



Episcopal Church of the
**ASCENSION
DAY SCHOOL**
Love. Laugh. Learn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30 - Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall
 August 31 - Meet the Teacher 9-11 a.m., find your class time below!
 September 1 - October Tuition Due, late fee after the 7th
 September 5 - First Day of School
 September 7 - Extended Day Program Starts
 September 12 - Spirit Day Pizza Payment Due (use Brightwheel)
 September 14 - Pizza/Spirit Day
 September 20 - Pizza/Spirit Day
 September 21 - Scholastic Orders Due Online, code QZBHS
 October 9 - RISD Fair Day, Student/Staff Holiday - No School
 October 17 - Optional Vision & Hearing Screenings, age 4+
 October 23-26- Optional Speech & Language Screenings
 As a reminder, the entire school calendar can be found on our website
www.ascensiondallas.org/current-families

SEPTEMBER THEMES

Sept 6-8 - My Classroom & Friends
 Sept 12-15 - All About Me & My Family
 Sept 19-22 - My Healthy Body
 Sept 26-29 - The Five Senses



WELCOME BACK NOTE

Director, Kate Bear

We are so excited for another great school year at Ascension Day School! I am beginning my 7th year as Director. We are very hopeful to complete accreditation, but first and foremost, our goal is to support all students academically and socially. I am so thankful to have an incredible board of directors and dedicated teaching staff who pour into our kids each and every day. We can not wait to have your children back in the classrooms!

PARENT ORIENTATION

Please join us! ADS requires that at least one parent attend Parent Orientation on August 30th at 6:30 p.m. If a parent can not attend, please reach out to the director as soon as possible to make other arrangements. We will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. with a general meeting during which we will hear from the ADS board. Breakout sessions in the classroom will follow.

MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the Teacher is held the following morning on August 31st to give our students an opportunity to meet their teacher before the first day of school. Each class will have a 30 minute window for students to drop-in for a visit. Parents can congregate in the parish hall for some AC, coffee and to drop off completed forms.

Toddler Class

Ms. Laurie & Ms. Suley:

MW - 9:00-9:30
 TTH - 9:45-10:15
 4DAY - 10:30-11:00

Ms. Erin & Besrat's Twos Classes:

MW & 4DAY - 9:00-9:30
 TTH - 10:00-10:30

Ms. Jana M. & Ana's Twos Class:

9:15-9:45

Threes Classes

Ms. Amanda: 3DAY TWTH - 9:15-9:45

Ms. Kelly: 4DAY - 9:00-9:30

PreK Classes

Ms. Jana B.: 9:00-9:30

Ms. Anneclaire: 9:00-9:30

Separation Anxiety:

IT IS COMPLETELY
 NORMAL...
 ESPECIALLY IF YOUR LITTLE
 ONE HAS NOT BEEN IN
 SCHOOL FOR
 SEVERAL MONTHS OR IS
 COMPLETELY NEW TO
 SCHOOL.
 WE PROMISE TO KEEP
 COMMUNICATION OPEN
 WITH YOU TO HELP IN THE
 TRANSITIONING PROCESS.

SUBS NEEDED!

Are interested in subbing at ADS? Do you know someone else who loves working with kids? Please reach out for more info -- It's a super fun gig!

After meeting your teacher....Toddlers and 2s, please head to the small playground for popsicles; all 3s and Pre-K families head to the big playground for popsicles.

BRIGHTWHEEL & ENROLLMENT FORMS

Thank you for your patience as we roll out our new school software, brightwheel. As we move forward with our soft launch, we will primarily be using it for tracking billing plans, receiving payments, tuition invoices, mass communications to our parents, and when applicable, for uploading student forms.

If your child is a returning student, please be on the lookout for document requests from brightwheel to upload your child's Health Record Form, Immunizations, Parent Handbook Consent & Addendum Form. Child assessments and yellow emergency cards for the classroom will be kept in paper form and will be given to you at Parent Orientation.

T-SHIRT ORDERS:

ADS T-shirts will be sold at Parent Orientation. The cost is \$20 per shirt and cash, check or venmo will be accepted. Proceeds go to our Parent Council's fundraising account which helps support the upkeep of our outdoor play areas, spoils our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and so much more! Thank you for your support!

ADS PARENT FACEBOOK GROUP:

Please join our Parents-Only Private Facebook Group [@ADSParents2023-2024]. We utilize this community page to promote a greater connection between ADS and our parents on a weekly basis. We promise to add lots of pictures to this FB page so you can see your kids in action! We in turn would love to see photos or comments on how your children are connecting what they learn at school while at home or play. If your family does not use Facebook, please inform us.

THE ADS WEBSITE & PARENT HANDBOOK

Please utilize our school website. Under "Current Families," we have resources for all school-related things. Check out our "Preparing for the Fall" guide, themes for the school year, snack and lunch guidelines, as well as current newsletters. You can also find all required enrollment forms under the parent documents heading.

The Parent Handbook, also on our website, is a great resource for answering many common questions about our school day including dress code, our illness policy, and arrival and dismissal procedures. When you have additional questions after referring to the Handbook, please email your child's teacher and copy the director at ads@ascensiondallas.org.

CLASSROOM CHANGES!

We are welcoming Ms. Amanda back in the 3s class teaching our 3-day students! Ms. Amanda started teaching at ADS 9 years ago and we love her creative centers in the classroom. Ms. Anneclaire has moved from Kinder back to PreK and she is looking forward to lots of creative art projects. Her favorite part of teaching is building her student's self confidence.



How to stay connected:

Facebook- please like us @
<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionDaySchoolDallas/>

Private Facebook Group-
@ADSParents2023-2024

Instagram- please follow us
@Ascensiondayschooldallas

Brightwheel

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Parent Handbook



SPECIALS CLASSES

LIBRARY -

Hello, I am Kathy Wendling, the librarian at ADS, and I am eager to work with your children! Your children (ages 2 and up) will meet with me on Wednesdays for their Specials time. Together we will explore literature that supports the weekly theme, along with a monthly inclusion lesson. Through songs, books, and play (retelling, puppets, acting out, etc.). I aim to foster a love of reading in your children!

-Ms. Kathy



P.E. & YOGA-

Hello! You can call me Fancy Nancy! I have almost 40 years experience teaching children. I have taught science, art, PE and dance to ALL the ages! I especially love preschool students though because they learn something new every day while they smile and giggle along the way. My husband John works as Ascension's building manager and our only son proudly serves in the U.S. Navy.

-Ms. Nancy



MUSIC & MOVEMENT -

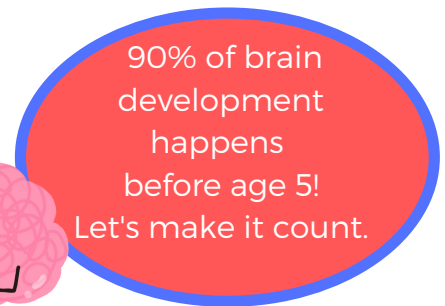
Hi! My name is Lisa. I owned my own business for 30 years and taught music and gymnastics to many, many schools in the area. I have 4 grown children that I'm super proud of and 4 grandkids that I love to pieces. I especially love the preschool age because young children are so inquisitive and ready to learn. I'm hoping to pull out some of my gymnastics mats by the end of the year!

-Ms. Lisa



CHAPEL -

If you haven't heard, Father Paul is taking a sabbatical. While he is away, Ms. Kathy and Ms. Nancy are taking the lead at Chapel. We know that with these two amazing ladies in charge, we're going to have tons of fun! We will sing lots of songs, read a bible story and pray together as we join together in the courtyard. Once our youngest students get acclimated to the school year, parents are always welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 10a.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/1 Miles S.

9/2 Carter D.

9/3 Ms. Erin

9/11 Ms. Sarah

9/12 Ms. Suley

9/21 Jace P.

9/22 Caroline O.

9/23 Isabella M.

9/23 Evelyn M.

9/24 Max S.

9/25 Eleanor D.



INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

- Practice putting on socks and shoes
- Practice opening ziplock bags and lunch containers
- Practice pushing down underwear and pants, one at a time, then pulling them back up again, one at a time
- Practice napping on a nap mat
- Practice washing hands - wet hands, apply soap, scrub scrub scrub, rinse
- Please allow your child to walk beside you, rather than carrying them into school

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

Ms. Kathy, our librarian teacher will be in charge of Scholastic Book orders for the year. Each month families are encouraged to peruse the flyers that will be sent home or visit the Scholastic website. <https://clubs.scholastic.com/home> You will order and pay for any books in which you are interested online using the ADS code: **QZBHS**. Please place your order by 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. No orders in February because we will have a Book Fair at school. Books ordered through Scholastic and at our Book Fair generate funds for the ADS library, so we appreciate your support!

EXTRACURRICULAR OPTIONS



9/14 - 11/30

CHEER TOTS ADS

\$250
FALL TUITION FEE

CHEER - JUMP - TUMBLE
Thursdays 2:00 - 2:45

To Register email - carolinewallercheer@gmail.com

CHEER TOTS
BUILDING CONFIDENCE - TEACHING FUN

972-921-4669

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

Fall Semester: \$225 Spring Semester: \$225 Entire Year: \$425
accepting checks or Venmo @Kelley-Ross

Questions?
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