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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Inaugural Bingo, BBQ, & Blues: Fundraiser Benefitting St. Philip's School and Community Center

(DALLAS, TX – October 13, 2021) – Friends of St. Philip's (FOSP), an auxiliary to St. Philip's School and Community Center will host **Bingo, BBQ, & Blues on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 6-10pm**. This Inaugural event will be held at **Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway**.

Proceeds raised at Bingo, BBQ, & Blues will provide vital funding to further the mission of St. Philip's School and Community Center, specifically for out of classroom experiences and impactful social services. **Laura Harris of NBC 5 and Chris Arnold of the Dallas Mavericks** will emcee this fun, casual evening including local celebrity callers, live blues music, barbeque, and beverages.

Laura Harris is an Emmy Award and Associated Press award-winning journalist who joined the NBC 5 team in September 2018. She can be seen co-anchoring NBC 5 Today weekday mornings from 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. Harris most recently returned from Tokyo, reporting for the 2021 Olympic Games.

Since 1996, **Chris Arnold** has been an integral part of the NBA's 2011 World Champion Dallas Mavericks broadcast team. First, serving for eight years as their courtside analyst for Fox Sports Southwest and currently, since 2005, serving as the Mavericks game night emcee.

The inaugural Bingo, BBQ, & Blues event brings out local celebrity callers including **Jack Perkins**, founder of Maple & Motor, Slow Bone, and the mind behind Mockingbird Diner. **Chad Houser**, Founder, CEO, and executive chef of Café Momentum will participate as a celebrity caller for the evening as well. Other celebrity callers include **Marty Turco**, former Dallas Stars player and **Dr. Terry Flowers**, Perot Family Headmaster of St. Philip's School and Community Center.

FOSP is excited and honored to have **Blues Musician, Sam Johnston of Nashville Tennessee**. Johnston effortlessly blends blues, neo-soul, and classic rock stylings with ease, flair, and a touch of psychedelic funk.

Tickets and tables can be purchased, as well as all donations can be made here:
[Friends of St. Philip's - St. Philip's School \(stphilips1600.org\)](http://stphilips1600.org)

About Friends of St. Philip's

Friends of St. Philip's is a group of men and women committed to supporting St. Philip's School and Community Center as ambassadors through service and fundraising.

About St. Philip's School and Community Center

St. Philip's is a Christian private school in southern Dallas serving over 200 students in grades PK2 through 6th grade (ages 2-12), and a multi-faceted dynamic community center providing a myriad of vital educational, social services, athletic and neighborhood development programs to over 4,000 children, youth, and adults annually. The organization, which has been deemed "the miracle on Pennsylvania Avenue," has a mission to transform South Dallas, our city, and the world by FAITH, EDUCATION, and SERVICE.

St. Philip's School and Community Center has announced expansion plans and will begin accepting applications for 7th grade in Fall 2021 for the 2022-2023 academic year and for 8th grade starting in Fall 2022.

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