

A Recipe for Tradition: The 53rd Annual STM Spaghetti Dinner

It all began back in 1973, when STM parent and restaurant owner Frank Lemma shared his family's spaghetti sauce recipe to help raise funds for school buses. Families cooked gallons of sauce at home, neighbors filled the gym for Sunday supper and the STM Spaghetti Dinner was born.

"A group of dads would combine all of the gallons of sauce in a big vat and cook it over a flame behind the kitchen. The air was filled with the smell of simmering tomatoes and spices," said Virginia Calcagno, STM's beloved bookkeeper who retired last year after many years of service, parenting and grandparenting at the school.

What started as one family's idea has grown into a beloved 51-year tradition that continues to bring together STM families, alumni, and friends for an unforgettable night of food and fun.

Join us for this year's celebration!

The 51st Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 2, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the STM gym. Tickets are \$15 per person. Takeout is available for those who want to enjoy the meal at home. Upscale adult-only dining in the Parish Hall. Call 503-222-6105 to reserve your table in the Parish Hall.

After dinner comes the moment everyone waits for: the raffle. The crowd shifts toward the stage, where kids gather shoulder-to-shoulder, eagerly waiting for their name to be called.

An important cause

All funds raised support STM's [Bulldog Fund](#), which provides tuition assistance, campus improvements, exciting new activities and innovative academic programs for students.

Supporting the Spaghetti Dinner is your chance to be part of a beloved STM tradition and an investment in our kids.

"We are grateful to the generous parents who have supported this longstanding event, ensuring its continued success," said Katy Smith, Principal of St. Thomas More, who has attended 40 spaghetti dinners dating back to her time as a student. "We want to thank Alit Wine and Salt and Straw for their support over the years. Their commitment has allowed the Spaghetti Dinner to grow from a humble fundraiser into one of the most beloved nights on our school calendar."

Be Part of the Tradition

Whether it's your first time or your 51st, the STM Spaghetti Dinner is a special celebration of community, history and our school's bright future.

Reserve your dinner tickets, raffle entries and table reservations today: [Sign Up & Purchase Ticket.](#)

