



Episcopal Church of the ASCENSION DAY SCHOOL

Love. Laugh. Learn.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 4 & 5 - Student/Staff Holiday - No School
 - November 6 - Spirit Pizza Day
 - November 6 - Parent Council Meeting in Parish Hall 9:15 a.m.
 - November 6 & 7 - Speech Screenings
 - November 7 - Tour for Prospective Families @ 10 a.m.
 - November 7 - December Tuition Due
 - November 7 - Enrollment Projection Cards due (for current toddlers, 2s & 3s)
 - November 13- Family Chapel in the Courtyard **10:30 a.m.*** & Celebrating November birthdays!
 - November 14 - Spirit Pizza Day
 - November 17-20 - Book Fair (see pg. 2 & 5)
 - November 20 & 21 - Thanksgiving Feasts (see pg. 4)
 - November 25 - 28 - Thanksgiving Break
 - December 4th and 5th - Individual Photos - Dress your Best!
- *please note our chapel time change**

THANKSGIVING FEASTS

Classes will celebrate Thanksgiving by having a “feast”.

Toddlers and Twos:

- Will feast either in their classroom or the courtyard, weather permitting.
- Room moms may be asked to coordinate the lunches through sign-ups or by collecting money for kid’s meals, dessert and/or decorations.

Threes and PreK:

- Will combine for lunch in the courtyard or Parish Hall, weather permitting.
- Teachers will create a SignUp Genius for parents to contribute to the meal and decorations

Parents are invited to join the feasts, but we ask that toddler and 2s parents plan to take their child home after lunch, as the transition back to class for nap time is too difficult.

November 20th 12:00PM

Threes Classes PreK Classes

November 21st 12:00PM

Toddlers (M/W kids, please join!)

All 2s (M/W kids, please join!)



LIKE LAST YEAR, ADS WILL BE USING TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS TO CAPTURE INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS OUTSIDE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL COURTYARD! IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL BOTH DAYS, PLEASE DRESS THEM FOR PICTURES ON DEC. 4TH. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF THE PHOTOGRAPHER DID NOT GET TO THEM THAT DAY AND WILL ASK THAT YOU DRESS THEM FOR PICTURES ON THE 5TH, TOO. THEY OFFER SAME DAY TURNAROUND TO PREVIEW YOUR DIGITAL PROOFS. PURCHASED PORTRAITS WILL BE SHIPPED STRAIGHT TO YOUR HOME!

NOVEMBER THEMES

- Nov. 6 - Nov. 7 - Fun With Opposites
- Nov. 11 - 14 - The Autumn Harvest
- Nov. 18 - 21 - Thanksgiving Traditions



AS THE WEATHER (FINALLY) STARTS TO COOL OFF, PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING OUT YOUR CHILD’S EXTRA CLOTHES TO PANTS AND LONG SLEEVES. IT MIGHT BE WISE TO KEEP A SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT IN THE BAG, AS WELL, UNTIL THE WEATHER IS MORE CONSISTENT. PLEASE SEND A LABELED JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT, EVEN IF THE AFTERNOONS LOOK WARM. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME OUTSIDE, AND KIDS ARE CHILLY IN THE MORNINGS.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTION CARDS

Enrollment Projection Cards - Current Families

We will be sending home enrollment projection cards to the toddlers, 2s and 3s classes for the 2025-2026 school year. These will assist us with class structure and possible openings for next year. Please note, these are only projections and do not guarantee enrollment or placement; and, we know plans can change. We do use these when offering spots during Enrollment in the Spring, so if your needs change between November and the time of Enrollment, please reach out. Tuition prices will be announced in early 2025. **Please drop these cards into the black tuition mailbox by November 7.**

Orange Cards - Last Call - Very Important!

If you have a child at home that you would like to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to us ASAP to request an orange card. This is an enrollment projection card for ADS siblings and gives us an idea of how many siblings will need a spot. **Please drop these cards into the black tuition mailbox by November 7.**

ADS BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held in the Parish Hall in time for Christmas shopping this year, from November 17th to 20th. Please see the days and times to the right. We will have a new vendor, Scholastic Books, which will offer an array of preschool and elementary books for your children or grandchildren. Click [here](#) to preview some of the books that will be offered.

You can also purchase books for our KidsU Book Drive. We purchase a new book for all 150 participants in the KidsU after-school program, to be distributed in March. Monetary donations for the KidsU Book Drive will gladly be accepted during the fair, as well as in the new year. Please write KidsU on the memo line of your check or click [HERE](#) to make an online payment. Proceeds from the Book Fair support the ADS library. Thank you for your support!

SPIRIT NIGHT - THANK YOU!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us at Hat Creek for Spirit Night. It was such a joy to see all the children playing together and parents connecting. We're truly grateful for the funds raised to support our school, but what means the most to us is seeing these opportunities for our families to come together and build stronger relationships.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/5 Lee C.
11/10 Margot Y.
11/14 Cora D.
11/6 Louie L.

11/20 Camille P.
11/28 Lottie G.
11/28 Father Paul
11/30 Wilder H.



BOOK FAIR TIMES:
NOV. 17 - 9AM-12PM
NOV. 18 - 9AM-1PM
NOV. 19 - 9AM - 2:30PM
NOV. 20 - 9AM - 12:30PM

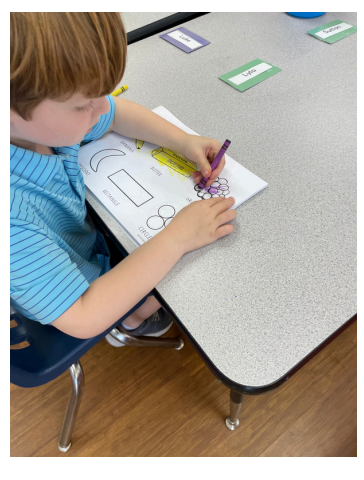
A NOTE FOR EARLY RISERS
 In case of cold or rainy weather during Early Risers drop-off, if teachers and children aren't on the small playground, please ring the school entrance bell, and we will buzz you in. They will be in classroom 103B.



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHT: HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS

Did you know that we use a handwriting curriculum at ADS? The program is called Handwriting Without Tears and many of our teachers are trained to teach this program. As your child embarks on their educational journey, developing fine motor skills is essential for building a strong foundation for reading and writing in elementary school. Fine motor skills, such as hand strength and coordination, play a critical role in a child's ability to hold a pencil, form letters, and eventually write words. The Handwriting Without Tears program emphasizes these skills through engaging, hands-on activities that make learning fun. By fostering your child's fine motor development now, you're setting the stage for smoother handwriting and better reading skills later on. Encouraging practice at home can further enhance their readiness for school. Together, we can ensure that your child is well-prepared for the exciting challenges ahead! Fine motor skills are a part of daily activities in our toddler and 2s classrooms which prepare children for the program to formally begin in 3's and PreK. Some of the tools we use at school would be wonderful activities for long road trips over the holidays or for rainy days at home. Visit the [Handwriting Without Tears Amazon store](#). We suggest the Roll-A-Dough kit, the Stamp

and See Screen and Wood Pieces set.



Wood Pieces



Stamp and See



Roll-A-Dough



Ascension Day School's

Thanksgiving

F E A S T S





NOVEMBER 20 & 21

NOVEMBER 20TH
THREES CLASSES PREK CLASSES

NOVEMBER 21ST
TODDLERS TWOS

Please join us! Monday/Wednesday toddler/2s students are welcome, too. Parents are invited to join the feasts, but we ask that Toddler and Two's parents plan to take their child home after lunch as the transition back to class for nap time is too difficult.



SCHOLASTIC

It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ascensiondayschool1>

November 17th-20th
Nov 17: 9-12
Nov 18: 9-1
Nov 19: 9-2:30
Nov 20: 9-12:30

**COME TO THE FAIR
CHOOSE BOOKS
YOU LOVE**

Dates / Times / Place

 **Shop with Book Fair eWallet for cash-free purchases**



ADS Christmas Pageant

December 18 at 11:30 AM
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