

The Third Annual Festival of Culture

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On Thursday, March 16, 2006, the Afro-Caribbean club and Fuerza Latina held Mt. St. Michael's third annual Festival of Culture. The 2-hour long program, which lasted from 4 to 6 in the evening, was an event to remember. The food at the party was from many ethnicities, with many lush and exotic dishes. The program was opened up with a prayer by our very own Bro. John. Bantz FMS, which was followed by the welcoming by the presidents of Afro-Caribbean and Fuerza Latina, Kymel Yard and Richard Hernandez. Poetry throughout the night was read by Steve Grant, Kymel Yard, Michael Malave, Paolo Glaude, Alistar Hobson and Corey Davidson. St. Barnabas, Mt. St. Ursula, Preston H.S., and Eric Alston put on dance performances. A scene from "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" was acted by our fellow students under the direction of Mr. Vincent Amendola. Both the Hip Hop dancers and the Tap dancers put on performances under the choreography of Demar Braxton and Walter Freeman. Then last, but not least, the evening officially ended with a musical selection and drum solo by John Truong, Christian Cedeno, Eric DeRosa, and Alex Stevens. The festival was a growing experience for many as it helped people to develop and understanding of cultures other than your own.