



Episcopal Church of the
**ASCENSION
DAY SCHOOL**

Love. Laugh. Learn.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 3 - Ascension's Passport to Christmas 4-6 PM (details below)
- December 7 - Last day to pay January tuition without a fee
- December 7 - Spirit Day/Pizza Day
- December 11 -12 - Pajama Day & Chocolate Milk
- December 12 - Family Chapel 10 a.m. & celebrating December birthdays!
- December 13 - Spirit Day/Pizza Day
- December 13-14 - Wear Christmas Colors!
- December 20 - Christmas Pageant at 11:30 AM/ Early Release @ 12 PM (see details below & flyer pg. 4)
- December 21 - Jan 4 - Winter Break
- January 8 - Teacher In-service (Student Holiday--No School)
- January 9 - Welcome Back Students! Happy New Year!



Santa is planning to visit in December! More information to come.

DECEMBER THEMES

- Dec 4-7 The Christmas Story
- Dec 11-14 Christmas Folklore
- Dec 18-20 Giving to Others
- Dec 21-Jan 8 Winter Break



Thanks to all who attended November's Dine & Donate. Jake's Gameday donated nearly \$140 to ADS!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: DEC 20 | 11:30 AM

Our students are so excited to share the Christmas Story and all their holiday songs with you! All family members are invited to attend the ADS Christmas Pageant. As in previous years, costumes will be provided and the pageant will be recorded so you are able to share with extended family members.

Parents, please enter the church's main entrance and head directly to the Nave to be seated. Doors open at 11 AM and the performance starts promptly at 11:30 AM.

Please sit back and enjoy the show! Be assured, teachers will take lots of photos of your students in costume! A video link of the full performance will also be made available and shared with you as soon as possible. If your student seems to be upset or anxious during the presentation, it is okay for him or her to join you in the audience.



Be sure to review the Pageant Flyer below for our pageant etiquette and reminders.

GIFTS FOR SPECIALS TEACHERS/ADMIN TEAM

Parent Council is collecting \$5-\$20 per child to help celebrate the specials teachers and admin team. This collection will be used to help provide birthday, Christmas, and end of the year gifts. If your child attends school 4 days per week, we hope you can contribute on the higher end as your child has more specials teachers. You can do so by sending a check or cash enclosed in an envelope labeled with your child's name and "gift for specials teachers" or via our PayPal account (with same info in memo). This collection must be separate from tuition payments. Visit our website here for our PayPal account: <https://www.ascensiondallas.org/give>

REFERRALS AND EARLY INTERVENTION

ADS makes it a priority to communicate information regarding early intervention services. The staff at Ascension Day School can be a great resource for parents who have questions about their child's development and specialized services available in our community.

We'd like to share this sweet review from one of our parents: "We are so grateful for Ms. Erin when she gently suggested we might consider having our child evaluated for speech and then Ms. Suley last year when she was so kind to share observations about our second child's feeding skills which led to his myofunctional and speech evaluation and treatment. These referrals led to early intervention to help support our boys' needs.

"My husband and I are grateful for the referrals made by the staff at ADS and all the support throughout the years. The encouragement to seek help early on has been one of the greatest gifts our boys have received while at ADS. The outcome from early intervention is improved relationships, newfound confidence, and improved behavior. Our oldest will graduate from Pre-K at ADS this spring and will be ready to experience success in Kindergarten thanks to the wonderful and supportive community of ADS and their referral when he was just two year olds." -ADS mom

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY & PARKING LOT NOTICE!

Thank you so much for your generous donation of over 400 cans of tuna to our Food Pantry! You enabled us to help many families during these difficult economic times.

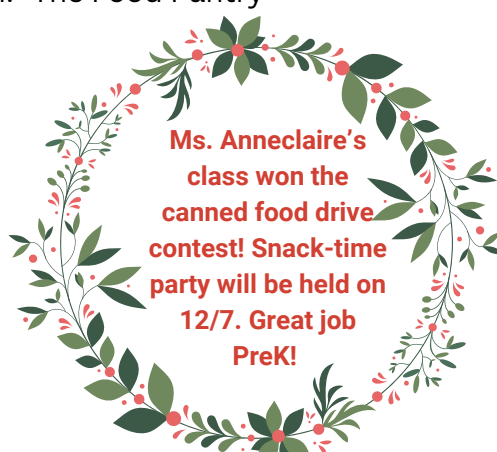
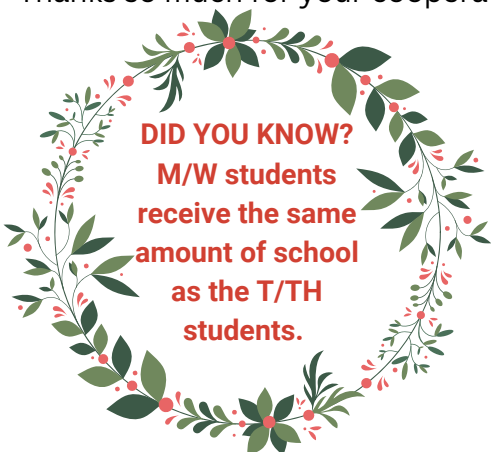
We need your help again during the next two Food Pantry days, December 5th and 19th. We have seen an increase in the number of clients at the pantry, which has increased the traffic. We've had lines backed up to Greenville Ave! On those two Tuesday mornings, we ask that you alter your drop-off traffic pattern. Instead of exiting up the hill, please make a U-turn in the lot by the garden and exit the same way you entered (the bottom parking lot, closest to the church).

Thanks so much for your cooperation. -The Food Pantry



A new spring pizza/
spirit day schedule
will be sent
home in January.
Be on the
lookout! Payments are
made through
brightwheel.

Please take time over
the break to stock a
gallon sized ziploc
bag with an extra set
of weather
appropriate clothes in
case of an accident at
school.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/3 Sutton M.

12/4 Molly M.

12/9 Ms. Kelly

12/12 Clover O.

12/14 Catherine P.

12/17 Clara M.

12/17 Lucy P.

12/20 RJ G.

12/29 Frances L.

12/30 Ellis P.

12/30 William N.



PASSPORT TO CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 3rd | 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Youth & Outreach Center

All Ascension families and friends are invited to participate in this year's Advent kickoff event, Passport to Christmas! Attendees will get to experience Christmas traditions from all around the world as they "travel" from country to country. Additional activities will include decorating gingerbread cookies, warming up at our hot cocoa/cider bar, treats from around the world and DJ fun. And of course, St. Nicholas will be here to tell the Christmas Story to eager listeners. We hope you and your family can join in the fun on Sunday, December 3rd, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Contact Eva Barazza with questions: eva.barazza@ascensiondallas.org





ADS Christmas Pageant

December 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Early Release at Noon

- The Christmas Pageant will be inside the Nave (Ascension's sanctuary)
- Costumes will be provided by each classroom
- T/Th students are dropped off 15 minutes early to their classroom (or room 105) to dress in their costume; ring the preschool door for entrance
- Doors open at 11 AM
- Visiting family members (parents, grandparents, etc.) should enter through the double glass doors at the main church entrance
- Parents only in the first three rows
- Stay seated at the end of the presentation and allow all students and teachers to return to their classroom
- Dismissal is from the classroom; be sure to sign your student out from their class sign-in sheet
- Families are welcome to stay and take photos in the courtyard
- The pageant will be recorded and the link will be shared by email when available