



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 2 & 3 - ADS Prospective Family Tours @10 a.m.
- October 6 - Ascension's Blessing of the Pets @ 5:00 p.m.
- October 7 - November Tuition Due
- October 7 - Fall Spirit Night at Hat Creek from 5:00-9:00**
- October 9 - Spirit/Pizza Day
- October 14 - RISD State Fair Student/Staff Holiday
- October 15 - Hearing & Vision Screenings, ages 4+ (see pg 3-4)
- October 16 - Family Chapel 10 a.m. & Celebrating Sept/Oct birthdays (more info below)
- October 17 - Spirit/Pizza Day
- October 23 - Early Release @ 12:30 p.m.
- October 27 - Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m. (see pg 3)
- October 30 & 31 - Halloween Parties
- October 31 - Costume Parade @ 9:15 a.m.
- November 6 & 7 - Speech Screenings (see pg 5)
- November 18, 19, 20 - Scholastic Book Fair

OCTOBER THEMES

- Sept 30 - Oct 3 - On the Farm
- October - 7-10 - State Fair of Texas
- October - 15-17 - Seed to Apple
- October - 21-24 - Pumpkinology
- October - 28-31 - Spooky Science

Help!

PARENT COUNCIL

Are you looking for a way to get involved at ADS? Would you like to get to know other parents? Parent Council needs your help!

Parent Council supports the school by planning the Spring Picnic/Auction and Teacher Appreciation Week. The Spring Picnic and Auction is a fun event for our families in April and is also our main school fundraiser.

Please email for more information to sign up:
adsadmin@ascension.org

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

MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH
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!



ENROLLMENT PROJECTION CARDS

If you have a child at home this school year that did not make our age cutoff and you would like to enroll him/her for the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to us ASAP to request an orange enrollment projection card. Submitting this does not guarantee enrollment or determine placement, but gives us an idea of how many ADS siblings will need a spot.

Sunday, October 6 | 5:00 PM

Blessing of the Pets



Church Parking Lot

All creatures, great and small, are welcome!

CHAPEL IN THE COURTYARD

Chapel will generally be held on Wednesdays in the courtyard at 10 a.m. Our first month of chapel has gone super well with Father Paul and we are excited to continue having our chapel experience outdoors. We continue our pattern of worship which includes songs, bible stories and prayer. If your child attends school on Tuesday/Thursday, you are always welcome to join us! Families are welcome to join us any Wednesday for Chapel, but we do a monthly Family Chapel where we sing Happy Birthday to the students celebrating that month. Our first family chapel will be October 16th at 10 a.m. We will sing to September and October birthdays on this date. Please bring a beach towel or blanket to sit on.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: OCT. 31ST @ 9:15AM

We will hold our Halloween Parade in the courtyard (weather permitting) 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!

MEET MS. LINDSAY BURRIS

We'd like to formally introduce Ms. Lindsay to those who may not yet know her. Ms. Lindsay supports ADS by teaching our specials classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She has a 3rd grade son and a daughter in our Pre-K class.

In addition to her teaching role, Ms. Lindsay leads our Parent Council and plays a vital role in planning our Spring Picnic and Auction. We are truly grateful to have her as part of our community!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Dismissal is from 1:50-2:00 p.m. Late fees begin at 2:02 p.m. \$2/min fees will be billed through brightwheel.
- We can sometimes accommodate drop-ins for Early Risers and Extended Day. If you ever need this, please email adsadmin@ascensiondallas.org. The drop-in rate for either program is \$10.
- Please slow down and stay off of your cell phones in the parking lot to keep everyone safe
- Sign IN and OUT on the classroom clipboard each day
- If your child is celebrating a birthday, please see the Parent Handbook for our policy on how we can celebrate your child's special day
- Please only send your child in shoes with laces if they can independently tie them



Pick up an aluminum yard sign! A few more are available - \$10

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT ADS

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.



Halloween TRUNK or TREAT

OCT. 27 4-6 PM



Bounce House, food, music, games, candy, and more!
Ascension Courtyard and Narthex
www.ascensiondallas.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 10/11 Camden C. | 10/24 Max M. |
| 10/11 Buck C. | 10/28 Vivian W. |
| 10/13 Ms. Besrat | 10/29 Ms. Caroline |
| 10/16 Rosie G. | |



Reminder:
Please label everything with your child's name:
water bottle, shoes, jacket, lunchbox, backpack, etc.

Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screening Requirements

The requirements for **VISION AND HEARING SCREENING** apply each year for children enrolled in any licensed child care center, child care home or school program at the ages or grades listed below:

WHO MUST BE SCREENED	WHEN SCREENING MUST BE DONE
4-year olds by September 1 st Kindergartners Any other first time entrants (4-years through 12 th Grade)	Within 120 days of admission
1 st -, 3 rd -, 5 th - and 7 th -graders	Any time within the school year (preferably within 120 days)



Children benefit from Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screenings

The requirements for **SPINAL SCREENING** apply each year for all children who attend public and private schools, to detect abnormal spinal curvature in accordance with the following schedule:

WHO MUST BE SCREENED	WHEN SCREENING MUST BE DONE
Girls two times	age 10 (or fall semester of grade 5) age 12 (or fall semester of grade 7)
Boys one time	age 13 or 14 (or fall semester of grade 8)

It is incumbent on schools to identify outliers (i.e., children promoted to higher grades or held back) and ensure their screenings align with appropriate ages rather than grades.

Contact Information

Health Screening Group
Dept. of State Health Services
PO Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

512-776-7420

512-776-7256 fax

vhssprogram@dshs.texas.gov

For more information, visit:
dshs.texas.gov/vhs

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Annual State Mandated Screenings:

Texas Department of State Health Services requires all licensed facilities to collect various screening information to submit and file annually. Hearing and Vision Screenings are mandated for children who are 4-years old by September 1st and all Kindergartners.

Do not miss this opportunity to have your child's hearing and vision screened conveniently at their school. We provide a quality service, which is child-friendly, fun, and cost-effective.

Licensed certified screeners are coming to visit on **October 15th**

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

PLEASE circle which screens your child is receiving: _____

- \$12.00 - Hearing – Recording the results of the pure-tone audiometric Sweep-Check Screen for both the right and left ears to identify any hearing loss
- \$12.00 - Vision – Recording the distance acuity for the right and left eyes using the HOVT Chart to identify vision problems

*It is important to understand that a screening only recognizes signs and symptoms associated with problems. A screening will not detect all problems because it is not a true diagnostic procedure.

Payment options:

1)Cash- please attach to this form

2)Check- payable to DFW Well Screen, LLC

* If for any reason your check is returned there is a \$25.00 return check fee. MUST Initial

3) Venmo - @DFWwellscreen

*Must include your child's full name and school in comments section

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Thank you,

Betsy Cholick
DFW Well Screen

Growing Talkers Speech Therapy Screening Form

jenniferallen@growingtalkers.com 214-395-4042 GrowingTalkers.com

Dear Parents,

Growing Talkers LLC is pleased to provide speech and language screenings at Ascension Day School during the week of November 6-7, 2024. 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. After the screening, you will be notified of the results. This information will guide the decision to determine if a formal evaluation and/or speech therapy is warranted.

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.

Speech disorders are problems of expression characterized by difficulty articulating sounds, producing fluent speech or appropriate vocal quality. Language disorders are characterized by difficulty understanding language and/or expressing ideas verbally. 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 (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 Email/Phone Number: _____

My \$40 screening fee will be paid via (circle): CASH Venmo Check

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

___ expression of language

___ comprehension of language

___ ability to learn new vocabulary

___ articulation of sounds (pronunciation)

___ smoothness of speech (fluency)

___ ability to interact with peers/adults (social skills)

___ my child is delayed in talking

___ the school suggested a screening

Additional Comments: please include any information you feel is relevant to the screening process (ie. ear infections, tubes, any previous interventions, if your child uses a pacifier or is a thumbsucker, is your child an open-mouth breather, does your child snore or is a restless sleeper, etc.)



Dear Parents,



When you see us playing in our room or outside - this is actually what we are learning...

In the Blocks Center we learn...

About size, shapes, colors, problem solving and how the world works. All important for math and science.

In the Manipulative Center we learn...

About sequencing, classifying, matching, and fine motor skills. All important steps to learning reading and writing.

In the Library Center we learn...

How to enjoy books, turn pages, “read” pictures and recognize text. All important for reading.

In the Art Center we learn...

About creating, imagination and building our self confidence.

In the Writing Center we learn...

Fine motor development, following directions and finishing a task. All important for math, reading and of course, writing.

In the Creative Play Center we learn...

How to play with others, communication skills, sharing, patience and waiting our turn. All important skills for helping us grow and get ready for school.

Playing is the best way for your child to learn. The more a child plays, the better prepared they will be when they get to elementary school.

