



# CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT

## Celebrating the Spirit 2026 FAQ

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

Celebrating the Spirit has been a cherished annual fundraising party since 2009. The night is all about fun, celebrating our amazing SPC community, and supporting the advancement of St. Paul of the Cross School.

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

Visit <https://spcsch.ejoinme.org/tickets26> to purchase your tickets. Ticket prices go up on January 19, so get yours soon!

### How does seating work at Celebrating the Spirit this year?

This is not a sit-down dinner. Picture high-boy tables for mingling, cozy spots in the igloos, and plenty of places to perch and chat between bites, games, or dance moves. Whether you want to mix and mingle, relax by a fire, or snag a seat for a round of s'mores, you'll find the perfect spot to celebrate all night long.

### What is the theme about this year?

This year's Celebrating the Spirit theme is Après SP Ski, inspired by the cozy, fun vibe of relaxing together after a day on the slopes. Picture alpine charm, winter warmth, and a festive night, inside and outside, with our SPC community.

### What should I wear?

Comfort with a touch of alpine flair is right on theme. Think après ski chic—cozy sweaters, vintage vests, boots made for stomping, and accessories that make you want to hit the slopes (or at least the s'mores station).

Feeling a little more glam? Channel your inner Aspen socialite with cocktail attire that says, “I'll meet you by the fire pit.”

Whether you're rocking mountaintop casual or Aspen-glam, the only rule is to feel good and have a blast. [Click here for some inspo!](#)

### Should I dress warmly?

Layers are a good idea if you plan to head outside for games, time in the igloos, or s'mores by the fire. Coat racks will be available with easy access so you can grab your coat if you go outside.

## **What is the purpose of the fundraiser?**

Net proceeds from CTS 2026 will directly support our outstanding teachers in the year ahead. These funds help enhance teacher salaries, ensuring our educators are recognized and supported for the incredible work they do every day.

Together, our support strengthens our teachers, enriches our students' experience, and helps our school community continue to thrive.

## **Will there be food and drinks?**

Yes! Food, drinks, and a lively atmosphere will be available throughout the evening, all included with the price of your ticket.

## **Will there be a Live Auction or Paddle Raise?**

There will not be a live auction at Celebrating the Spirit. However, we invite everyone to join in our Paddle Raise, where you can make a direct impact on our teachers and students during the event. Every gift, big or small, helps support our school community.

## **How does the Silent Online Auction work?**

The silent online auction features sporting tickets, exclusive experiences, services, products, and one-of-a-kind packages from our amazing SPC faculty. Everyone is encouraged to check out the auction and place bids, whether attending the event or not.

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

All auction packages will be open for online bidding starting Thursday, January 29, and remain available until the auction closes at 10:00 pm on the night of the event. You do not need to attend to participate—anyone can bid online.

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

Party Boards are a fun and much-loved SPC tradition! Parents and faculty host special gatherings throughout the year, creating opportunities to connect, celebrate, and build community beyond the CTS event itself.

Over the years, Party Boards have included everything from spa parties and Kentucky Derby celebrations to pub crawls and family pool parties, just to name a few.

Party sign-up boards will be available at the event, and guests are welcome to add their names to as many parties as they like. These gatherings are a wonderful way to enjoy time together, strengthen friendships, and support our school—all while having a great time.

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

Party Boards will be displayed on easels at the event. Sign up in person for your chosen parties. Many parties fill up quickly, so arrive on time to secure your favorites!

## **Additional Questions?**

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