



ST. PHILIP & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

JANUARY 2025 - MARCH 2025

WINTER NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! As we begin 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community and generous donors for your unwavering support throughout 2024. In this newsletter, you will find a recap of the many achievements of our students this past fall. We hope you take pride in knowing that your contributions have played an essential role in their success. Thanks to your dedication, SPSA continues to create an environment where students can thrive both academically and spiritually. Our mission, however, extends beyond the students. Through our monthly Parent Engagement & Education Program (PEEP), we provide parents with opportunities to grow and access community resources that empower them to support their children's development.

None of this would be possible without your commitment to our mission. As we look ahead to the last five months of the school year, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities that await. We ask for your continued partnership to help us provide meaningful opportunities for growth, service, and faith. In 2024, we exceeded many of our goals, and we are confident that, together, we can achieve even greater success in 2025. Let us make this year one of continued growth and progress. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey.

Sincerely,
Dianne Brungardt
SPSA Principal
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NEW STAFF MEMBER

CAYLEE KENNEDY

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Caylee joined the St. Philip & St. Augustine (SPSA) team in November 2024. Originally from Illinois, she graduated from Bradley University in 2017 with a degree in Organizational Communications and Marketing, along with a certificate in Event Planning and Fundraising. In August 2020, Caylee relocated to Dallas to begin her career in the Development Department at Cristo Rey Dallas High School. After four successful years at Cristo Rey, she transitioned to her current role as Director of Development at SPSA. Caylee is excited to connect with the SPSA community and bring awareness to the organization's mission.

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PURPLE PEOPLE

SASHA WILLIAMS

THIRD GRADE

Sasha is an adorable 3rd grader at SPSA. She is the youngest of three children. Sasha has one older brother and one older sister (she has a favorite sibling but we won't share that secret!).

Her favorite holiday is Christmas because she loves going to her grandma's house and having tamales with her family!

Her favorite classes are reading, music, and art. She doesn't have a favorite book because she loves all books!

Outside of school, she is in gymnastics and does hip hop. She's so good at hip hop she's won a medal!

Her favorite color is purple so it's a good thing she attends the only Catholic School in the Diocese whose primary color is purple!

SPSA FALL HIGHLIGHTS



5TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our 5th grade girls volleyball team! On November 16th at Bishop Lynch High School, our girls competed in the volleyball playoffs against St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. Their win earned them the title of 2024 DPL 5th Grade Volleyball Champions! We hope you can come visit our campus to see their banner hang proudly in the SPSA gym!

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

Javier Melendez, 8th Grade, and Gabriel Williams, 6th Grade, were the winner and runner-up for the SPSA School Spelling Bee! Both these talented students will compete in the Diocesan Spelling Bee on January 16, 2025.

POSADAS

On December 20th, SPSA hosted their annual Posadas event. This event brings together the students, faculty, families, and community to celebrate of the birth of Jesus!

We also want to highlight and thank all our donors who made North Texas Giving Day a success! Because of your generosity, we surpassed our goal and are able to continue our mission of promoting Gospel values, inspiring a love of learning, and upholding academic excellence in a nurturing community. On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and families, **THANK YOU!** You make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

January 23 | 6:30–8:00PM

***PEEP – Grant Halliburton Foundation
Presentation on Children's Mental Health**

January 26–31

Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

February 20 | 6:30–8:00PM

***PEEP – Dallas Police Department
Presentation on Digital and Social Media
Safety**

MARCH

March 5 | 8:00AM

Ash Wednesday Mass

March 27 | 6:30–8:00PM

***PEEP – Children's Health Presentation on
the Dangers of Vaping**

PARENT ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION PROGRAM
(PEEP)

Dallas organizations present monthly classes
for parents based on requested topics.

GET INVOLVED



DONATE

Make a donation and help us provide students with an affordable, Catholic education! 68% of our students live below the federal poverty line and are only able to receive this education because of the generosity from donors like you!



VOLUNTEER

SPSA has many opportunities for the community to volunteer with our school! Please email our Principal or Director of Development for more information!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

to learn more about our school and follow us on social media to keep up to date with everything happening at SPSA!

JOIN US FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

January 26 | 9AM – 3PM

OPEN HOUSE

January 30 | 8AM

MASS

January 31 | 8:30–11:30AM

CAREER FAIR

Email Caylee Kennedy for more information | ckennedy@spsacatholic.org