



Ten years



One Mission

ST. PHILIP & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

JULY 2025 – SEPTEMBER 2025

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDING BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Ten years ago, I had the immense honor of serving as the founding Board Chair when St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy opened its doors in 2015. From the very beginning, we dreamed of building more than just a school—we envisioned a place where faith and learning would thrive together, where children would be known and loved, and where families could come together in community. I remember those early days vividly filled with hope, long hours, and a shared belief in what was possible. Looking back now, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all that we have accomplished together.

Today, SPSA is a vibrant, joyful, and faith-filled academy. Our students are thriving—not just academically, but spiritually and socially. We’ve expanded programs, deepened our Catholic identity, and created a nurturing environment that challenges and supports every student. It’s been a privilege to witness the growth of our school—how our dedicated teachers, staff, and families have poured their hearts into creating a strong foundation for generations to come.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are also looking boldly to the future. The next ten years hold even more promises. With your continued support, we plan to grow our academic programs, invest in our facilities, strengthen tuition assistance to serve more families, and expand our Catholic faith. Our mission remains the same, but our reach can grow—and your partnership is key to making that happen. Together, we can ensure that SPSA continues to be a beacon of excellence and faith in our community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Ted Tobolka, President & CEO
Nicol Scales & Measurement
SPSA Board Member



SPSA SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

IN-N-OUT FUNDRAISER

On April 8, the SPSA community gathered for our annual In-N-Out Fundraiser. The In-N-Out food truck served their signature burgers and drinks as parents enjoyed a special afternoon sharing a meal with their children. All proceeds benefited both SPSA and Genesis Women's Shelter.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL

On April 27th, SPSA hosted our annual school carnival, bringing together families and the local community for a day of fun and connection. Each grade created a unique game booth, and local food trucks served up delicious treats like elote, funnel cakes, aguas frescas, street tacos, and more. Parkland Health was also on-site, offering free physicals for families. The event was a great success and a wonderful reminder of the strength and support of our SPSA community.



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

On May 20th, we proudly celebrated our Pre-K students as they graduated to Kindergarten. The faculty and staff could not be more proud of the incredible growth we've seen in them this year. It was truly a blessed day shared with joyful students and their proud parents!

Then, on May 21st, we honored our Kindergarteners as they prepare to move on to First Grade! During a special celebration, they received awards showcasing all their academic achievements and the ways they brought joy and smiles to their friends and teachers. As their teacher beautifully shared, "It was an honor and a blessing to serve these students this year. This is just the start of the many incredible things they will do in their lifetime." What a joyful way to close out the year. We look forward to all that lies ahead for these Saints!



EIGHTH-GRADE GRADUATION

On Thursday, May 22nd, all 32 of our eighth-grade students graduated from SPSA. This remarkable group had much to celebrate, with many outstanding accomplishments. Here are just a few highlights from the year:

- 100% of our students were accepted to high school and will attend their best fit school this fall.
- 27 students will be attending the following Catholic High Schools: Bishop Dunne, Bishop Lynch, Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep, Jesuit Dallas
- One student was accepted to Bishop Lynch and made the Varsity Brigade Team as an incoming freshman
- One student received a scholarship to Bishop Dunne

Other facts about the Class of 2025:

- 68% of the class started at SPSA in Pre-K or Kindergarten
- 94% of the students were involved in sports, clubs, and extra curricular activities
- 8 students were members of the National Junior Honors Society
- 8 students were Student Ambassadors
- 6 students were Student Council Members
- This class was dedicated to serving the community and went above and beyond their service hour requirements



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND HELP US
CELEBRATE OUR TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30PM

Location: Cecilia and Kip Kernodle's House

Join us this fall as we kick off our Ten-Year Anniversary celebration! We're honoring the donors, faculty, staff, students, families, and alumni who make SPSA such an extraordinary community. RSVP to Caylee Kennedy.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



Scan the QR code to visit our NTGD Website - *Early giving opens September 1st*

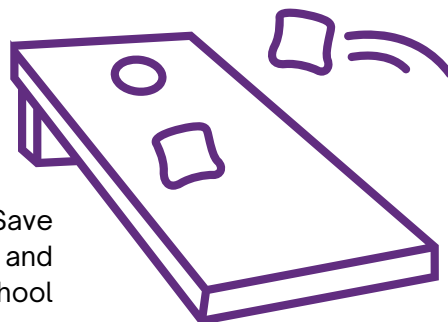
INAGURAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Time: 12:00-5:30PM

Location: SPSA School

SPSA will host its first-ever Cornhole Tournament in April 2026! Save the date for a day of friendly competition as we celebrate SPSA and the incredible donors and community members who help our school thrive. **More information to come in the fall!**



Contact our Director of Development, Caylee Kennedy,
or visit our website for more information

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