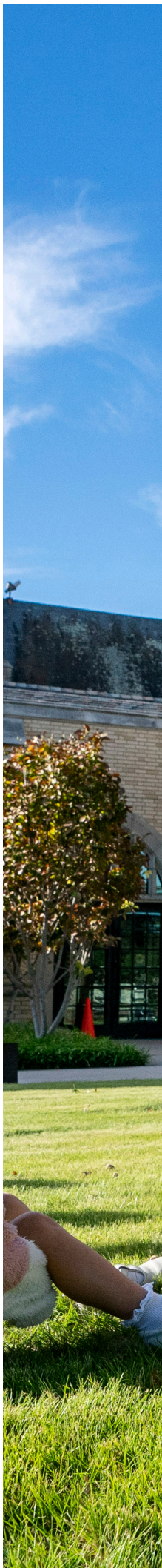




THE DAY SCHOOL
AT HIGHLAND PARK PRES

2024
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2025

*ANNUAL
REPORT*





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A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

As the year comes to a close, we are filled with deep appreciation for the incredible community that surrounds The Day School.

To our students—thank you for bringing joy, curiosity, and a love of learning into each day.

To our families—thank you for the trust you place in us by sharing your children with our school.

To our grandparents—thank you for your enthusiastic presence at events and for celebrating your grandchildren's growth with us.

To our dedicated volunteers—thank you for the time, energy, and care you pour into building community, organizing events, and supporting our mission.

To our teachers and staff—thank you for your unwavering commitment and for making The Day School a place of joy, discovery, and growth.

To our Board—thank you for your steadfast leadership, encouragement, and vision for our future.

We are truly grateful for the year we've shared and excited for the journey ahead. Here's to many more memorable moments together!

24-25 HIGHLIGHTS

Welcomed 56 new families into our community

Implemented chapel for our Beginner and Explorer students

Kindergarten Shepherds lead donation drives that benefited Brother Bills

Introduced Pre-K4 Blessing Chapel

Kindergarten students contributed in Christmas worship service by reading welcoming comments

School community donated and shipped clothing to families impacted by CA wildfires

Refurbished all three playgrounds

Dad's Club hosted the first golf tournament

Upgraded Raptor security system

Staff received specialized training in literacy

Added emergency management system

Established staff retention and recruitment fund through Parent Council fundraising efforts

Continued active parent praying network





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



304

STUDENTS

5

ADMINISTRATION

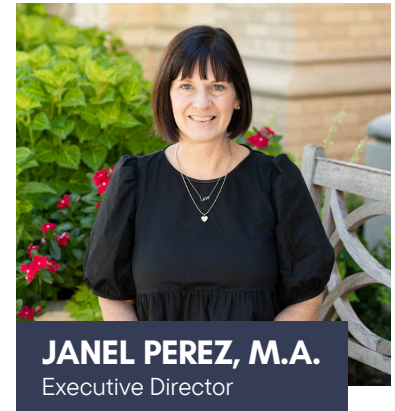
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TEACHERS

114

PARENT COUNCIL
MEMBERS

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Day School Community,

As we wrap up another joyful and meaningful school year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude and pride in what we have accomplished together. It has truly been a year filled with growth, connection, and purpose — and none of it would be possible without the strength and spirit of our community.

One of the most beautiful hallmarks of our school is the way we care for one another. This year, we have continued to pray together, support one another, and nurture a deep sense of belonging. That connection — rooted in shared values and mutual respect — is what gives our school its heartbeat. It is the aspect of The Day School that is commented on the most, both by current families and perspective families. Our vast and intentional prayer network has buoyed many a Day School parent this year. The Parent Council planned, led, and organized events, fellowship and fundraisers that blessed our school beyond measure. The Dads Club offered Day School Dads the opportunity for Christian fellowship through socials, prayer meetings and by hosting its Inaugural Dads Club Invitational.

We also achieved exciting, tangible accomplishments this year. Through your generosity, we were able to establish a Teacher Retention and Recruitment Fund, ensuring we will continue to attract and support the dedicated Christian educators who make our school so special. All three of our playgrounds were thoughtfully refurbished, creating safer, more engaging spaces for our children to play and explore. These improvements are more than just updates — they're investments in our children's well-being and joy.

But perhaps the greatest indicator of our success is found in the daily rhythm of school life: the sound of children laughing as they arrive, their eager footsteps running through the doors each morning, and the bright smiles as they rush to your cars at the end of the day, excited to share what they've learned. As long as I see those smiles — and the spark of curiosity in their eyes — I know we are headed in the right direction.

Thank you for being such a vital part of this journey. Your trust, your partnership, and your continued involvement mean everything. Together, we are building more than a school — we are nurturing a sacred, joyful space where children thrive.

With deep gratitude and warmth and humbly In His service,

Janel Perez, M.A.

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JULIE WOIDNECK
Board Moderator

Dear family and friends of the Day School,

It has been another wonderful year at the Day School! We are grateful for this community of administrators, teachers, parents, friends and our strong partnership with Highland Park Pres. You are all generous and faithful supporters and because of you, we are privileged to be proactive and dream about how our school can serve the growing community around us.

I have been a Day School mom for six years and on our board for two years. I already loved the school as a parent and now seeing it behind the scenes has been remarkable and leaves me with deep gratitude. Highland Park Pres's commitment and partnership to our school is a critical reason why we are a sought after place for parents to send their children to learn the love of the Lord and grow spiritually, socially and academically. Under Janel Perez's strong leadership, we have navigated and accomplished retaining our great teachers, adding classrooms and in partnership with the church, continued the focus on keeping our children safe.

We continue to be humbled by the generous spirit of this community. If you are considering giving to our school in the coming year we have the following options for you:

- *Annual needs and expenses are raised through direct donations and North Texas Giving Day*
- *Long term strategic giving is directed to our endowment in the form of cash or securities*

We would be honored to talk more about this with you.

I hope you find this report helpful and encouraging that your support is impacting our children in these crucial early years.

With gratitude,

*Julie Woidneck
Board Moderator*



2024-2025 PARENT COUNCIL

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Mackenzie Kleinert
Claire Murchison
Paige Peel
Leila Redwine
Margaret Rees-Jones
Anna Wise
Book Fair

Jordan Hunt
Melissa Ray
Christmas Luncheon

Brooks Bradway
Phillip Koons
Dad's Club

Ashley Cole
Lillian Sigrist
End of Year Breakfast

Sterling Evans
Caroline Lipscomb
Sarah Malloy
Amanda Pickering
Miriam Spradling
Fall Picnic

Ashley Ebanks
Jacy Hawes
Sarah Malloy
Caroline Patterson
Field Day

Christen Bloom
Georgia Gunter
Taylor Ohlendorf
Haley Rogers
Josie Sewell
Grandfriends Day

Adrienne Puckett
Elizabeth Pollock
Library

Rachel Lawrence
Lacey Fisher
Virginia Shaw
Audrey Youngman
North Texas Giving Day

Caroline Beecherl
Lindsey Evans
Kelly Nolan
Beth Podraza
Mandi Schmitz
Parent Parties

Rachel Blakely
Natalie Cornelius
Riley George
Jill Kerr
Ellen Kershaw
Leila Redwine
Margaret Reinbold
Caroline Richards
Page Ryan
Paige Voigt
Popsicles in the Park

Katie Woodley
Madison Redwine
Praying Parents

Mary Love Koons
Room Parent Coordinator

Lauren Lechlitner
Amanda Nelson
Sarah Ganiem
Shepherding

Katie Kardell
Social Media

Brittain Ewert
Betsey Fairchild
Allie Lucas
Alison Mesec
Social

Jessica Donnell
Brittany Johnson
Gresham Meek
Amy Redleaf
Alison Smith
Kelly Ann Williams
Spirit Shop

Elizabeth Bernet
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Ashley Early
Christina Newman
Virginia Shaw
Holly Simpson
Spring Picnic

Morgan Hadley
Katelyn Word
Stephanie Zoys
Stay and Play

Madison Isner
Sunshine

Emily Beaty
Diane Carter
Sarah Gibbons
Jennifer Stillwagoner
Jenny Schubert
Madison Strode
Teacher Appreciation

Laura Rowsey Gibelli
Priscilla Heady
Ann-Kyle Jolesch
Lacelliese King
Margaret Mulherin
Christina Newman
Elizabeth Pollock
Jennifer Stillwagoner
Claire Turner
Audrey Youngman
Workroom

Lauren Glasgow
Emily Brown Larabee
Yearbook

Kyle Yohe
Kristen Donnally
Brittany Sargent
Courtney Ladewig
Claire Turner
Katie Burkhead
Alexis Sloustcher
General Volunteer

2024-2025 PARENT COUNCIL



Dear Day School Community,

As we close another remarkable school year, I am honored to reflect on my time as Parent Council President with deep gratitude. This year, we embraced the theme “You Belong”, and it has been truly inspiring to witness our community bring this message to life—welcoming new families, supporting one another, and cultivating a culture of inclusion and connection.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the 114 members of our Parent Council who gave so generously of their time, energy, and talents, helping to plan and execute more than 40 events throughout the year. I am also proud to recognize the outstanding work of our Dads’ Club, which has thrived under the leadership of Phillip Koons and Brooks Bradway. With the involvement of over 80 dedicated fathers, the Dads’ Club organized over 25 events that brought joy, camaraderie, and school spirit to our community. The commitment of all these parent volunteers has had a truly meaningful impact on our school.

I am especially grateful to the members of our Parent Council Executive Committee—Ellen Ramsey, Lauren Martin, Ashton Todd, Laura Bradway, and Megan Bellomy. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such a thoughtful, capable, and committed team.

My deepest thanks also go to our school leaders, Janel Perez and Katie Zeller, for their unwavering support and partnership. Their leadership has been essential to the continued growth and success of the Parent Council.

As my time at The Day School comes to a close, I leave with a full heart and immense pride in all we have accomplished together. I am confident that our Parent Council will continue to flourish under the leadership of Ellen Ramsey and the next group of devoted parent volunteers, who will carry our shared mission forward with care and purpose.

Thank you for making this year so meaningful and for embracing the spirit of belonging with such warmth and enthusiasm. It has truly been a joy and an honor to serve in this role.

Annie Apel
Parent Council President, 2024–2025



114

Parent Council Members

43

Events planned

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

117 FIRST TIME DONORS

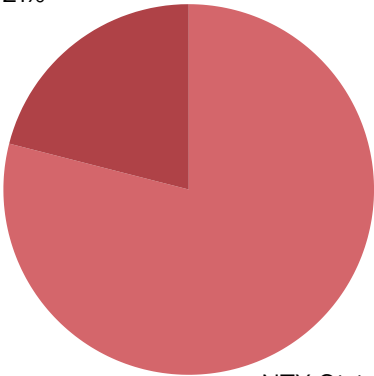
72% OF ENROLLED FAMILIES PARTICIPATED

269 DONATIONS | *THANK YOU!*

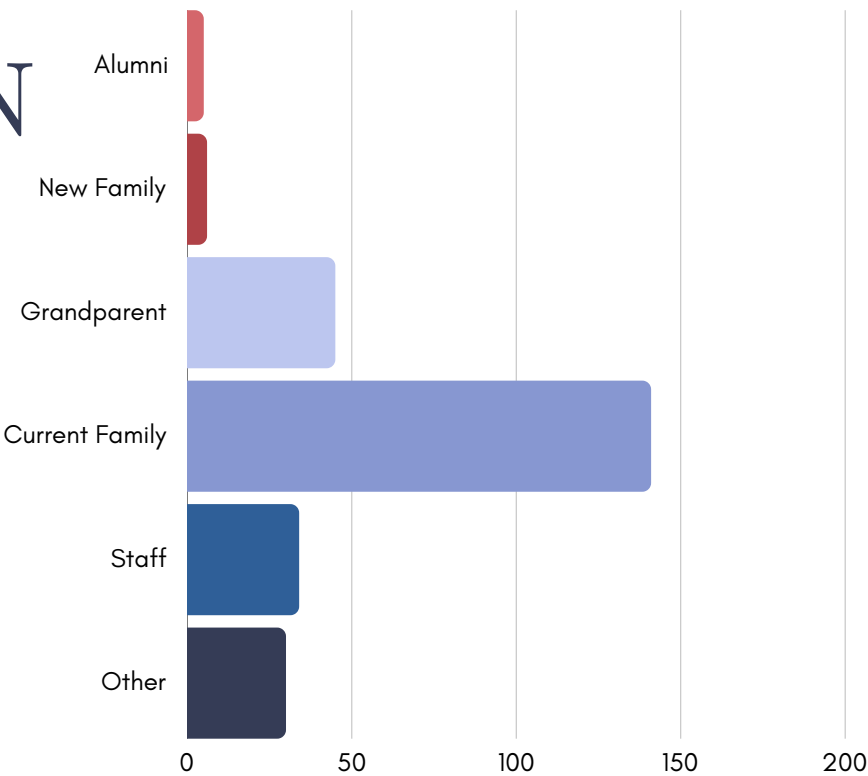
DONOR BREAKDOWN

*Based on May 1, 2025

Direct Donations
21%



NTX Giving Day
79%



FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

Volunteers - 5
Donors - 233

AUCTION

Volunteers - 16
Items donated - 176
Bids placed - 1393
Number of bidders - 359

Donor recognition is available at www.thedayschool.org/give

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Because of our community’s generous support for The Day School, in partnership with HP Pres, many improvements were made to our campus, including:

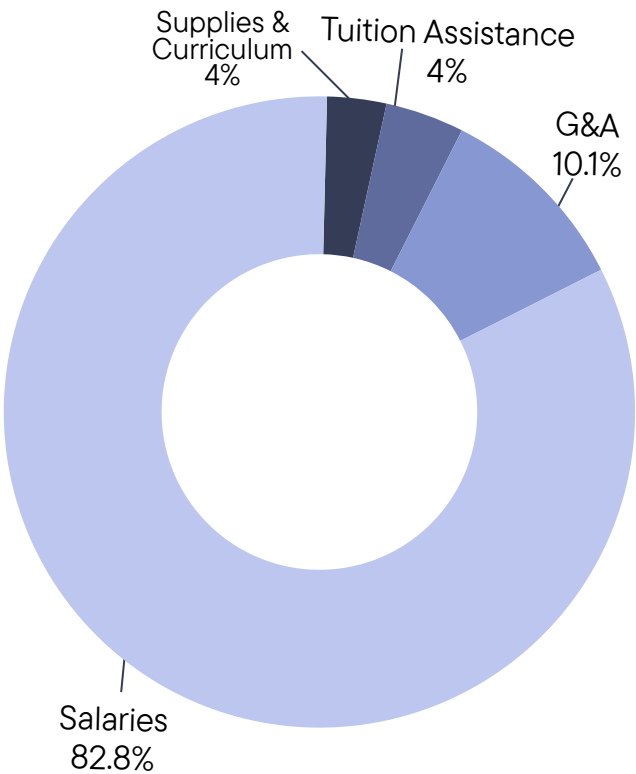
- Refurbishments on all three playgrounds
- Upgraded security and Raptor system
- Upgraded emergency management system

We were also able to support our teachers and staff by:

- Providing enhanced professional development
- Creating a staff retention and recruitment fund

Giving financially to The Day School is a vote of confidence in the school’s mission and leadership. Every teacher and student benefits from your generosity. Thank you for partnering with us and helping ensure that our school continues to flourish for years to come!

2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES

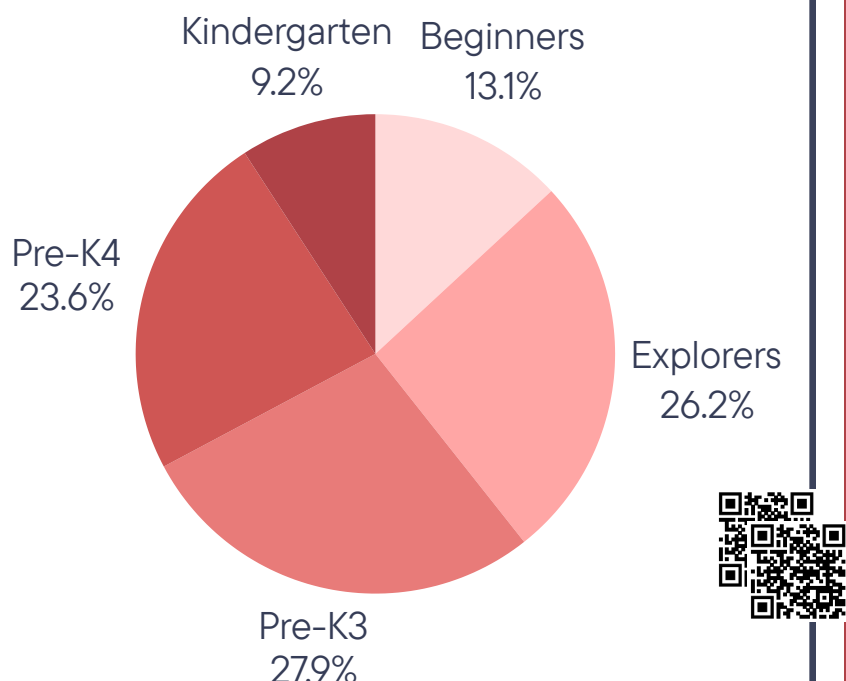


Find out more about giving to The Day School



ENROLLMENT & ADMISSIONS

GRADE LEVEL BREAKDOWN



25-26 ENROLLMENT

Number of New families for
School year: 37

Number of New Students: 41

Number of Siblings admitted: 48

Number of staff children
admitted: 7

**includes both HP Pres and Day
School staff*

RETENTION

Beginners --> Explorers: 100%

Explorers --> PreK 3: 91%

Pre-K 3 --> Pre-K 4: 85%

Pre-K 4 --> Kinder: 40%



STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED INTO THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN 2025:

*Christ the King
Compass
Covenant
ESD*

*First Baptist Academy
Good Shepherd
Hockaday
Lamplighter
Meadowbrook
Providence
St. Marks
Trinity Christian Academy*



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Great
Year!





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