



Hey Cardinals and Community Food Fans!

This **October 23rd**, fire up your grills, bring your best recipes, and show off your tailgate skills at the **2nd Annual Cardinal Cook-Off**! Join us for an evening of great food, friendly competition, and Cardinal spirit as we build on the success of last year's inaugural event.

Here's the deal:

- **\$75 Early Bird Team Entry Fee** — Sign up **before October 1st**, and lock in the special rate!
 - After Oct. 1st, the entry fee increases \$50 — so don't wait!
 - Teams of 4-6 people compete in a fun, friendly, tailgate-style cook-off during the big home football game on **Friday, October 23rd**.
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Why join the Cardinal Cook-Off Tailgate?

- **Compete for glory** — Win awesome prizes and the coveted title of **Cardinal Cook-Off Champions**!
 - **Show off your cooking chops** — Whether you're a grillmaster or a tailgate rookie, all skill levels welcome!
 - **Support your school** — Every dollar raised helps fund student programs and activities.
 - **Tailgate fun** — Great food, music, games, and the electric atmosphere of Friday night football.
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How to sign up:

1. Gather your team of 4-6 players.
2. Register by October 1st to save \$50 with the **Early Bird entry fee**.
3. After October 1st, the fee increases \$50 per team.
4. Fill out our team registration form and mail, drop at the school office or email noel.smeraglia@stmichaelchs.org to reserve your spot!

Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2nd Annual Cardinal Cook-Off on 10/23! Whether you're a local business, family, club, or friend group — this is your moment to shine.

What Can You Cook?

 **BBQ Meats** – Pulled pork, chicken, ribs, beef brisket—bring the grill game!

 **Chili** – Bring your best bowl of hearty, flavorful chili!

 **Gumbo** – Seafood, chicken & sausage, or your family's secret recipe—bring the pot!

Team Entry Info

- **Early Bird Entry: \$75** (due by **Oct. 1st, 2026**)
- **Standard Entry: \$125** (after Oct. 1st, until full)
- Teams can have **4–6 members - Max of 6**
- Each team gets a **dedicated space** in our cook-off zone

 **Important Note:** Power, tents, tables, serving utensils and cooking equipment **will NOT be provided**. Teams must bring everything they need to prepare, serve, and decorate their space. We will provide utensils, serving boats, napkins and sanitary gloves.

Event Schedule & Prep Details

-  Teams may begin setting up anytime on Friday, 10/23 at 10:00 AM
 -  Gates open to guests at 5:30 PM
 -  Winners announced during half time of the football game
 -  Teams should be prepared to serve 250-300 guests
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Come hungry. Cook proud. Represent your team, your talent, and your Cardinal spirit.

Cardinal Cook-Off Award Categories

Best Overall

For the team that brings the heat with an **outstanding BBQ, chili, or gumbo** that has everyone coming back

People's Choice Award

Voted on by guests — the fan favorite meat of the night.

Most School Spirit

Given to the team that shows the most Cardinal pride — think decorations, team attire, chants, and enthusiasm.

Best Team Name

For the most clever, punny, or fun team name.



Cardinal Cook-Off Team Registration

BBQ Meats: pulled pork, chicken, ribs, beef briskets

\$75 Entry Fee

*fee increases \$50 October 1, 2026

Team Name: _____

Name of Head Cook: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Make checks payable to St. Michael Catholic High School

(or call to process a credit card (251) 459-0210)

11732 St. Michael Way, Fairhope, Alabama 36532

*All entries must be received by October 14th, 2026

Head Cook Signature : _____ Date: _____