out the Donation Form for your financial commitment to be recorded.

The funds donated to this year's gala will be used to establish a long-term investment fund that will help St. Lawrence meet the needs of both today's and tomorrow's future students. Non-profit tax material provided upon request.

If you'd like to support the gala with a financial contribution, or purchase tickets, credit card purchase options are available through the Qtego event page: <https://qtego.us/qlink/slcs>. You may also visit our event website for updates: <https://stlawrencecatholicschool.org/gala2026>.

If writing a check, please make them payable to "STL PARENTS' CLUB" and return filled out form and check in an envelope to Jeanie Armstrong in the main school office or mail to:

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Questions? Please contact Bianca Brink, Bbrink@stlawrence.org or Loren Lopez, Loren@eventingtampabay.com



DESIRED AUCTION ITEMS



CELEBRITY CONNECTIONS

Do you know a celebrity? Would they agree to a meet and greet opportunity? We are looking for ways to spend time together with a celebrity or professional. The experience could be private lessons, an exclusive meal, sports events, a special class, backstage concert experience, etc.



EXPERIENCES

This category could include, but not limited to, event tickets (sporting, concert, theater), golfing, fishing/boating excursions, a dinner cruise, hot air balloon ride, cooking lessons, wine tastings, spa packages, and anything else that provides a unique adventure.



GETAWAYS

Do you own a vacation home? Do you have a time-share you are willing to donate for a few days? This category includes trips, hotel/resort packages, airfare, cruises, theme parks, and unique vacations.



GIFT CARDS

This could include gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, hotels, services, gas, and more. Gift cards can be in varying amounts, but we are looking for a certain quantity in the \$100 range. All cards should be valid for a minimum of one year post gala.



UNIQUE ITEMS & OPPORTUNITIES

If you have a creative idea, unique item, or unforgettable experience that you believe would make a great auction item, please contact our gala chairs.