

Fall 2024

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin our ninth year of serving the Pleasant Grove community, we are excited to welcome you to another school year! Our mission remains steadfast: to provide a safe, quality Catholic education for every child in our school. We are committed to shaping the lives of our students academically, spiritually, and personally, while fostering a strong sense of community.

We believe that building a thriving and sustainable community starts with education—not just for the children but for the entire family. Our monthly bilingual Parent Education and Engagement Program will offer sessions focused on essential topics such as finance, mental health, nutrition, and more. Our goal is to support the growth of our students and enhance the well-being of the entire SPSA family.

At SPSA, we understand that education extends beyond academics. We strive to nurture the hearts and minds of each student, preparing them to be compassionate leaders in our community and beyond. Through service, spiritual growth, and academic rigor, we empower our students to excel and make a meaningful impact in the world.

Thank you for being an essential part of the SPSA community. With your continued support, we are building a brighter future for our children and our community.

Blessings for a great year!

Dianne Brungardt, Principal

PURPLE PEOPLE

Meet Giovanni (Gio):

As President of SPSA Student

Body and a member of the

National Junior Honor Society,

Gio is a natural leaders both on

and off the court. Whether playing

basketball, baseball, or co-ed volley-

ball, he shines. Yet, when you talk to this humble

young man, he might forget to mention his role as Captain of the volleyball team altogether.

Dreams and Aspirations:

Gio plans to pursue a degree in computer science after high school, driven by his passion for technology. His academic success is complemented by his kindness and sense of responsibility. When asked what makes him smile, Gio doesn't hesitate: "Hearing my younger brother laugh. He is such a happy kid, and his laughter makes me smile."

Heart for Family:

If Geo had \$1,000, his first instinct wouldn't be to spend it on himself. Instead, he'd help his family. "I'd give to to my mom to help buy groceries," he says. His selflessness reflects the Christian values of generosity and love that SPSA nurtures in every student





MEET OUR TEACHERS

Shannon Thompson

This year, SPSA welcomed Shannon Thompson to teach our PreK 3 students. After spending time in teaching in Colleyville, she has brought her passion for early childhood education to SPSA, where she loves working with the “Littles”.



Shannon is a proud graduate of the University of Dallas and enjoys both cooking and baking, with her favorite dish being a perfectly seared steak in a cast-iron skillet, complete with a homemade sauce.

In her classroom, she uses creativity to design lessons that are both educational and engaging for young minds. During a science experiment on germs, she demonstrated the importance of washing hands by using a simple yet effective method involving pepper, water, and soap. This hands-on activity not only captured the students' attention but also reinforced the importance of good hygiene.

We are excited to have such a dynamic and thoughtful educators as part of the SPSA team!

FUN FACTS FROM PLEASANT GROVE

Did you know....

One of our teachers performed in a Katy Perry music video

One of our Board members was invited to play in the Texas Rangers minor league

PEEP NEWS

Every month, SPSA partners with local organizations to present classes for parents and families on requested topics. This quarter, we were excited to present the following sessions:



Would your company be interested in sharing an educational session with our families? Contact Dianne Brungardt!

