

2024 SCS GALA & AUCTION

NEWSLETTER

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Havana Nights Celebration

On March 9, 2024, St. Catherine of Siena School held its annual gala and auction at the Parish Hall. This year's Havana Night's theme transported all its attendees to old time Havana, Cuba for a night full of tropical fun and a great cause.

The evening began with a special sponsor cocktail event in the outdoor patio. Sponsors enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, spirits,

and cigars while they watched Mr. Feldman finish cooking the Cuban-style smoked pig in the Caja China.

Gala doors officially opened at 6:30pm where attendees were welcomed to the Port of Havana. Guests headed to the bar area to enjoy a selection of beer, wine, and two signature Cuban cocktails, Mojitos and Cuba Libres. Our SCS Gala Committee Chairs, Ellen Miccio and Aurora Feldman, welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their participation in this special event. Afterward, Father Neil gave the dinner blessing and dinner service began.

Chef Eric Prince, a school parent, prepared an appetizing Cuban dinner including mojo pork, guava BBQ chicken, plantains, black beans and rice. During dinner service, attendees watched and listened to a





special video and presentation on the importance of a Catholic education and how money raised from this event will benefit our children, both academically and spiritually.



After dinner, attendees spent the rest of the evening placing their bids, enjoying dessert, drinking Cuban cafecito, playing dominos, and dancing to salsa and merengue provided by the sensational Atlanta Show Band. At 9pm the bidding officially closed and the winners of our fabulous raffle baskets were drawn. The crowd closed out the night with an enthusiastic conga line that was the perfect ending to a wonderful and fun evening.



This year, our SCS gala boasted over 150 auction prizes, 8 high-value raffle baskets, and \$20,000 in sponsorships. The auction raised \$63,663 that will go toward the purchase of a new Clear Touch Interactive Panel, as well as updating the Reading and Language Arts curriculum.

On behalf of Mrs. Wood, SCS teachers, staff, and students, and the SCS Gala Committee, we would like to thank all of the gala attendees and home bidders who gave their financial support to help our great school. We also want to thank in a special way all the volunteers that made this event possible. It is only with your time and dedication that we are able to continue to improve the experience of our children in all facets of a Catholic education.

To view all photos from the event, please click this link:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LcWxZQxzGHAkZHpx9>

