



Unmask the Spirit

Nativity Catholic School

Spring Gala 2010 - Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Spring Gala?

The annual Spring Gala is the second largest fundraiser for Nativity Catholic School. Proceeds from the Gala help keep tuition affordable for all families; it is a great fun social gathering for friends of Nativity Catholic School to celebrate Catholic education. The event includes an evening of delicious food, delectable drinks, dancing, entertainment and many exciting live and silent auction items.

Why is it important to support the Spring Gala?

All proceeds from the Spring Gala benefit the students of Nativity Catholic School. This is a volunteer driven event that encourages participation from all areas of the school and parish. Parents, teachers, organizations, alumni and friends of Nativity Catholic School all participate to make the event a success. Proceeds from the event sustain and enhance programs vital to our students' quality Catholic education. It is the very best way for parents, alumni, friends and family members to make a difference in the future of every student at Nativity Catholic School. Over the past nine years the Gala event has raised over \$500,000 to benefit our students. Improvements including a complete physical Science Lab renovation, 40 wireless mobile laptop computers and more have been realized through the proceeds.

How can I help?

There are many ways to help support the Gala - purchase tickets & attend the event, donate cash, gift certificates or a new item or service to be auctioned off at the event; advertise in the event program and become a patron by sponsoring the event with a reserved table for 8 or more people. Information for donating, advertising and becoming a sponsor/patron are included on our school website at www.nativitycatholicsschool.org or by contacting the Advancement Office at 813-657-9787.

Where and when is the Gala event?

For the second year in a row we are pleased to hold our event at the luxurious *TPepin Hospitality Centre* at 4121 North 50th St., Tampa, FL. The Gala begins promptly at 6:00 pm and ends at midnight. Preview the location by visiting our Spring Gala link on the school website listed above.

Where can I purchase tickets?

Tickets are available during the Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry every Friday and after all masses in the Social Hall and in the Church and School offices during regular business hours. Tickets are available at a discounted price of \$50 donation per person before April 1st and then regularly offered at \$75 person until the event. *Advance reservations are required.*

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What to wear?

Appropriate dress is cocktail attire. For men dress slacks & shirt, jacket optional/not required and for ladies cocktail dress or dress slacks, no jeans.

Fun Stuff:

Class Basket Raffle - Each homeroom class has put together a themed basket that will be raffled off the evening of the Gala. The students and adults will have an opportunity to purchase as many raffle tickets as they wish for the baskets of their choice. We sell tickets the night of the gala until the baskets are raffled off at the end of the evening. Check out all the great basket themes on the school website and Edline.

Class Craft Items- Each grade level has personalized a craft item that will be auctioned as part of our live auction. These special items are crafted with love and are a favorite for our families. Check out all the craft items on the school website and Edline.

Easel Items- Everyone who purchases a ticket to the Gala has a chance to sign your child up for the teacher sponsored Easel item. Each Easel item provides an opportunity for your child to spend time with his/her teacher and a limited group of their friends, to go bowling or make pizza at Marco's or go on a Fossil expedition at Paleo Preserve and many more. Look for all the opportunities so you can plan ahead on the school website and Edline.

A sneak preview of some of the Live & Silent Auctions Items-

Many exciting live and silent Auction items are available for bid during the Gala. Our professional auctioneer will entertain & delight guests with items including a Tarpon Fishing Trip for 2, vacation Getaways, mountain bike excursion, autographed collectible sports memorabilia and crowd favorites including Principal for the Day and Dinner with the Pastor plus many more items. It promises to be a fun action packed evening full of surprises.

All donations to the Gala are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Consult your tax professional to be sure your personal goals are satisfied.

***Come celebrate Jazz Musicians, Cajun Adventurers, and Culinary Magicians.
Experience a night of magic - Unmask the Spirit
Fill your soul with the spirit of New Orleans
Saturday evening, April 24, 2010***

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