

October, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 - November Tuition Due
October 4 - Ascension's Blessing of the Pets 4:00PM
October 7 - Tour for Prospective Families 10:00AM
October 7 - Spirit/Pizza Day
October 8 & 12 - RISD State Fair Holiday - Student/Staff Holiday
October 20 - Family Chapel & Celebrating October birthdays
October 21 - Spirit Night at Hat Creek 5:00PM-9:00PM
October 22 - Spirit/Pizza Day
October 25 - Ascension's Trunk or Treat 4:00PM-6:00PM
October 26 & 27 - Speech screenings, see pg. 4
October 29 - Costume Parade 9:15AM & Halloween Parties 9:30AM-10:00AM

GROWING TALKERS SPEECH SCREENINGS

Jennifer Allen with Growing Talkers will be back to do screeners for Speech Evaluations on October 26 and 27. Research shows that identifying language disorders early can lead to better language outcomes and help children more effectively communicate their wants, needs, and ideas. Intervention can lessen communicative frustrations between peers and adults and can give children the tools necessary to navigate academic and social demands. Current data suggests that approximately 10% of children in every academic population has a need for speech and language services. Fill out the form on page 4 if you'd like to sign up. If you are unsure if your child could benefit, please reach out to their teacher.



COSTUME PARADE: OCT. 29 @ 9:15AM

We will hold our Halloween Parade in the courtyard or Parish Hall (weather dependent) and parents are invited. Costumes are welcome, but please have regular clothing underneath. After the parade, children will take their costumes off and put them in their backpack or you can take them home. If your child's costume includes accessories, we ask that you take these home after the parade. Costumes are not required. Kids can wear festive colors like orange and black or a fun Halloween shirt! **MW students - please arrive at 9 to join us!**

WEEKLY THEMES

Seed to Apples
State Fair of Texas
Pumpkinology
Spooky Science

Please make sure your child is bringing a spill-proof water bottle to school each day!

LATE FEES STARTING IN OCTOBER

- 12:30 Dismissal: Pick-up is 12:20-12:30 p.m. All students must be picked up by 12:30.
- 2:00 Dismissal: Pick-up is 1:50-2:00 p.m. Please exit the courtyard promptly so we can prepare for Stay & Play. Families who wish to stay and socialize are welcome to use the big playground.
- Stay & Play: Pick-up is no later than 2:45 p.m. Many of our teachers leave promptly to pick up their own children, so timely pick-up is greatly appreciated.
- Late Pick-Up: Beginning this week, our \$2-per-minute late fee will be enforced after the 2-minute grace period at all dismissal times.

Please send questions or longer conversations to your child's teacher through brightwheel or to admin via email rather than discussing them during pick-up.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Halloween parties will be held on October 29th following the Costume Parade from 9:30 to 10:00. Parents are invited to stay, but if your child is having a tough time with the transition back to class, it would be best to give a quick goodbye hug and leave, as this separation can sometimes be difficult.

Spirit Night

JOIN YOUR ADS FRIENDS FOR SPIRIT NIGHT
AT HAT CREEK BURGER COMPANY
WALNUT HILL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST
DROP IN FROM
5:00-9:00

WHEN YOU ORDER, MENTION
ASCENSION DAY SCHOOL
AND A PORTION OF THE SALE
WILL COME BACK TO US!



A FEW NOTES FROM MOTHER REBECCA

Are you seeking a warm and loving church where you can raise your family?

Bites Without Borders — Annual Fall Potluck

Saturday, October 3 — Doors at 6 p.m., food at 6:30 p.m.

We'd love you to come for dinner! Bring an international dish to share — German sausages, Chinese egg rolls, Indian curry, a taste of America, whatever tells your story. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free dishes are welcome, and drinks, games, and prizes are provided. Bring a dish, bring your family, bring your appetite!

All Saints Day Worship

Sunday, November 1 — 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate All Saints Day, a traditional day for baptism in the church. Baptism welcomes us as God's own children and members of Christ's Body, the Church. If you're interested in exploring baptism for yourself or your children, contact Mother Rebecca at rebecca.tankersley@ascensiondallas.org.

PRESCHOOL PORTRAITS BY TATE COOPER

Hi School Families!

School Portraits are coming up November 11th & 12th! I'm so excited to photograph your kiddos!

Please take a moment to visit the Parent Info Page [here](#) to learn everything you need to know about School Portrait Day, what to expect, and the portrait delivery and ordering process.

Please direct any questions to me via email. I'm looking forward to a fun few days and capturing your children in this sweet season!

Joyfully,
Tate Cooper



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ENROLLMENT PROJECTION FORMS FOR SIBLINGS AT HOME

If you have a child at home this school year that did not make our age cutoff, or you did not enroll for other reasons, and you would like to enroll him/her for the 2027-2028 school year, please fill out this [Google Form](#) by November 20. Historically, these have been called orange projection cards. Submitting this form does not guarantee enrollment or determine placement, but gives us an idea of how many ADS siblings will need a spot.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MS. JANIE, SUBSTITUTE

Meet Ms. Janie, a face you may start seeing around ADS a lot more, as she will be our go-to substitute. Janie, a longtime member of Ascension, brings years of teaching experience across multiple grades and a love for young children. She has 5 grandsons, and her favorite children's book is [Run Away Bunny](#). Her favorite part of the school day is Circle Time when she gets to hear from each student as she greets them.



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TRUNK or TREAT

**Sunday, October 25
4-6 p.m.**

Bounce House, food, costumes,
games, candy and more!

Episcopal Church of the Ascension
8787 Greenville Ave.

www.ascensiondallas.org

ROOM PARENTS

We are so grateful to those of you who have volunteered to be Room Parents this year. You will hear from your class Room Parent(s) regarding teacher birthday and Christmas gifts, as well as class parties (Halloween and Valentine's Day) and class play dates.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/12 MS. RACHEL

10/13 MS. BESRAT

10/24 MAX M.

10/21 HAYDEN G.

10/21 GRAYSON G.

10/29 MS. CAROLINE



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE THE ADS PLAYGROUND FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY, PLEASE EMAIL ADSADMIN@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG. WE ACCEPT A SMALL DONATION FOR THE USE OF EITHER THE LARGE OR SMALL PLAYGROUND.

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SPIRIT SHIRT COLLECTION

Do you have old ADS Spirit Shirts that no longer fit your child(ren)? We're collecting them to use when accidents happen, clothes get too messy or to use as smocks during painting projects! Feel free to drop them off in the office!

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4 | 4:00 P.M.



THANKSGIVING FEASTS

Thanksgiving Feasts will be held on Nov. 19th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Toddlers and 2's will have a Chick-Fil-A feast in the courtyard starting at 12:00. A Parent Council Rep will collect \$5 per child for the meal.

The 3s, pre-K and Kindergarten classes will have a combined Feast in the Parish Hall at 11:45. This Feast will be a traditional potluck style meal, and a Sign Up Genius will be sent to parents at a later date to contribute.

All students will dismiss at 12:30 for Early Release this day.



by Kidokinetics

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Tuesdays 9/22-12/15
Ages 3+
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all equipment provided!

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DEMO



LOOKING AHEAD...

Nov. 2 - Student/Staff Holiday
Nov. 3 - Student Holiday - Parent Conferences for 3s and up
Nov. 11 & 12 - Tate Cooper Preschool Portraits
Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Feasts, Early Release @12:30
Nov. 23-26 - Thanksgiving Break



Growing Talkers Speech, Language & Myofunctional Therapy

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GrowingTalkers is pleased to provide speech, language & myofunctional screenings at **Ascension Day School October 26 and 27, 2026**. If you would like for your child to participate in this screening, please sign the permission slip below and return to your child's teacher or school administration.

Please Note: This 15 minute screening is a pass/fail tool to determine if a concern exists and is not to be used as a comprehensive evaluation. Screenings are brief and used to determine if further information is needed.

The screening will be offered at a charge of **\$40 via cash, check or Venmo @growingtalkers**.

If you pay via Venmo, please indicate: Child's Name, School and Date of Birth in the notes section.

This amount is due upon the return of this permission slip and prior to the screening.

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- Speech disorders are characterized by difficulty articulating sounds, producing fluent speech or appropriate vocal quality.
 - Language disorders are characterized by difficulty understanding language in oral or written form and/or expressing ideas verbally, including grammar, syntax and semantics.
 - Orofacial Myofunction disorders are atypical movement patterns of the face and mouth. Open mouth breathing, difficulty with tongue movement and/or lip closure, problems chewing and/or difficulty with sounds T, D, N, L, S, Z, SH, CH, J due to forward tongue placement.

Because communication disorders interfere with educational progress and social emotional development, it is important for speech-language screenings to be offered in educational settings. If therapy is warranted, treatment can be provided in your child's school or home setting, providing a more natural environment for your child to progress in to ensure that successful communication is carried over into your child's daily routine. -Jennifer Allen, M.S. CCC-SLP/TOT (owner of Growing Talkers, LLC)

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Teacher/Class: _____ Days at school (circle): M T W Th F

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Email: _____

I am concerned about my child's (check all that apply)

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| ☐ expression of language | ☐ comprehension of language |
| ☐ ability to learn new vocabulary | ☐ articulation of sounds |
| ☐ smoothness of speech | ☐ ability to interact with peers/adults |
| ☐ saliva control | ☐ my child is an open mouth breather (day/night) |
| ☐ my child is a thumb sucker or has another noxious oral habit that needs to be addressed | |

Additional Comments: please include any information you feel is relevant to the screening process (ie. ear infections, tubes, any previous interventions, etc.) Did the school suggest a screening?