



## Faith. Academics. Citizenship. Community.

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy promotes Gospel values, inspires a love of learning, and upholds academic excellence in a nurturing community.

*La Academia Católica de San Felipe y San Agustín promueve los valores del Evangelio, inspira un amor por el aprendizaje, y promueve excelencia académica en una comunidad de crianza.*

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### WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are honored that you have chosen to partner with SPSA for the education of your child!

### ¡BIENVENIDO AL AÑO ESCOLAR 2020-2021!

*¡Nos sentimos honrados de que haya elegido asociarse con SPSA para la educación de su hijo!*



#### Mask UP! *Usa tu máscara!*

Students are doing a GREAT job wearing masks during the school day. For the safety of our whole community, please continue to wear your mask when you are out. This will keep all of us safe and healthy!

#### Learning Tips *Consejos de aprendizaje*

All Saints who are learning virtually are responsible for attending **ALL classes, every day!** Students should log into the Zoom session on time and stay for the entire class period in order to be counted present and to learn all content.

Los estudiantes están haciendo un GRAN trabajo usando máscaras durante el día escolar. Por la seguridad de toda nuestra comunidad, continúe usando su máscara cuando esté fuera. ¡Esto nos mantendrá a todos seguros y saludables!

**Students should login to their Zoom link by 7:45am each morning. Morning prayer is at 7:50am and classes start promptly at 8am.**

Parents, please let students do their **own** work! It is important for the teachers to know what the students know so they can adjust the lessons as needed. It can be difficult to watch students struggle with a concept, but they learn *through* the struggle! They also learn problem-solving skills, stamina, how to complete a task, AND they learn how great it feels when they work hard and accomplish something that was difficult.

## **Covid Waivers are due NOW** **Las exenciones de Covid vencen AHORA**

Students who are attending class in-person **MUST** have a current, signed Covid Waiver on file. All forms are due by Thursday, September 10. Beginning on Monday, September 14th, students will not be allowed on campus without this form. Submit your signed handbook pages along with the Covid waiver. Thank you for your prompt attention!!

*Los estudiantes que asisten a clases en persona DEBEN tener un Covid Waiver actualizado y firmado en el archivo. Todos los formularios deben entregarse antes del jueves 10 de septiembre. A partir del lunes 14 de septiembre, los estudiantes no podrán ingresar al campus sin este formulario. Envíe las páginas del manual firmadas junto con la exención de Covid. ¡¡Gracias por su pronta atención!!*

*¡Todos los Santos que están aprendiendo virtualmente son responsables de asistir a **TODAS las clases, todos los días!** Los estudiantes deben iniciar sesión en la sesión de Zoom a tiempo y permanecer durante todo el período de clase para que se les cuente como presentes y aprendan todo el contenido.*

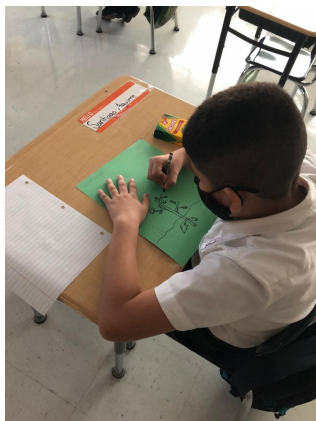
**Los estudiantes deben iniciar sesión en su enlace Zoom a las 7:45 am cada mañana. La oración de la mañana es a las 7:50 am y las clases comienzan puntualmente a las 8 am.**

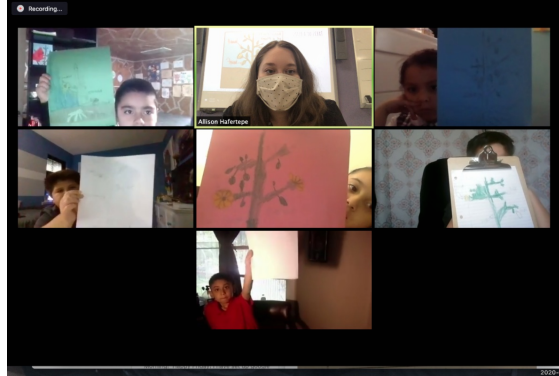
*¡Padres, por favor permitan que los estudiantes hagan su **propio** trabajo! Es importante que los maestros sepan lo que saben los estudiantes para que puedan ajustar las lecciones según sea necesario. Puede ser difícil ver a los estudiantes luchar con un concepto, ¡pero aprenden a través de la lucha! También aprenden habilidades para resolver problemas, resistencia, cómo completar una tarea, Y aprenden lo bien que se siente cuando trabajan duro y logran algo que era difícil.*

## **Spotlight on 2A** **Foco en 2A**

On Tuesday, 2A observed the different parts of a plant using real plants and pictures. They also compared different types of plants to see if they all had the same parts. Lastly, 2A drew and labeled the parts of a plant they observed.

*El martes, 2A observó las diferentes partes de una planta utilizando plantas e imágenes reales. También compararon diferentes tipos de plantas para ver si todas tenían las mismas partes. Por último, 2A dibujó y etiquetó las partes de una planta que observaron.*





## Get to Know Our Teachers Conoce a nuestros maestros

Welcome Mr. Esparza!

My name is Elias Esparza. I am originally from a little town in the Houston area called Rosenberg, Texas. My father worked for the schools in Rosenberg and also pastored a small church there. I graduated from B.F. Terry HS in Rosenberg then went on to the U.S. Naval Academy. After two years at Annapolis I transferred to the University of Houston where I graduated with a degree in History and Political Science. Upon graduation I joined the U.S. Marines and served as an infantry officer. I was privileged to be a part of Desert Storm where we liberated the small country of Kuwait from the grip of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. While serving in the Marines I met my wife Olga. Upon leaving the Marines I became a teacher and taught for 3 years in a little border town called Weslaco, Texas. While teaching, I went to night school and earned my mid-management or principal certification from the University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley. I was then hired by Dallas ISD to serve as an assistant principal. I have served as an assistant principal in all grade levels from PreK to High School. My last 9 years were at the high school level. I retired in 2017 then went on to UNTD College of Law. I attended law school for one year then decided to come back to education. My last two years prior to SPSA were at a charter school in Garland. I hope to someday, when I get Samuel through college, return to law school and finish my law degree.



I have been happily married 29 years and God has blessed us with 2 precious children; Elias Jr and Samuel. Elias Jr is currently serving as an Army officer and Samuel is a senior in High School. My wife Olga is a fitness instructor and works for Kaufman schools. I am a member of First Baptist Church in downtown Dallas. I was recently ordained as a deacon at my church. I value my family and all the virtues spoken of in the Bible, but above all my hope is to be a good representative of Christ.

*¡Bienvenido Sr. Esparza!*

*Mi nombre es Elias Esparza. Soy originario de una pequeña ciudad en el área de Houston llamada Rosenberg, Texas. Mi padre trabajaba para las escuelas de Rosenberg y también pastoreaba una pequeña iglesia allí. Me gradué de B.F. Terry HS en Rosenberg y luego fui a la Academia Naval de EE. UU. Después de dos años en Annapolis, me transferí a la Universidad de Houston, donde me gradué con un título en Historia y Ciencias Políticas. Al graduarme, me uní a la Infantería de Marina de los Estados Unidos y me desempeñé como oficial de infantería. Tuve el privilegio de ser parte de Desert Storm, donde liberamos al pequeño país de Kuwait de las garras de Saddam Hussein en Irak. Mientras servía en los Marines conocí a mi esposa Olga. Al dejar la Infantería de Marina me convertí en maestra y enseñé durante 3 años en una pequeña ciudad fronteriza llamada Weslaco, Texas. Mientras enseñaba, fui a la escuela nocturna y obtuve mi certificación de gerente medio o director de la Universidad de Texas - Valle del Río Grande. Luego fui contratado por Dallas ISD para servir como subdirectora. Me desempeñé como subdirectora en todos los niveles de grado desde PreK hasta la escuela secundaria. Mis últimos 9 años fueron a nivel de escuela secundaria. Me jubilé en 2017 y luego fui a la Facultad de Derecho de la UNTD. Asistí a la facultad de derecho durante un año y luego decidí volver a la educación. Mis últimos dos años antes de SPSA fueron en una escuela autónoma en Garland. Espero que algún día, cuando termine con Samuel en la universidad, volver a la facultad de derecho y terminar mi título de abogado.*

*He estado felizmente casado por 29 años y Dios nos ha bendecido con 2 preciosos hijos; Elias Jr y Samuel. Elias Jr se desempeña actualmente como oficial del ejército y Samuel está en el último año de la escuela secundaria. Mi esposa Olga es instructora de fitness y trabaja para las escuelas de Kaufman. Soy miembro de la Primera Iglesia Bautista en el centro de Dallas. Recientemente fui ordenado diácono en mi iglesia. Valoro a mi familia y todas las virtudes de las que habla la Biblia, pero sobre todo mi esperanza es ser un buen representante de Cristo.*

## Virtues in Practice Virtudes en práctica

### Virtues in Practice

We are so excited to begin using the school-wide Virtues in Practice program this year. VIP was created by the Nashville Dominicans, a religious order of teachers. It is designed to be a partnership between home and school to help our children grow in virtues; the good habits which will help us all to become Saints! Each month, your child's teacher will introduce the virtue of the month and the saint of the month for their grade. With your help, your children will complete monthly "home projects" to foster growth in that virtue and reach behavior goals. The virtue of the month for September is **FAITH**. We can't wait to see everyone's home projects at the end of the month!

### Virtudes en práctica

*Estamos muy emocionados de comenzar a utilizar el programa Virtues in Practice de toda la escuela este año. VIP fue creado por los dominicanos de Nashville, una orden religiosa de maestros. Está diseñado para ser una asociación entre el hogar y la escuela para ayudar a nuestros hijos a crecer en virtudes; los buenos hábitos que nos ayudarán a todos a ser santos. Cada mes, el maestro de su hijo presentará la virtud del mes y el santo del mes para su grado. Con su ayuda, sus hijos completarán "proyectos en el hogar" mensuales para fomentar el crecimiento en esa virtud y alcanzar las metas de comportamiento. La virtud del mes de septiembre es la **FE**. ¡No podemos esperar a ver los proyectos de casas de todos a fin de mes!*

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## North Texas Day of Giving Día de donaciones en el norte de Texas

This year, on Thursday, September 17, 2020, St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy is participating in Communities Foundation of Texas' North Texas Giving Day, a one-day online giving extravaganza for our whole region. This year our goal is \$20,000! The cost to educate a student at our school is \$7,714 and SPSA strives to make Catholic Education affordable to all families, therefore tuition is \$5,460. The amount we raise will help us bridge the gap between tuition and the cost to educate. We invite you to join the movement and help us reach our goal! Here's how you can help:

### 1. Get up and Give!

Mark your calendars for September 17 to give. <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/st-philip-st-augustine-catholic-academy>

Not available on September 17? No worries! Make your gift early between September 1 and September 16!

### 2. Spread the word!

Spread the word to your friends and loved ones about SPSA and North Texas Giving Day! Encourage your friends and family to get up and give!

### 3. Follow us!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date!

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

Thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal!

*Este año, el jueves 17 de septiembre de 2020, la Academia Católica St. Philip & St. Augustine participará en el Día de Donaciones del Norte de Texas de la Fundación de Comunidades de Texas, un espectáculo de donaciones en línea de un día para toda nuestra región. ¡Este año nuestra meta es \$ 20,000! El costo de educar a un estudiante en nuestra escuela es de \$ 7,714 y SPSA se esfuerza por hacer que la educación católica sea asequible para todas las familias, por lo tanto, la matrícula es de \$ 5,460. La cantidad que recaudemos nos ayudará a cerrar la brecha entre la matrícula y el costo de la educación. ¡Te invitamos a unirse al movimiento y ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta! Así es como puede ayudar:*

### 1. ¡Levántate y da!

Marquen sus calendarios para el 17 de septiembre para dar. <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/st-philip-st-augustine-catholic-academy>

*¿No está disponible el 17 de septiembre? ¡No te preocupes! ¡Haga su donación con anticipación entre el 1 y el 16 de septiembre!*

### 2. ¡Corre la voz!

*¡Haga correr la voz a sus amigos y seres queridos sobre SPSA y el Día de Donaciones del Norte de Texas! ¡Anime a sus amigos y familiares a levantarse y dar!*

### 3. ¡Síguenos!



¡Gracias de antemano por ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta!

## 2020-2021 Revised Calendar 2020-2021 Calendario Revisado

Our revised calendar has been approved by the Diocese and is attached below. You can also find a pdf version on our website here: <https://spsacatholic.org/one-page-calendar>

Nuestro calendario revisado ha sido aprobado por la Diócesis y se adjunta a continuación. También puede encontrar una versión en pdf en nuestro sitio web aquí: <https://spsacatholic.org/one-page-calendar>

**ST. PHILIP & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY**  
**2020 - 2021**  
 Academic Year Calendar

**Legend:**

- ITBS (no absences)
- 1/2 Day 12:00 Dismissal
- 1/2 Day w/Teacher In-service
- No Students
- First/Last Day of School
- School Closed
- Inclement Weather Days
- Teacher In-Service Day
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- \$1 Spirit Day

**Calendar Grids:**

- August '20:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30), 31st (31)
- September '20:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)
- October '20:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30), 31st (31)
- November '20:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)
- December '20:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)
- January '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30), 31st (31)
- February '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28)
- March '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30), 31st (31)
- April '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)
- May '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)
- June '21:** 1st (1), 2nd (2), 3rd (3), 4th (4), 5th (5), 6th (6), 7th (7), 8th (8), 9th (9), 10th (10), 11th (11), 12th (12), 13th (13), 14th (14), 15th (15), 16th (16), 17th (17), 18th (18), 19th (19), 20th (20), 21st (21), 22nd (22), 23rd (23), 24th (24), 25th (25), 26th (26), 27th (27), 28th (28), 29th (29), 30th (30)

**Event Schedule:**

- 8.3.20 - 8.18.20 Teacher In-Service
- 8.19.20 First Day of School (virtual for all)
- 9.2.20 First Day of School (in-person)
- 9.7.20 Labor Day
- 9.17.20 North Texas Day of Giving
- 10.12-10.16.20 ITBS Testing Week; No absences
- 10.23.20 No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-6pm
- 11.24.20 Noon Dismissal; No aftercare
- 11.25.20-11.27.20 Thanksgiving Break
- 12.18.20 Noon Dismissal; No aftercare
- 12.21.20-1.1.21 Christmas Break
- 1.4.21 Teacher In-Service
- 2.15.21 No School; Presidents Day
- 2.17.21 Ash Wednesday
- 3.12.21 Noon Dismissal; No aftercare
- 3.15.21-3.19.21 Spring Break
- 3.26.19 No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-6pm
- 4.1.21 Holy Thursday
- 4.2.21 Good Friday
- 4.12-4.14.21 ITBS Testing Week; No absences
- 5.31.21 Memorial Day
- 6.2.21 Last Day of School; Noon Dismissal; No aftercare
- 6.3.21 Teacher In-Service
- 6.7.21-6.25.21 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-2pm
- 6.28-7.23.21 Office Closed
- 7.26.21-7.29.21 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-2pm
- 8.2.21 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm

\*\*\*Dates subject to change. See school calendar for most up-to-date information. <http://www.spsacatholic.org/school-calendar.html>\*\*\*

Updated 8/19/2020

**Thank you for partnering with us for the Catholic education of your children!**  
**¡Gracias por asociarse con nosotros para la educación católica de sus hijos!**

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 SPSCA Website



### No-Fuss Fundraisers Recaudadores de fondos sin complicaciones

There are so many ways that we can earn money for our school.

1. Register at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to

create an account and a percentage of what you spend will come to the school. Our organization number is 94685. Have your whole family sign up and earn \$\$\$ for our school.

*Regístrese*

*en [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) para crear una cuenta y un porcentaje de lo que gasta vendrá a la escuela. Nuestro número de organización es 94685. Haga que su familia entera se registre y gane \$\$\$ para nuestra escuela.*

2. We are now registered in Amazon as a charitable organization, and every time our organization is selected, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products when they shop at AmazonSmile. Click on this link to link our Smile account to your Amazon account.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0518667>

*Ahora estamos registrados en Amazon como una organización caritativa, y cada vez que nuestra organización sea seleccionada, Amazon donará el 0,5% del precio de compra de productos elegibles cuando compran en AmazonSmile. Haga clic en este enlace para vincular nuestra cuenta de Smile a su cuenta de*

*Amazon. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0518667>*

3. We are enrolled in the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program under charity number #629. If you print out [this form](#), fill it out and return it to your Tom Thumb, a portion of your purchases will help our school through the Good Neighbor Program!

*Estamos inscritos en el programa Tom Thumb Good Neighbor con el número de caridad # 629. Si imprime este formulario, complételo y devuélvalo a su Tom Thumb, ¡una parte de sus compras ayudará a nuestra escuela a través del Programa Good Neighbor!*

