



Episcopal Church of the  
**ASCENSION  
DAY SCHOOL**

Love. Laugh. Learn.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 7 - Last day to pay Feb. tuition (without fee)
- Jan. 8 - Student Holiday/Teacher In-service
- Jan. 9 - Welcome Back! Happy New Year!
- Jan. 10 - Tour for prospective families 10AM
- Jan. 10 - First Day of After-School Ballet Class (flyer below)
- Jan. 15 - MLK Day - Student/Staff Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 16 - MW Make-up Day – NO SCHOOL for 2-day TTH students
- Jan. 18 - Scholastic Book Orders Due Online
- Jan. 22-26 Registration for 2024/2025 Opens (see below)**
- Jan. 29** - Registration opens to the public (if spots are available)
- Jan 30- Family Chapel at 10 AM & Celebrating January Birthdays
- Feb. 5-8 - Virtual Book Fair
- Feb. 5-8 - Community Helpers Week--Please reach out if you or someone you know would like to speak at ADS about a profession!

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing all of our students tomorrow. Our courtyard is way too quiet today. As a reminder, we are entering flu & illness season and our return to school policy may be more conservative than your pediatrician's. If your child has been diagnosed with, or has symptoms of, COVID, flu, or strep they must be fever free for 48 hours before returning to school. This policy has helped keep more students in school. We thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our teachers and students healthy.

## REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Registration information will be released after our next ADS board meeting on 1/14. Our tentative registration dates for current families (including new siblings) will be the week of January 22nd. During this week, you will be sent an online registration form and invoice for your registration fee via brightwheel. The number of days is based on your enrollment projection card which was submitted in November. If you need to make any changes to your enrollment projection card, please email [adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org](mailto:adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org). Big thank you to all of the families who submitted enrollment projection cards. This helps us plan ahead for next year.

## JANUARY THEMES

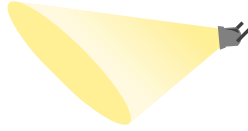
- Jan 9-11 God Made Everyone Different
- Jan 16-18 Fun in the Snow
- Jan 22-25 Animals in the Winter
- Jan 29- Feb 1 The Zoo & Animal Habitats



## SPRING PIZZA AND SPIRIT DAYS

Please save the dates for our Spring Pizza/Spirit Days! Current participating students will have their brightwheel accounts charged at the end of January, with payment due on Feb 7th. Please email adsadmin if you do not want your child to participate this next semester. **Spirit Days: 2/7, 2/22, 3/21, 3/27, 4/11, 4/17, 5/2, 5/8; \$20 for 2-day students, \$40 for 3 & 4-day students.**

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS



### Anneclaire Khan-

Ms. Anneclaire is in her 6th year of teaching at ADS. She loves how sweet, eager and creative 4 & 5 year olds are. Ms. Anneclaire has 4 busy children of her own, so after teaching at ADS during the day, she hits the ground running after school. Her children range from 9-years-old (3rd grade) to 17-years-old (a senior in high school this year!) and they stay busy with club swim, school swim team, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, scuba diving and even flying lessons. She also has 3 dogs and 3 cats. Besides being an animal lover (and rescuing one of her dogs from the ADS playground last year), Ms. Anneclaire loves crafting, being in nature, insects, and reading good books.

### Jana Bertrand-

Ms. Jana loves little children, especially seeing their faces light up as they learn new things. Ms. Jana is happily expecting her 20th grandchild! She gifted every one of her children's families a bookcase to encourage the love of books and it has succeeded. Ms. Jana fondly remembers her SMU days and reunited with her Theta pledge class of 50 years ago to play Mahjong together twice a month. She has also been playing Mahjong with neighbors for over 20 years. Ms. Jana loves baking with a 40-year-old sour dough starter, loves swimming early morning laps at the Y, and is looking forward to visiting one daughter and her family stationed in Belgium in the AirForce. Ms. Jana's favorite things are roses, sunrises, sunsets, red birds and pretty clouds; she's basically a nature lover! And, she loves writing and corresponding by mail.



**Tax Receipts: Please login to the brightwheel webpage, not the app.**

**Let us know if you have any additional requests at [adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org](mailto:adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org).**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/12 Ms. Kathy

1/15 Callum C.

1/22 Hawkins W.

1/24 Ms. Lisa

1/27 Smith R.

1/29 Elena E.

1/29 Madison F.

1/29 Pierson M.





## THANK YOU FROM THE SPECIALS TEACHERS & ADMIN

Dear ADS Parents & Students:

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Amazon gift cards were purchased on your behalf. We all appreciate your kindness and will enjoy a little retail therapy!

From: Caroline, Kathy, Lisa, Nancy, Sarah & Kate

## WINTER ESSENTIALS DRIVE

BENEFITTING TASBY MIDDLE SCHOOL, JANUARY 1ST - 31ST



This January, the Outbound Committee of Ascension is holding a Winter Essentials Drive to benefit Sam Tasby Middle School. A large number of refugees, particularly from Asian countries, live in the area and attend Tasby. Their needs are great. ADS will be collecting new or gently-used winter jackets for middle school aged students. (Childrens XL- Adult XL) Look for a donation box in the courtyard in early January, or purchase items off our Amazon [Essentials Drive Wishlist](#). Your support is greatly appreciated!

<https://ascensiondallas.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=88b8a57cb975b89d33a27525e&id=70e479d6e3&e=bea28edb8a>



## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR COMING IN FEBRUARY!



This year we will hold a virtual Book Fair to benefit ADS.

It will be open from February 4th-9th and will offer the same high quality books and learning materials from our vendor, Usborne/PaperPie. Details to come.



## EARLY RELEASE & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please plan ahead for our Early Release days on Feb 15th and Feb 20th. School will end at 12:30 p.m. and parents will have the opportunity to conference with their teachers.

More information and a sign-up will come through your classroom teachers.

## BRIGHTWHEEL

Thank you for your patience as we have gotten through our first semester using brightwheel! There was definitely a learning curve on the billing side, but parents have loved the ease of communicating with their teachers through the app.



**Friendly Reminder:**

Now that the cooler weather has come, please send your child to school with a coat or jacket.

Don't forget to label it with your child's name.

Ms. Anneclaire's class organized and donated 40 "buddy bags" for those in need!!



The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn. -Maria Montessori



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE & TOUR!  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH AT 10 AM

# ASCENSION DAY SCHOOL

SERVING AGES 15 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS  
OPEN 8 AM TO 2:45 PM  
RSVP TO [ADS@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG](mailto:ADS@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG)  
[HTTPS://WWW.ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG/ABOUT-ADS](https://www.ascensiondallas.org/about-ads)





# **Ballet at ADS!**

**2:00 - 2:45 pm on Wednesdays  
Enrolling preK3 and preK4 students**

**This class will:**

- **build strength, flexibility, and balance**
- **prepare students for a more formal ballet class**
  - **introduce ballet vocabulary, positions, and movements**
  - **teach students to move and count to the rhythm of music**
- **develop an appreciation for dance**
- **be fun and imaginative!**

**Instructor: Ms. Kelley  
20 years of classical ballet training  
current student at Dallas Ballet Center**

**Spring Semester: \$225  
accepting checks or Venmo @Kelley-Ross**

**Questions?  
972-921-4669  
kelleyross@ymail.com**





Ascension's

*'A Night To Remember'*

# FAMILY PROM NIGHT

***11 FEBRUARY 2024 5 PM -7 PM***

***8787 GREENVILLE AVE***

**DRESS CODE: GLAM**

**\$10/PERSON - 4TH TICKET FREE!**

**EMAIL [EVA.BARRAZA@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG](mailto:EVA.BARRAZA@ASCENSIONDALLAS.ORG) TO  
REGISTER!**

