



THE DAY SCHOOL  
AT HIGHLAND PARK PRES

2023

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2024

*ANNUAL  
REPORT*







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# A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

*As we wrap up this year, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community who has participated in what we are doing at The Day School!*

*We are grateful to our students for their joy and eagerness to learn.*

*We are grateful to our families for entrusting your children to us.*

*We are grateful to our Grandparents who attend events and joyfully share in the growth of their grandchildren.*

*We are grateful to our volunteers who dedicate countless hours to building community, planning events, and raising funds for The Day School.*

*We are grateful to our teachers and staff who work tirelessly so that our students can fully experience the joy of The Day School.*

*We are grateful for our Board for their leadership, support, and vision for our School.*

*We are grateful for this year together and look forward to many more!*



# 23-24 HIGHLIGHTS

50 new families joined our community.

We completed the re-accreditation process with TAAPS.

We had 117 new donors through North Texas Giving Day.

Parent Council hosted our first annual Spring Family Picnic and Concert.

Through your generous donations, we contributed to funds helping members of The Day School community who suffered significant losses.

The Day School Dad's Club was established through Parent Council.

We had over 1000 attendees for our school Sanctuary Services.

We introduced a new, more robust, math curriculum in Pre-K4.

We created a Curriculum Coordinator staff position to ensure alignment among and between grade levels.

It was the first year (and not the last!) for Pre-K3 to join us in Chapel all year long.

Over 100 parents joined us throughout the year at Coffee & Conversations.

We had over 85% staff retention from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024.







# THE DAY SCHOOL OVERVIEW

## MISSION

The Day School partners with families to educate the whole child within a nurturing Christian environment.

## VALUES

- Family in Christ
- Child Centered
- Lifelong Learners
- Joyful

**291**

STUDENTS

**5**

ADMINISTRATION

**46**

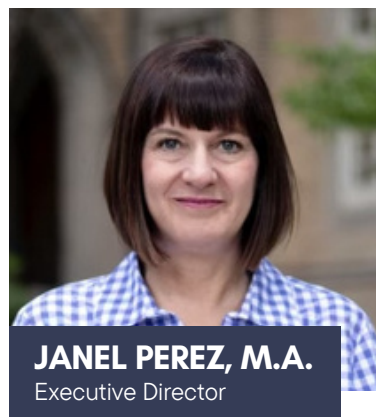
TEACHERS

**97**

PARENT COUNCIL  
MEMBERS



# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



*Dear Day School Community,*

*I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and humility as I reflect on the 23-24 school year at The Day School at HP Pres.*

*First and foremost, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout this year. Your partnership and commitment to our mission are the cornerstones of our community.*

*It is truly humbling to witness the love, compassion, and generosity that permeate every aspect of our Day School family. From our talented and dedicated teachers and staff members who pour their hearts into nurturing and educating your children, to our parents who entrust us with their most precious treasures, to our supporters who believe in our vision and contribute in countless ways to our success – I am continually inspired by the spirit of unity and collaboration that defines The Day School.*

*This year we collectively shared significant losses, as well as celebrated triumphs of early childhood that offered moments of joy. The relationships within the school created a nurturing and enriching environment that made these moments even more meaningful.*

*We achieved specific goals this year such as obtaining our TAAPS re-accreditation for PreK 3 through Kindergarten, securing funding for safety and security enhancements, as well as for necessary playground repairs.*

*As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead. With your continued support and dedication, I am confident that we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of your children and our community.*

*Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions and for being an integral part of The Day School family.*

*With heartfelt gratitude and warmest regards,*

*In His service,  
Janel Perez, M.A.*



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Davin Hunt

*Moderator*

Molly Alesi

Elizabeth Babb

Chad Cooksey

Alicia Haddock

Kathleen Hodges

Mary Frances Kearney

Fritz Konker

Stephen Lipscomb

Julie Macatee

Tana Roberts

Beth Rogers

Amanda Robertson

Julie Woidneck

Katie Zeller

*Secretary (Non-Voting Member)*





*Dear Parents and Supporters of The Day School at HP Pres,*

*As the Board Moderator of The Day School at HP Pres, it is my privilege and pleasure to share with you our annual report for 2024.*

*First and foremost, I extend my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering commitment to our school's mission and values. Your support, dedication, and trust in our community have been integral to our continued success.*

*I want to express my deepest appreciation to our dedicated staff and teachers, whose passion, expertise, and tireless dedication are the driving force behind The Day School's success. A Day School teacher is one who is committed to your child learning academically, as well as growing in their faith and love of the Lord.*

*This past year has been marked by challenges, but also by resilience and growth. Despite the uncertainties brought about by external circumstances, our school remained steadfast in its commitment to providing a nurturing and Christian environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.*

*As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future, we remain committed to our mission of partnering with families to educate the whole child in a nurturing Christian environment. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and are dedicated to continually improving and enhancing the school experience for our students and families.*

*Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. May God bless each of you abundantly.*

*Davin Hunt  
Board Moderator*





# 2023-2024 PARENT COUNCIL

Amanda Robertson  
**President**

Annie Apel  
**President Elect**

Ellen Ramsey  
**Vice President**

Lee Ellen Darden  
**Treasurer**

Ferrell Keel  
**Secretary**

Miriam Spradling  
**Communications**

Kristin Dail  
Lauren Glasgow  
Lindsay Gormly  
Mary Frances Kearney  
Taylor Ohlendorf  
Haley Rogers  
Caroline Uihlein  
Katherine Wyker  
**Auction**

Megan Bellomy  
Sarah Gibbons  
Lara Pryor  
Ryan Sillers  
Paige Voigt  
**Auction Party**

Katherine Clayton  
Sophie Gilmore  
Morgan Hadley  
Paige Peel  
Leila Redwine  
Brittany Sargent  
**Book Fair**

Jessica Dale  
Melissa Ray  
**Christmas Luncheon**

Lucas Fairchild  
Ricky Fairchild  
Nick Robertson  
**Dad's Club**

Peyton Dowd  
Caroline Lipscomb  
Allie Lucas  
Alison Mesec  
Sarah Oliver  
**Fall Picnic**

Sterling Evans  
Jacy Hawes  
Sarah Malloy  
Loren Reardon  
Samantha Snell  
**Field Day**

Alicia Haddock  
Jill Kerr  
Page Ryan  
Josie Sewell  
Madison Strobe  
**Grandfriends Day**

Laura Bradway  
Mackenzie Kleinert  
Claire Murchison  
Margaret Rees-Jones  
**North Texas Giving Day**

Annabelle Garces  
Riley George  
Jordan Hunt  
Lauren Martin  
Kelly Nolan  
**Parent Parties**

Amanda Pickering  
Cassie Wiginton  
**End of Year Breakfast**

Mary Love Koons  
Ellen Kershaw  
Amy Redleaf  
Kyle Yohe  
Caroline Richards  
Jennifer Pearson  
Amanda Robertson  
Betsey Fairchild  
Brittain Ewert  
**Popsicles in the Park**

Haley Allen  
Katie Woodley  
**Praying Parents**

Margaret Reinbold  
**Room Parent Coordinator**

Paige McWay  
Jessica Tamlyn  
Brynn Thompson  
**Shepherding**

Brittain Ewert  
Betsey Fairchild  
**Social**

Kristen Donnally  
**Social Media**

Jay Butani  
Brittany Johnson  
Amy Redleaf  
Whitney Rowell  
Celestine Sutton  
Ashton Todd  
**Spirit Shop**

Katherine Hardaway  
Kenzie Killgore  
Bess Kruger  
Lauren Lechlitrer  
Mary Katherine Shaw  
**Spring Picnic**

Annie Apel  
Lindsey Evans  
**Stay and Play**

Mandi Schmitz  
**Sunshine**

Rachel Blakely  
Ashley Cole  
Natalie Cornelius  
Brandi Dunn  
Sarah Ganier  
**Teacher Appreciation**

Rachel Dougherty  
Anna Wise  
**Yearbook**

Lauren Huffines  
Amanda Nelson  
Jennifer Stillwagoner  
**General Volunteer**



# 2023-2024 PARENT COUNCIL



*Dear Day School Community,*

*From fundraising, to fellowship, to teacher and staff support, 97 parent volunteers planned and executed 43 events in the 2023-2024 school year. Each event held the common goal of strengthening our community and supporting The Day School. There is something for everyone in Parent Council, which is part of what makes it so special. Parents are encouraged to get involved from the earliest years of their child's schooling in order to build the child's confidence and trust that their parents are invested in not only their education, but also their safety, well-being, and character development.*



*Following our record-breaking silent auction campaign, Parent Council is honored to give \$130,000 to The Day School this year. Parent Council also proudly provides funds through a separate campaign earmarked specifically for our teachers and staff. The Teacher Gift Fund is available for contribution year-round and is split evenly amongst teachers at the end of the school year.*

*Parent Council continues to grow in numbers and expand its impact on The Day School community each year. I am proud to have led this incredible group of parent volunteers this year.*

*Amanda Robertson  
PC President '23-'24*



**97**

Parent Council Members

**43**

Events planned



# FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

117 FIRST TIME DONORS

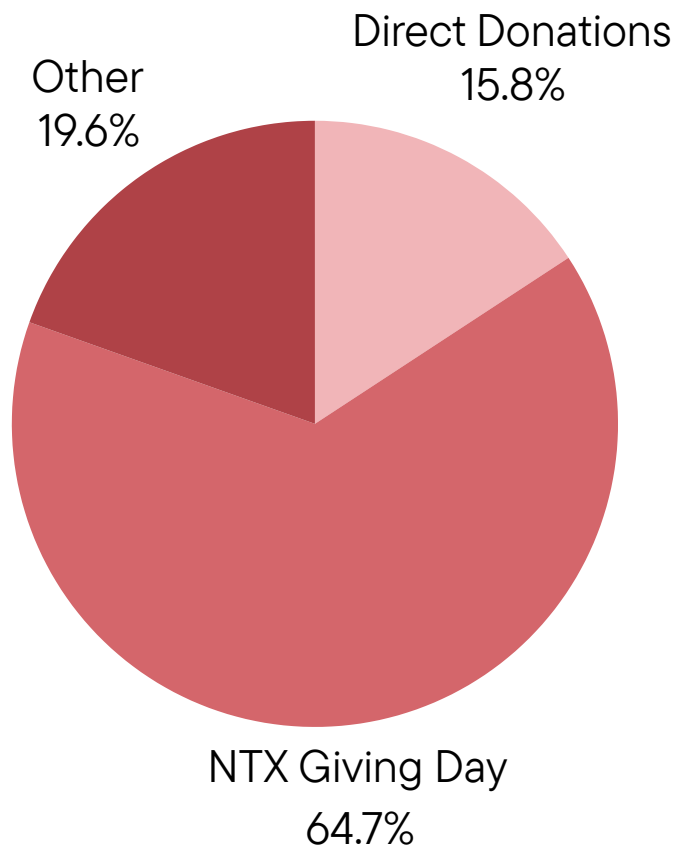
78% OF ENROLLED  
FAMILIES PARTICIPATED

# 317 DONATIONS

 | *THANK  
YOU!*

## DONATIONS BREAKDOWN

43% Unrestricted Donations  
57% Restricted Donations



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

### NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

Amount raised - \$103,795  
Volunteers - 5  
Donors - 185

### AUCTION

Amount raised - \$118,550  
Volunteers - 15  
Donations - 197  
Bids placed - 1199  
Number of bidders - 364

DONOR RECOGNITION IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.THEDAYSCHOOL.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.THEDAYSCHOOL.ORG/GIVE)



# GENERAL & PLANNED USES OF DONATIONS:

FACILITIES &  
OPERATIONS

SUPPLIES &  
CURRICULUM

BUILDING  
RENOVATION

LIBRARY

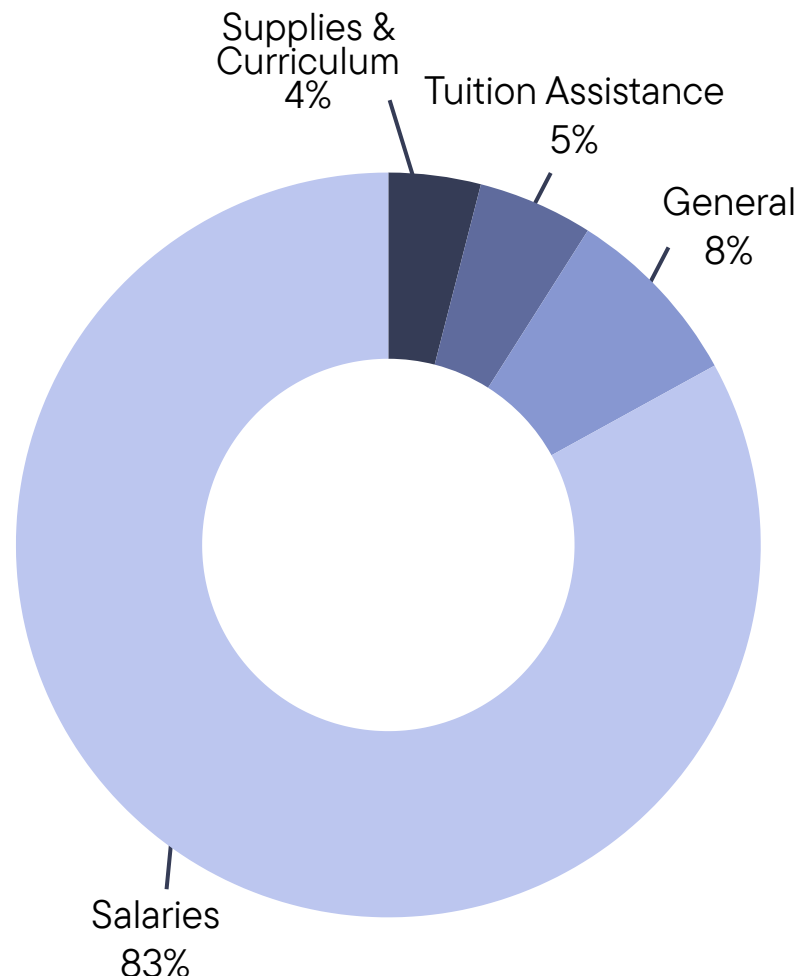
PLAYGROUND  
RENOVATION

TUITION  
ASSISTANCE

SECURITY

STAFF  
APPRECIATION

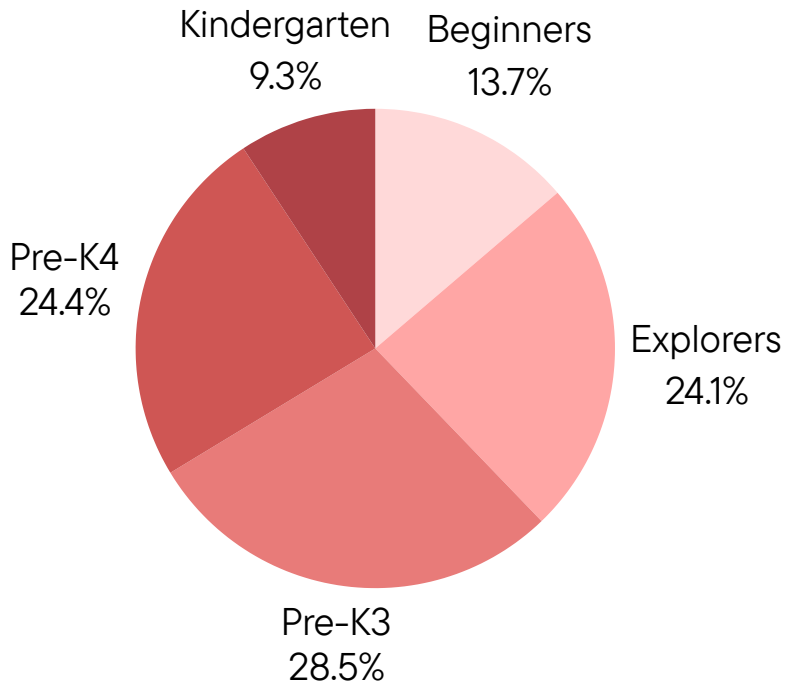
## 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES





# ENROLLMENT & ADMISSIONS

## GRADE LEVEL BREAKDOWN



### STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN 2024:

*All Saints  
Classical School of Dallas  
Compass  
Covenant  
ESD  
Good Shepherd  
Heritage  
Lamplighter  
Meadowbrook  
Providence  
Scofield  
Wesley Prep*





*THANK  
YOU  
FOR  
A GREAT  
YEAR!*







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