FEEDING THE CHILDREN

An initiative of St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy

“It is an amazing community, and it has been a true blessing to be able to provide this opportunity for our children. This is a dream come true for us.”

- Alejandro, SPSA Parent

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL IN SOUTHEAST DALLAS

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy (SPSA) is the **only Catholic elementary and middle school serving Southeast Dallas**. After 70 and 68 years of service by our predecessors: the St. Philip the Apostle and St. Augustine Catholic School communities, SPSA was founded in 2015 and is the largest feeder school to Cristo Rey Dallas. Our school provides robust financial aid options to ensure a safe, rigorous, whole-child education with a family-centered approach is accessible to families in Southeast Dallas.

Although our need is great, so is the commitment of our faculty, staff, board, and faithful supporters who dedicate themselves to consistent improvement for the sake of our students and their families.

SPSA AT-A-GLANCE

324

Students Grades PK3-8

93%

Latino Student Population

59%

Below the federal poverty line

1 in 5

Children are food insecure in our community

95%

Of students reading on grade level compared to DISD's **47%**

100%

Acceptance at best fit high school

“SPSA was the missing piece of our spiritual puzzle. We have grown in our faith as a family and are grateful to all of the staff at the Academy for all that they do to support all of the families of the SPSA community.”

- Elsa, SPSA Parent

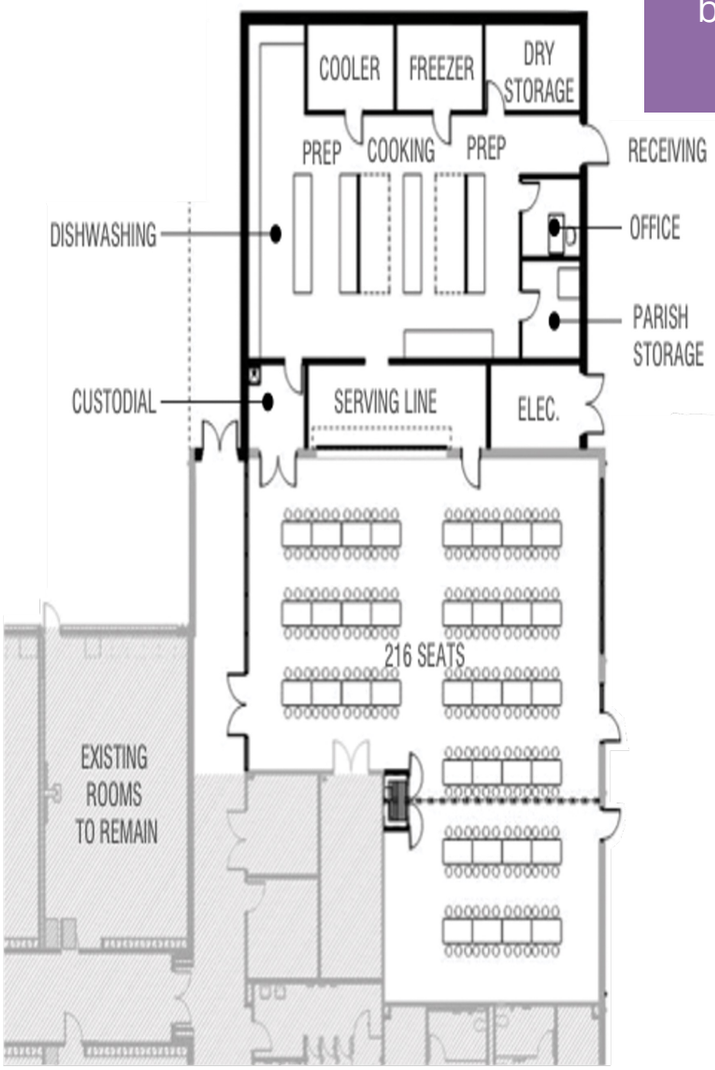
OUR VISION

Children are arriving at SPSA hungry. **One in five children in the SPSA community is food insecure**. SPSA students qualify for the federally funded free and reduced-rate breakfast and lunch programs, but our outdated kitchen does not meet its program requirements. Our dining facility was originally constructed to serve 150 students, and today it serves **over** 320.

Major capital projects funded through this initiative will both meet our current needs and prepare the school for future growth. These projects will make it possible for SPSA to provide free, nutritious breakfast and lunch to every enrolled student, regardless of income status, setting each student up for their best chance at a bright and healthy future. We will also relieve cost of living anxieties for students' families by feeding their children at no cost.

The *Feeding the Children* initiative will provide **free breakfast and lunch to every student.**

Remodel the SPSA kitchen to meet the program standards of the federal free and reduced-rate breakfast and lunch programs



Expand our dining room to accommodate current needs and future growth

Support critical **program costs**

$3.5 M

TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES IN SOUTHEAST DALLAS

PROJECT BUDGET

CONSTRUCTION

NEW KITCHEN	**$1,427,000**
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	**$598,000**
DINING ROOM RENOVATIONS	**$767,000**
SOFT COSTS *Architect Fees, Technology, Furniture, Contingency*	**$588,000**

PROGRAM (ONE YEAR)

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS FOR KITCHEN STAFF	**$120,000**

TOTAL BUDGET	**$3,500,000**

"We chose SPSA because here our children learn not only math and science but also the importance of integrity, service and community. SPSA is a place where teachers, staff, parents, and students come together with a shared purpose: to nurture the whole child and help them become the best version of themselves."

- Carmen, SPSA Parent

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We are furthering our commitment to uplift and empower families in Southeast Dallas.

SPSA provides a life-changing opportunity for families seeking a safe, quality, and faith-centered alternative to public school options in Southeast Dallas. Free nutritious meals for all students and investment in our teachers will ensure that SPSA is able to continue providing the most consistent and nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow.

Every day, we strive for a bright and lasting future for SPSA and the families that come through our doors.

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