



# Preview



## Mission Statement



Presbyterian Day School strives to glorify God by developing boys in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

*(1 Corinthians 10:31 and Luke 2:52)*



## Guiding Principles

1. We intentionally educate and nurture the heart, soul, mind, and body of each boy.
2. We know, nurture, and love each boy as a unique child of God.
3. We teach the Bible and model the Christian faith to our boys.
4. We aren't just teachers; we are life-long learners and students.
5. We push students to engage as thinkers.
6. In an increasingly connected world, our curriculum has a global perspective.
7. Flexible teaching strategies seek to maximize learning for each boy.
8. Our assessments aren't just a way to measure learning — we want our boys to demonstrate understanding.
9. We seek to enroll boys from diverse backgrounds.
10. We seek balance and excellence in all we do.
11. We aren't just boy-friendly; we're boy-specific.
12. Our program sets a foundation of learning that will help boys thrive beyond PDS.
13. We take time to make sure our faculty and staff are growing spiritually.
14. We hold high standards for ourselves, pushing ourselves to reflect, renew, and grow.

## Greetings from PDS!



It has been an exciting summer at school, and I hope your family is enjoying the remaining weeks of the summer break. With the start of another school year fast approaching, I look forward to welcoming your sons back to campus and seeing their eager faces ready to learn, create, and contribute to our community of learners. Every year is filled with those magical moments of learning, taking on new challenges, expanding knowledge, learning a new skill, and having foundational experiences that define a boy's developmental years. We're ready to begin this year's journey with your son! I am also excited to see the many

faces of our new students and families joining the school and becoming part of the PDS community.

You will find in the pages that follow a 'Preview' of the academic year ahead. With our busy schedules, it's always helpful to note the important dates, events, and programs on the horizon. We hope this resource of information serves you well in planning for the upcoming year. While these pages are filled with many dates and activities typical of an academic year, I would like to draw your attention to two unique events this year.

First, this is a very special year for PDS. We are celebrating a major milestone — PDS' 75th anniversary! PDS has been an invaluable resource to the Memphis community. Class after class of young men have received the finest education for their foundation. As we celebrate this milestone, we are keenly aware of the many that have gone before us to make PDS what it is today. The school was founded to be sound and challenging intellectually and to instill Christian virtue. The standard of academic excellence that we find today and a culture where every boy thrives reflects the many faculty, families, and young men who helped shape this institution.

More specifically, this year is a celebration of our alumni and faculty. Our alums are remarkable and can tell you in their own eloquent way how PDS set the trajectory for their life. Fewer things do I enjoy than talking to alums and hearing their passion for PDS as they articulate how important the school was in preparing them for their future. That future path was ultimately formed through relationships with exceptional and talented teachers, coaches and mentors. These former faculty members have shaped thousands of boys in Memphis and given them a foundation for life.

We can all recall teachers that impacted our life. Throughout our school's history, we have been blessed with an abundance of outstanding faculty that passed the baton to a new generation carrying forward the PDS standard. You will see on the pages that follow our faculty whether here or abroad — learning, collaborating, and leading the way in what's best for a boy's education.

Secondly, since our founding, we have established a unique standing among the nation's independent schools because of our exceptional faculty and strong academic preparation of boys. So it's only fitting that in celebrating 75 years of educating boys, PDS faculty and staff have the privilege of welcoming teachers and educational leaders to Memphis from across North America and beyond to exchange ideas about what's best for a boy's education. PDS will host *The International Boys' School Coalition Conference: Building Blocks of Boyhood* in October. This is the first conference of its kind specifically dedicated to teaching and learning in boys' elementary schools.

For 75 years, our steadfast commitment to academic excellence is unchanged: curriculum changes, pedagogical practices shift, educational trends fade, boys graduate, and faculty pass the baton, but the noble idea and vision of those that founded PDS remain the same.

My affection for independent education is because of this commitment to the fundamental idea that an independent school should be driven by its mission. At PDS, our primary commitment is and will always be to fulfill our mission. Everything that we strive for - to build, rework, rethink, improve, offer new - is pursuing the primary goal of glorifying God by developing boys in wisdom and stature and in favor of God and man.

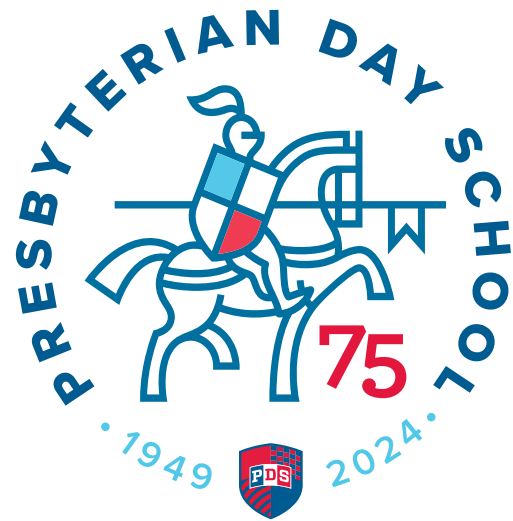
I look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

Brad Sewell  
Head of School

# Celebrating PDS' 75th!

The 2023-2024 school year is Presbyterian Day School's 75th year as a school. Our school has been foundational in setting the trajectory of thousands of boys, impacting the Memphis community and the world for the better.

All throughout the school year, we'll be celebrating with special events. This fall, look for a 100 page book celebrating the 75 events, traditions, or people that make PDS one of the top independent schools in the country.



*We're inviting alumni and parents to join us for Convocation on August 16 as we kickoff of a year of celebrating the history and future of PDS.*

## PDS Hosting International Boys' School Coalition Conference, Including Special Parent Event

We are proud to partner with the International Boys' School Coalition to host the first IBSC regional conference to focus exclusively on elementary schools for boys this October. Boys' school leaders from all over North America will visit Memphis to collaborate and learn from education leaders, including members of the PDS faculty.



### Supporting Boys' Emotional Growth in Challenging Times with Dr. Alex Russell

FOR ALL PARENTS, OPEN TO PUBLIC • Monday, October 23, 6pm

Clinical psychologist Dr. Alex Russell, author of *Drop the Worry Ball: How to Parent in the Age of Entitlement*, will be sharing ways to keep boys safe while helping them grow.

This special event is co-hosted by St. Dominic School and is a free event for parents from PDS or St. Dominic.

# Leadership Team



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## 7 VIRTUES BREAKFAST

Our 7 Virtues of Manhood Breakfasts are for **elementary grade boys in first through sixth grades**. Because of the nature of this breakfast, **each boy must have an adult host in order to attend**.

For each of these events, breakfast is served at 7am, and the program begins at 7:15am.



**True Friend Virtue Breakfast**



**Humble Hero Virtue Breakfast**



**Servant Leader Virtue Breakfast**



**Pacesetter Virtue Breakfast**



**Bold Adventurer Virtue Breakfast**



**Noble Knight Virtue Breakfast**



**Faithful Follower Virtue Breakfast**

# Welcome New Faculty Members

## Palmer Albertine | *Dean of Students*



We are thrilled to welcome back Palmer Albertine to PDS as our new Dean of Students. Palmer spent a decade working at PDS in our athletics department. Palmer and his wife Lauren are parents of two sons, 3rd-grader Field and Palmer '22,

a student at MUS.

## Carissa Lacy | *Head of Early Childhood*



After a two-year search process, we found our next Head of Early Childhood. Many in our community already know Carissa. She's a very experienced educator and administrator with an impressive educational background. Carissa has

worked for over 25 years in education as a Principal of Visual and Performing Arts Magnet, Director of Student Services for Marion School District, Principal of Marion Middle School and East Elementary School, guidance counselor, teacher, and assistant superintendent. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and a Master of Science in Counselor Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Carissa's son Kacen Parham is a current 5th grade student.

## Faye Rainer | *Pre-Kindergarten Teacher*



Faye Rainer will join the Pre-Kindergarten team this fall. Faye holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology from the University of Tennessee. She comes to us with over ten years of teaching experience. Most recently, she

taught at Hutchison School in their Early Childhood program. Faye looks forward to the transition to teaching all boys at PDS. Faye and her husband, Jimbo (PDS alum '99), are parents to three children – Ruthie, James (JK), and William (YK). As the wife of a PDS alum and mother to two current PDS boys, Faye knows PDS is a special place.

## Becket Monaghan | *Early Childhood Music / Movement*



We welcome Becket Monaghan to our Early Childhood team this year. Born and raised in Memphis, Becket is passionate about PDS and the surrounding community. Becket earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education at the University of

Colorado, Boulder. She has spent time in both elementary and secondary music classrooms in Colorado and is thrilled to be back in Memphis. When she's not in the classroom, Becket spends most of her time outdoors and can typically be found hiking, camping, or working in outdoor education.

## Familiar Faces in New Places

Several of our faculty members are taking on new roles in new departments or expanding their duties for the 2023-2024 school year.



Rachel Bishop is returning to her position as Director of Admission after serving as our Interim Head of Early Childhood.



Lyndsey Kelley will be serving as Director of Academic Support for Early Childhood after serving as Interim Director of Admission.



Tony Rudzena is adding Director of Cultural Expeditions to his other roles as Bible teacher for 4th-6th grades and Chaplain for Elementary.



Perry Patterson will be teaching Early Childhood Art in addition to her work in the EDGE Design Thinking Studio.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a global leader in elementary boys' education, we are committed to advancing, sharing, and implementing best practices that align with the school's mission. PDS' commitment is achieved through professional development, programming, and research. Many faculty members had an opportunity to travel during the last 12 months, with destinations across the globe.

## ◆ Group Research Trips

### St. Mark's School of Texas

Dallas, Texas

7 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Character Education, Outdoor Learning, Academic Support, Social Emotional Development of Boys

### St. John's School

Houston, Texas

3 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Library, Technology, Design Principles

### St. Christopher's School

Richmond, Virginia

8 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Research-invested, Service Learning, Fine Arts, Academic Support, Small Group Learning, Design Thinking, Parent Programming

### Scots College

Sydney, Australia

4 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Research-Invested Schools, Outdoor Education, Character Education, Experiential Education, Global Perspective, Professional Development Structure, Organizational Structure, Distributed Leadership

### Harvard Graduate School of Education Project Zero Summer Classroom

Cambridge, Massachusetts

10 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Pedagogy, Culture of Thinking, Critical Thinking, Collaboration



## Tennessee Association of Independent Schools (TAIS) Biennial Conference

Chattanooga, Tennessee

5 Faculty Members

**Takeaways:** Project Ideas

## ◆ Individual Research Trips

With a focus on advancing best practices in early childhood, Pre-Kindergarten teacher, **Cami Sewell**, attended the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference** in Washington, D.C.

Junior Kindergarten teacher Holly Yarbrough was accepted into the **University of Oxford's OXBRIDGE Summer Course "Introduction to Cognitive Psychology,"** this summer.

**Darilyn Christenbury** attended "**New Global Directors Workshop: A Comprehensive Approach to Leadership of Global Education**" through Global Education Benchmark Group in Boston, Massachusetts, last summer. GEBG uses Global Education Standards to facilitate reflective learning that empowers leaders of global-education programming.



# 2023-2024 Faculty Directory

## Early Childhood Office



**Carissa Lacy**  
Head of Early  
Childhood



**Cyndy Wright**  
Administrative  
Assistant for Carissa  
Lacy



**Lyndsey Kelley**  
Director of Academic  
Support for Early  
Childhood

## Elementary Office



**Laura Glenn**  
Head of Elementary



**Mark Pruitt**  
Principal of the  
Elementary Division



**Ashleigh Campbell**  
Administrative  
Assistant for Laura  
Glenn and Mark Pruitt



**Lindsey Robinson**  
Director of Academic  
Support & Learning  
Specialist



**Tom Edwards**  
Counselor



**Emily Lequerica**  
Director of Research  
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**Palmer Albertine**  
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**Chris Oliver**  
Chief Advancement  
Officer



**Rachel Bishop**  
Director of Admission  
and Enrollment  
Management

## Advancement



**Winston Baccus**  
Director of  
Communications



**Kim Bridgforth**  
Director of Annual  
Giving



**Cynthia Cross**  
Special Events  
Coordinator



**Anne-Davis  
Vander Have**  
Director of Marketing



**Molly Beard**  
Assistant Director of  
Admission



**Kristen Griffith**  
Advancement  
Assistant

## After-School



**Laura Lee Jones**  
Promotion & Sales  
Coordinator



**Madison Spain**  
Director of Auxiliary  
Programs



**Grace Carter**  
Assistant Director of  
Auxiliary Programs



**Dennis Smith**  
Director of Athletics &  
Operations



**Spencer McLean**  
Director of Physical  
Education and  
Fitness



**Luke Wise**  
Physical Education

## Athletics



**David Rose**  
Physical Education



**Paul Warner**  
Physical Education



**Ross Hurst**  
Chief Financial  
Officer



**Lyndi Heard**  
Controller



**Laura Hyde**  
Student Accounts  
Manager



**Monica Vunk**  
Vendor Accounts  
Manager

## Business



## Technology



**Madison Spain**  
Director of Lunch  
Services



**Grace Carter**  
Assistant Director of  
Auxiliary Programs



**Melissa Smith**  
Chief Information  
Officer



**Chris Langston**  
Network & Systems  
Administrator



**Holly Lindsey**  
Technology  
Coordinator



**Meg Comes**  
Young Knights  
Teacher - YK1

## Young Knights



**Parkicha French**  
Young Knights  
Teacher - YK1



**Courtney Wages**  
Young Knights  
Teacher - YK2



**Jeremie Upshaw**  
Young Knights  
Teacher - YK2



**Mary Holland Morris**  
Young Knights  
Teacher - YK3



**Sandy Kilgore**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK1



**Faye Rainer**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK1

## Pre-Kindergarten



**Elizabeth Bell**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK2



**Shelley Umberson**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK2



**Cami Sewell**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK3



**Traci Stewart**  
Pre-Kindergarten  
Teacher - PK3



**Shari Caruthers**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK1



**Allyse Holcomb**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK1

## Junior Kindergarten



**Ashley Eggers**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK2



**Emily Treadwell**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK2



**Heather Spiegelman**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK3



**Holly Yarbrough**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - JK3



**Tosha Smith**  
Senior Kindergarten  
Teacher - SK1



**Lynley Goddard**  
Junior Kindergarten  
Teacher - SK2

## Senior Kindergarten



**Lydia Butler**  
Senior Kindergarten  
Teacher - SK3



**Cindy Bramlett**  
Senior Kindergarten  
Associate



**Mary Kohler**  
Senior Kindergarten  
Associate



**Allyson Russell**  
Senior Kindergarten  
Associate



**Corey Beth Stovall**  
First Grade Teacher  
- 1A



**Ginny Brundick**  
First Grade Teacher  
- 1B

## First Grade

# 2023-2024 Faculty Directory

## First Grade



**Jenny Craig**  
First Grade Teacher  
- 1C



**Stacey Hays**  
First Grade Small  
Group Teacher



**Marian Richards**  
Second Grade  
Teacher - 2A



**Lake Selberg**  
Second Grade  
Teacher - 2B



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Second Grade  
Teacher - 2C



**Weezie Pouget**  
Second Grade Small  
Group Teacher

## Third Grade



**Rachael Schaefer**  
Third Grade Teacher  
- 3A



**Charlotte Everett**  
Third Grade Teacher  
- 3B



**Brooke Haley**  
Third Grade Teacher  
- 3C



**Lucy Fiedler**  
Third Grade Small  
Group Math Teacher



**Ivy Phillips**  
Fourth Grade ELA  
Teacher - 4A

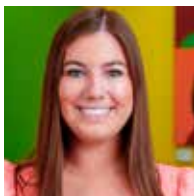


**Diane Perry**  
Fourth Grade ELA  
Teacher - 4B

## Fourth Grade



**Sherry Creasman**  
Fourth Grade Math  
Teacher - 4C



**Lucy Fiedler**  
Fourth Grade Small  
Group Math Teacher



**Kim Pruitt**  
Fifth Grade Teacher  
- 5A



**Jason Hewer**  
Fifth Grade Teacher  
- 5B



**Stephanie Anderson**  
Fifth Grade Math  
Teacher - 5C



**Diann Belote**  
Fifth Grade Teacher  
- 5D

## Fifth Grade



**Michele Dennis**  
Fifth and Sixth Grade  
Small Group Math  
Teacher



**Lauren Riley**  
Sixth Grade Teacher  
- 6A



**Ashley Garner**  
Sixth Grade Teacher  
- 6B



**Jackson Boyd**  
Sixth Grade Teacher  
- 6C

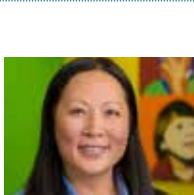


**Marjorie Porter**  
Sixth Grade Teacher  
- 6D

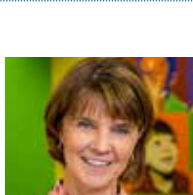
## Sixth Grade



**Darilyn Christenbury**  
EC through Third  
Grade Bible Teacher  
& Chaplain



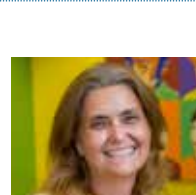
**Lili Frye**  
Mandarin Chinese  
Teacher (3rd, 4th, 5th,  
and 6th Grade)



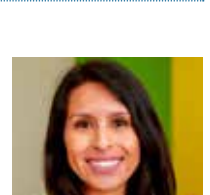
**Nancy Gentry**  
Learning Specialist



**Terry Himebook**  
Band Teacher



**Terri Jarratt**  
Science Lab (2nd,  
3rd, 4th)



**Adriana Moore**  
Spanish Teacher (3rd,  
4th, 5th, and 6th  
Grade)

## Special Areas



**Perry Patterson**  
EDGE Design Studio  
Teacher | Early  
Childhood Art



**Jenny Stenberg**  
Library Media  
Specialist



**Becket Monaghan**  
EC Music/Movement



**Lindsey Robinson**  
Director of Academic  
Support & Learning  
Specialist



**Tony Rudzena**  
Fourth through Sixth  
Grade Bible Teacher  
& Chaplain



**Dawn Southerland**  
Vocal Music Teacher

**Child Development Center**



**Casey Smith**  
Visual Arts Teacher



**Dania Watson**  
Spanish Teacher (PK,  
JK, SK, 1st and 2nd  
Grade)



**Linda Winchester**  
Reading Specialist  
(1st, 2nd, and 3rd  
Grade)



**Sunny Zheng**  
Mandarin Chinese  
Teacher (PK, JK, SK,  
1st and 2nd Grade)



**Allyse Holcomb**  
Child Development  
Center Director



**Lawanda Fields**  
Child Development  
Center

**Food Services**

**Maintenance**



**Cale Madison**  
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Center



**Deborah Rainey**  
Child Development  
Center



**Susie Springfield**  
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Center



**Ella Johnson**  
Food Service Staff



**Tim Johnson**  
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**Wadell Bobo**  
Maintenance

**Nurse**

**Receptionist**

**Security**



**Randy Shirley**  
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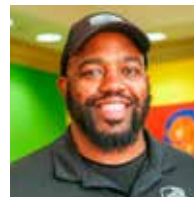
**Alice Ball**  
Nurse



**Marilyn Seaton**  
Receptionist



**Vonzell Cribbs**  
Head of Security



**Stanley Brownlee**  
Security



**Steve Todd**  
Security

**Housekeeping**



**Jeff Swindol**  
Security



**Geraldine Carter**  
Housekeeping



**Charlene Hamer**  
Housekeeping



**Sherrie Howard**  
Housekeeping



**Gloria Perkins**  
Housekeeping



**Cecila Strickland**  
Housekeeping

# Community Events

## Parent Meetings



**Monday**  
1st Grade: 8am  
2nd Grade: 9:30am  
3rd Grade: 3pm



**Tuesday**  
Early Childhood: 8:30am  
4th Grade: 1pm  
5th Grade: 2:30pm  
6th Grade: 4pm



**Elementary Parent Night**  
1ST-6TH PARENTS • 6pm

Meet with your son's teachers.



**Parent Book Club**  
ALL PARENTS • 11:30am

*Drop the Worry Ball: How to Parent in the Age of Entitlement* by Dr. Alex Russell.



**Supporting Boys' Emotional Growth in Challenging Times with Dr. Alex Russell**  
ALL PARENTS, OPEN TO PUBLIC • 6pm

Clinical psychologist Dr. Alex Russell, author of *Drop the Worry Ball: How to Parent in the Age of Entitlement* will be sharing way to keep boys safe while helping them grow.



**PDS Family Cookout and Jamboree**  
ALL FAMILIES • 9am

Join us as we celebrate the end of our intramural football season with burgers, hot dogs, & inflatables.



**Christmas Pageant**  
1ST-6TH GRADES • 6:30pm

Boys in red bows singing carols — a treasured tradition at PDS. All PDS families are welcome to attend.



**Father & Son Dinner**  
4TH-6TH GRADES • 6pm

Featuring an inspirational speaker.



**75th Anniversary Parent Party**  
ALL PARENTS



Join us for a special night of food, drinks, fun, and bid for unique offerings as part of the 2024 auction.



**Early Childhood Family Night**  
YK-SK FAMILIES • 5:30pm

Join us as we celebrate the work of our EC boys.



**PDS Maker Faire**  
ALL FAMILIES • 5:30pm



A celebration of innovation and creativity. PDS boys in 1st-6th grades are encouraged to embrace the maker movement and make a project at home to showcase at the Faire.



**Field Day**  
1ST-6TH GRADES



**Sports Banquet**  
4TH-6TH GRADES



## Crusader Cafe

Crusader Cafe is an opportunity for boys in 1st through 6th grades to showcase their musical talents for their peers and others during lunchtime.



Fridays, November 3, February 2, & April 26

## Music Programs



**Instrumental Music Recitals**  
Tuesdays, December 5 & April 30



**Band Concerts**  
Thursday, December 7 &  
Tuesday, May 7



## Academic Competitions



**Spelling Bee**  
8am



# Grade-Level Events

Mark your calendar for these events for parents during the school year:



**YK Parent Party**  
Wednesday, September 13 (Evening)  
**Pumpkins with Pop**  
Friday, October 13 • 10:00am  
**Christmas Party**  
Thursday, December 14 • 9:30am  
**Mempops with Mom**  
Friday, May 10 • 9:00am



**Dads and Dogs**  
Thursday, September 28 • 10:45am  
**PK Parent Party**  
Thursday, October 12 (Evening)  
**PK Harvest Party**  
Tuesday, October 31 • 9am  
**PK Valentine's Day Program**  
Thursday, February 8 • 8:30am  
**Mommy and Me**  
Thursday, May 9 • 10:45am



**Donuts with Dads**  
Thursday, September 14 • 8am  
**Harvest Hoedown Program**  
Wednesday, September 27 • 9am  
**JK Parent Party**  
Thursday, September 28 (Evening)  
**Mother's Day Tea**  
Friday, May 10 • 10am



**SK Parent Party**  
Tuesday, August 29 (Evening)  
**Parent Meeting**  
Thursday, April 17 • 8am  
**Mother's Day Picnic**  
Wednesday, May 8 • 12:30pm  
**Class Day**  
Friday, May 17 • 8:30am



**1st Grade Parent Party**  
Monday, September 11 (Evening)  
**Books for Breakfast (Dads)**  
Wednesday, January 17 • 8am  
**Mother/Son Valentine Dance**  
Wednesday, February 14 • 1:30pm  
**Class Day**  
Wednesday, May 15 • 8:30am



**2nd Grade Parent Party**  
Wednesday, September 27 (Evening)  
**Yipes Stripes**  
Friday, February 23  
**Games with Dad or Guest**  
Thursday, April 18 • 8:05am  
**Class Day**  
Tuesday, May 14 • 8:30am



**3rd Grade Parent Party**  
Tuesday, August 22 (Evening)  
**Father/Friend Kickball**  
Friday, April 26  
**Class Day**  
Monday, May 13 • 8:30am



**4th Grade Parent Party**  
Thursday, September 14 (Evening)  
**Father-Son Dinner**  
Tuesday, February 27 • 6pm  
**Parent Meeting for TN Trip**  
Wednesday, April 24 • 7:45am



**5th Grade Parent Party**  
Thursday, October 19 (Evening)  
**Parent Meeting for DC/Philadelphia Trip**  
Wednesday, October 25 • 7:45am  
**Parent Meeting for NYC/Boston Trip**  
Wednesday, March 20 • 7:45am



**Father-Son St. Louis Trip**  
Friday-Sunday, September 15-17  
**6th Grade Parent Party**  
Thursday, October 26 (Evening)  
**Student-Faculty Basketball Game**  
Thursday, March 7 • 1pm  
**Mother-Son Picnic**  
Friday, April 5 • 11:30am  
**Parent Luncheon**  
Thursday, April 25 • 11:30am  
**Father-Son Retreat**  
Friday, May 17



## MORE INFO

Visit the event registration section of the website to register for these events



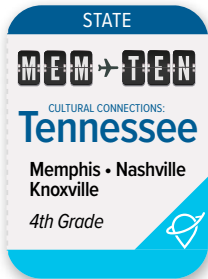
# Cultural Expeditions: Now Boarding for All Destinations!



## 4th Grade: Nashville & Knoxville

**Trip Dates:** April 24-26, 2024

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, September 13 at 7:45am



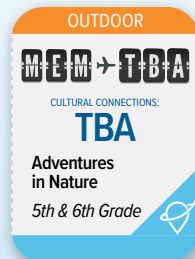
Our Cultural Expeditions program is expanding into the 4th grade. Boys will receive a crash course on the Volunteer state. On this trip, the boys will broaden their knowledge by experiencing important cultural sites of our state, such as the State Capitol, Smoky Mountain National Park, and the Cumberland Caverns.

This trip provides the boys a great opportunity to foster independence and expand their perspectives in their learning experience of Tennessee. Registration for this trip will begin in the fall.

## 5th & 6th Grades: Optional Outdoor Adventures Trip

**Trip Dates:** June 2024  
(Final dates TBA)

Our Outdoor Trip is for 5th and 6th grade boys looking for adventure in nature. These trips will be guided tours that include hiking, rafting, fishing, and camping in some of the most beautiful places our country has to offer. These outdoor trips are optional summertime expeditions for the boys.



### Day 1

Depart PDS  
Tour TN State Capitol  
Recess at Centennial Park  
Tour the Parthenon  
Tour the Hermitage  
Dinner and Games at Indian Creek Camp

### Day 2

Breakfast at Indian Creek Camp  
Tour Brushy Mountain  
Bus Tour of Oak Ridge  
Play at World's Fair Park  
Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont

### Day 3

Breakfast at Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont  
Visit Ft. Loudon St. Historic Area  
Tour Cumberland Caverns  
Depart for Memphis



## Questions?

If you have questions about our Cultural Expeditions program, contact Tony Rudzena, Director of Cultural Expeditions, Chaplain for Elementary, Bible Teacher for 4th-6th Grade at 901-219-1987 or [trudzena@pdsmemphis.org](mailto:trudzena@pdsmemphis.org)





## He Family Scholarships for Cultural Expeditions Trips

With the expansion of the PDS Cultural Expeditions Program, we desire for every boy to participate and have these seminal experiences. Through the He Family Scholarship, boys with financial need are able to step into historical spaces and cities to understand the culture and experience those locations play in our history.

The He Family Scholarship for Cultural Expeditions is a need based scholarship providing over 10 students the opportunity to participate in the Cultural Expeditions Program.

Each student receiving the scholarship submits a short reflection paper on his time and learning on the respective trip.



HE FAMILY FOUNDATION  
贺浩家族基金会

## 2023-2024 Cultural Expeditions: Dates, Meetings, Registration Deadline

### 4th Grade: Tennessee

**Trip Dates:** April 24-26, 2024

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, September 13 at 7:45am

### 5th Grade: Washington D.C. & Philadelphia

**Trip Dates:** November 5-10, 2023

**Last Chance to Register:** Friday, August 25

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, October 25th at 7:45am

### 6th Grade: New York City & Boston

**Trip Dates:** April 7-12, 2024

**Last Chance to Register:** Friday, August 25

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, April 3 at 7:45am

### SUMMER TRIPS:

#### 5th and 6th Grade (Optional) with Parents: London

**Trip Dates:** May 29 - June 4, 2024

**Last Chance to Register:** Wednesday, September 20

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6 at 7:45am

#### 5th & 6th Grade: Outdoors

**Trip Dates:** June 2024 (final dates TBA)

**Parent Meeting:** TBA



# Daily Schedules & School Holidays

## Daily Schedule

7:20-7:50 AM	Early rooms open (supervised by faculty)
7:30-8:00 AM	Drop Off Time
7:50 AM	Boys may arrive in classrooms
8:00 AM	Classes begin

## Normal Schedule Dismissal Times

	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Wed
YK & PK, morning	11:45 AM	11:45 AM
YK & PK, full day	2:20 PM	1:45 PM
JK, full day	2:30 PM	2:00 PM
SK	2:40 PM	2:15 PM
1st	2:50 PM	2:30 PM
2nd	2:50 PM	2:30 PM
3rd	3:00 PM	2:30 PM
4th-6th	3:10 PM	2:45 PM

	Mon, Fri	Tue, Thu	Wed
PK, 2/3	1:45 PM	2:20 PM	1:45 PM
JK, 2/3	12:00 PM	2:30 PM	2:00 PM

## School Holidays

### Parent-Teacher Conference Day:

Fridays, September 22 & January 26

### Fall Break:

Monday-Friday, October 2-6

### Thanksgiving Break:

Wednesday-Friday, November 22-24

### Christmas Break:

Monday, December 18 - Tuesday, January 2

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

Monday, January 15

### Winter Break:

Friday, February 16 - Monday, February 19

### Spring Break:

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15

### Good Friday:

Friday, March 29

### Easter Holiday:

Monday, April 1

## Who to Call

### AfterCare & After School Adventures:

Madison Spain 901-842-4609

### Lunch Program Questions:

Madison Spain 901-842-4609

### PowerSchool Questions:

Melissa Smith 901-842-4648

### Submit a Photo for Social Media:

Anne-Davis Vander Have 901-842-4613

### Technology Questions:

Melissa Smith 901-842-4648

### Re-Enrollment:

Rachel Bishop 901-842-4695

### Tuition / Billing Questions:

Laura Hyde 901-842-4615

### Update Parent Contact Info:

Anne-Davis Vander Have 901-842-4613

## Half-Days / Early Dismissal Days

### First Day of School (JK-6):

Wednesday, August 16

### Christmas Pageant Day:

Thursday, December 14

### Christmas Party Day:

Friday, December 15

### Yipes Stripes:

Friday, February 23 (2nd grade only)

### Spring Break Begins:

Friday, March 8

### Field Day:

Friday, May 3 (1st-3rd grades only)

### Last Regular Day of School:

Wednesday, May 22

### 4th-6th Grade Class Day:

Thursday, May 23

### Half-Day Schedule Dismissal Times

Young Knights	10:40 AM
Pre-Kindergarten	10:40 AM
Junior Kindergarten	10:50 AM
Senior Kindergarten	11:00 AM
1st Grade	11:15 AM
2nd Grade	11:20 AM
3rd - 6th Grades	11:30 AM



## MORE INFO

Subscribe to the calendar  
to integrate it into your  
devices





# Chapel / Building Boys, Making Men

The Chapel program at PDS is truly one of the foundational elements of a PDS boy's education. Chapel is held four days a week at 8:05am as follows:

Mondays - Grades 1-3 in the Chapel  
 Tuesdays - Grades 4-6 in the Chapel  
 Thursdays - Early Childhood in Hussey Commons  
 Fridays - Grades 1-6 in the Sanctuary

## Elements of the Program

### All Grades

- Chapels
- Virtue of the month
- Calendars with daily virtue activities

### Early Childhood

- Verse of the month
- Virtues used in daily teaching and in Bible curriculum
- Buddies from 4th - 6th grade

### 1st-3rd Grades

- Virtues used in daily teaching
- Virtues shown in heroes of the Bible in Bible Class
- Monthly virtue breakfast with a parent

### 4th Grade

- Weekly seminar on being a True Friend
- Bible Class every other day focusing on the life of Jesus
- Monthly virtue breakfast with a parent

### 5th Grade

- Mentor groups
- Monthly virtue breakfast with a parent
- The 7 Virtues of Manhood (book & leader guide)
- Weekly seminar on being a Servant Leader
- Bible Class every other day focusing on the life of Jesus

### 6th Grade

- Mentor groups
- Flight Plan (book, leader guide, & parent resources)
- Weekly seminar on becoming a man of God
- Monthly seminar on preparing for teen years and manhood
- Monthly virtue breakfast with a parent
- Bible Class every other day focusing on Paul's life and letters
- Early Childhood buddies
- Fall and spring father-son trips



## *Building Boys, Making Men* isn't just a class or an event.

It's a complete program to teach every PDS boy what it means to be a man of God — beginning when boys enter PDS as two-year-olds and becoming more intensive as boys approach their teens and prepare to graduate from PDS.



### MORE INFO

Read "Building Blocks" for more information on the elements of the program



## Medical Information

### Required Medical Permission Form

Before school starts, please complete our required Medical Permission Form. HIPPA privacy rules prevent us from storing this information, making it necessary for you to complete the entire form each year.



Included in the form are areas where you can indicate emergency contact information, list any allergies we need to be aware of, and a list of over-the-counter medications that your son will be allowed to receive.

We have also included the concussion and sudden cardiac arrest forms that are required for intramural and Crusader sports for 4th-6th graders.

### Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications Forms

If your son needs to take prescription medications during the school day, please complete the online Prescription Medication Form.

PDS provides some over-the-counter medications, such as brand or generic versions of Advil, Tylenol, Benadryl, Tums and topical (skin) medications. The student will not be given any of these medications unless a permission form is filled out and on file in the nurses' office.

## Before and After-Care

Early room is available beginning at 7:20am each morning. PDS offers an after-school care program from your son's class dismissal time until 6:00pm for grades YK-6.



### Pricing (per semester)

5 days/wk - \$1,200  
4 days/wk - \$1,105  
3 days/wk - \$975  
2 days/wk - \$770  
1 day/wk - \$460

### Sibling Stay

Since class dismissal times are staggered, Early Childhood students (YK-SK) who have an older sibling at PDS will be able to enroll in the program and attend AfterCare until the older sibling is dismissed. The parent is required to walk inside the main entrance and sign the younger sibling out of Sibling Stay BEFORE picking up the older sibling in carpool. The cost is \$412.50 per semester for 5 days and \$247.50 for 3 days.

### Drop-Ins

Drop-in days are available to students who are not registered for aftercare. The drop-in fee is \$35 per day. Please contact Madison Spain to schedule a drop-in.



### MORE INFO

Visit our forms landing page to find these forms



## Athletics

### Offerings

4th Grade Intramural  
5th Grade Intramural  
5th Grade Crusaders  
6th Grade Intramural  
6th Grade Crusaders

Football, Basketball, Soccer  
Football, Basketball, Soccer  
Football

Football, Basketball, Soccer

Fall: Football, Cross Country, Golf | Winter: Basketball | Spring: Track, Tennis



All participants should complete the Medical Permission Form which includes the sports permission forms by the first day of school.



### MORE INFO

Visit our Athletics landing page for schedules and other sports information



## Parents' Association

By virtue of being a parent of a PDS student, all parents are members of the Parents' Association. There is no membership fee or charge for belonging to the Parents' Association.

The Parents' Association seeks to provide support to the school through volunteer assistance and service. Each year, the Parents' Association works closely with the administration to assist the school.

Familiarize yourself with our upcoming events, mark them on your calendar, and use the Volunteer Form to plug yourself in!

### Officers



**Breland Fischer**  
President



**Iyona Houston**  
Vice-President

For a full list of PA Board members, visit the PA page on the website: [pdsmemphis.org/parents-association](https://pdsmemphis.org/parents-association)

## Lunch Program

We offer a complete menu of hot lunches cooked on campus for 1st-6th grades. The cost for the 1st Semester Lunch Plan is \$575.00. The cost for the 1st Semester Drink Plan is \$110.



Menu items are made from fresh and wholesome ingredients. There are many options available and each boy should be able to choose a balanced meal even if he does not choose the hot lunch on any particular day. Salads and turkey and ham sandwiches are available on a daily basis as an alternate option to the hot lunch choice. Ice cream is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our lunch program provides a balanced and healthy lunch as well as the convenience of not having to pack a lunch!

For questions about lunch, please contact Madison Spain (901-842-4609).

### Lunch Schedule

1st	11:00 - 11:30
2nd	12:05 - 12:35
3rd	11:35 - 12:05
4th	11:50 - 12:20
5th	12:30 - 1:00
6th	11:20 - 11:50

## Spirit Store



Our annual Back-to-School Spirit Sale is your opportunity to shop the newest PDS gear.

**AUG**  
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**Back-to-School Spirit Sale**  
9am-4:30pm

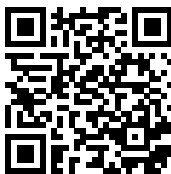
The Spirit Store, located just inside the main entrance is open weekly:

Tuesdays 7:45 - 9:00am  
Thursdays 11:30am - 12:30pm



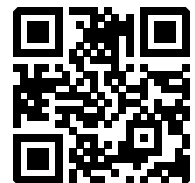
### MORE INFO

Visit the online Spirit Sale  
(Opens after the in-person  
Back-to-School sale)



### MORE INFO

Visit our forms landing page to register for the lunch program



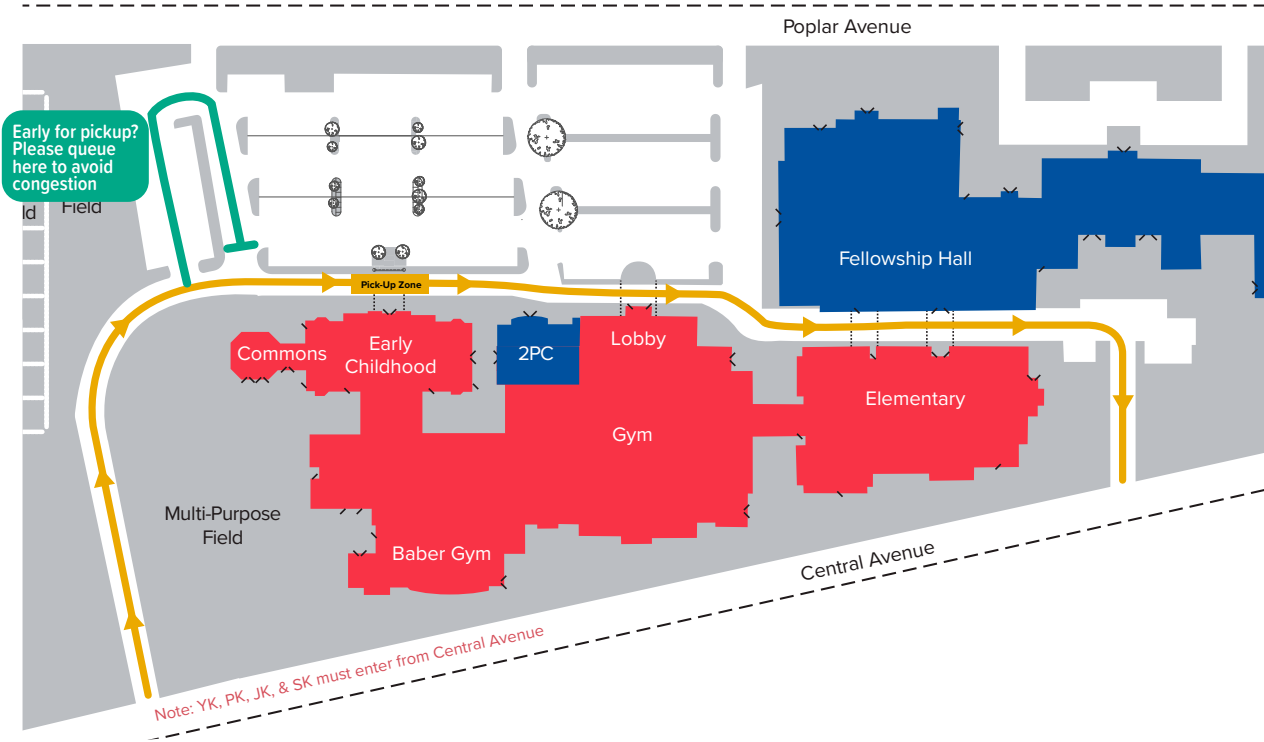
## Dress-Down Days

Friday, December 14 - Christmas Parties  
Tuesday, March 5 - March Mania  
Thursday, March 7 - Student-Faculty Game  
Friday, May 3 - Field Day

Stay tuned to the weekly *PDS Express* newsletter for other special Dress-Down Days that get announced during the school year!

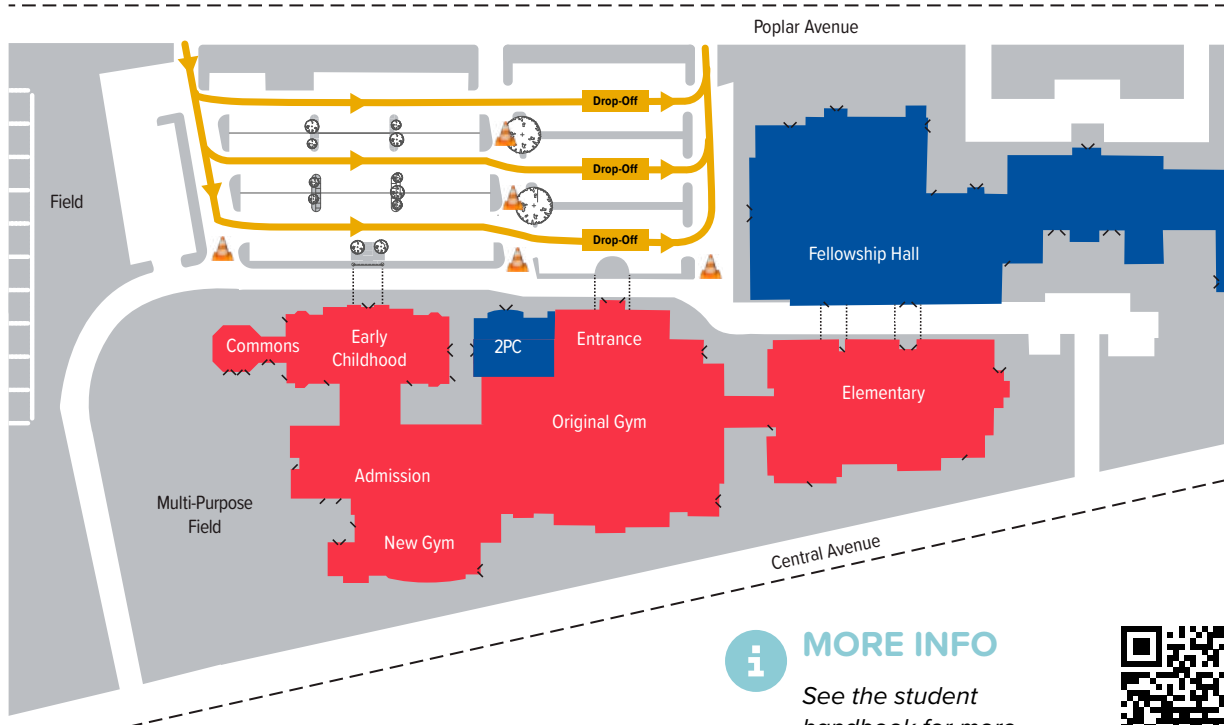
# Carline Maps

## Early Childhood - Dropoff and Pickup for Full Day Boys



## 1st-6th Grades - Dropoff

Note: 1st-6th must enter from Poplar Avenue

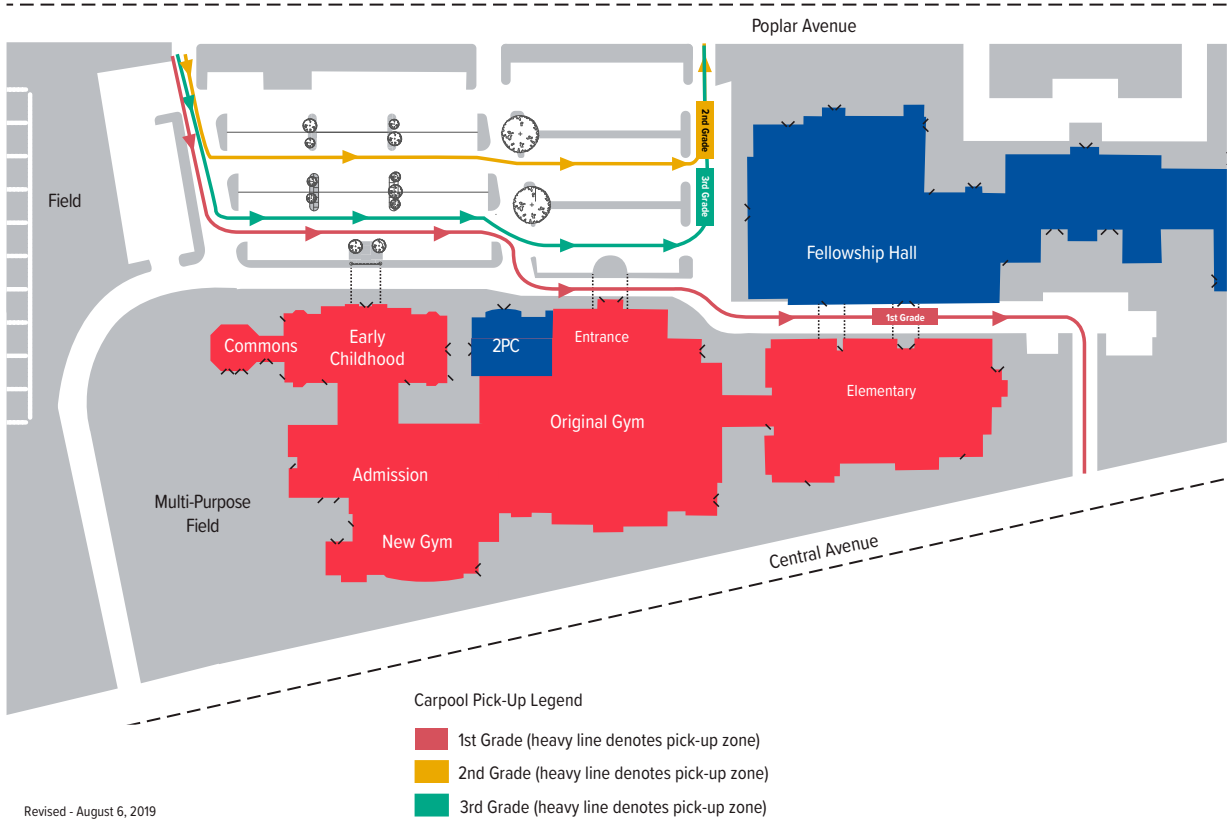


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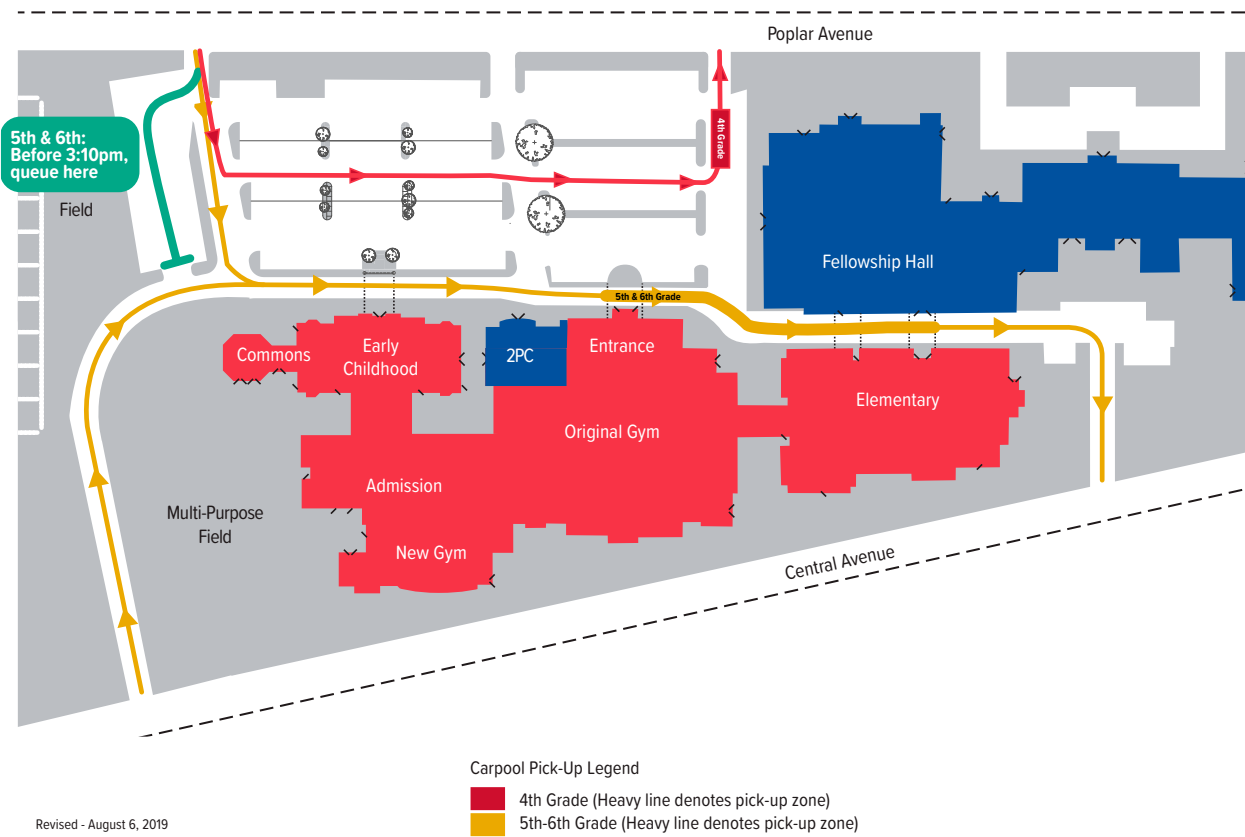
See the student handbook for more procedures related to carline



### 1st-3rd Grade Pickup



### 4th-6th Grade Pickup



# Supporting PDS

Parents are encouraged to support the school in several ways. First, please pray for the school. Pray for the safety, growth, and happiness of our boys. Pray that our teachers and staff might have wisdom, inspiration, energy, and love. Pray that we might all be united in purpose and as a community.

Second, all parents are encouraged to make a financial gift to the school according to their means. Each year, donations to the Annual Fund help the school sustain excellence in teaching, support the health of our boys via our full-time nurse, and secure our campus with our in-house security team. Your gifts also support professional development for our faculty.

There are many ways you can support the Annual Fund: cash or check, stocks and mutual funds, and through other non-liquid assets.

**GOAL:**  
**100%**  
**PARENT PARTICIPATION**

We are thankful for the support of our parents. As always, our goal is 100% participation from all parents and faculty.

*Every gift matters, no matter how big or small.*

*PDS is a 501(c)(3), and contributions to the school are tax deductible upon compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.*

## Annual Fund Dates

**NOV 2** PDS ANNUAL FUND **GIVING DAY**



**Annual Online Auction**  
Donate an item or experience or become a sponsor!

**FEB 29** thru **MAR 5**

**MAR 1** **March Mania Parent Party**  
**ALL PARENTS**

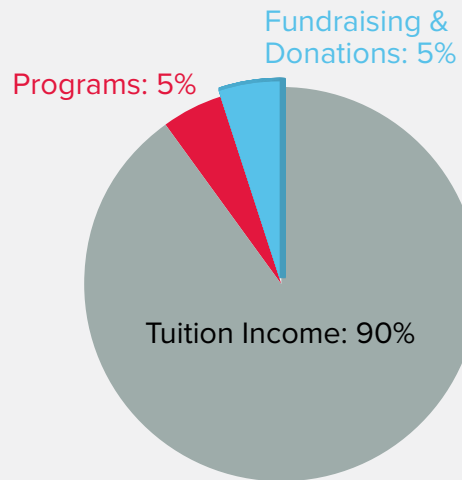
Join us for a special night of food, drinks, & fun! See some of the unique offerings in this year's online auction! We're planning an even bigger and better event for 2024!



# PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

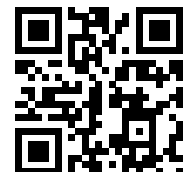


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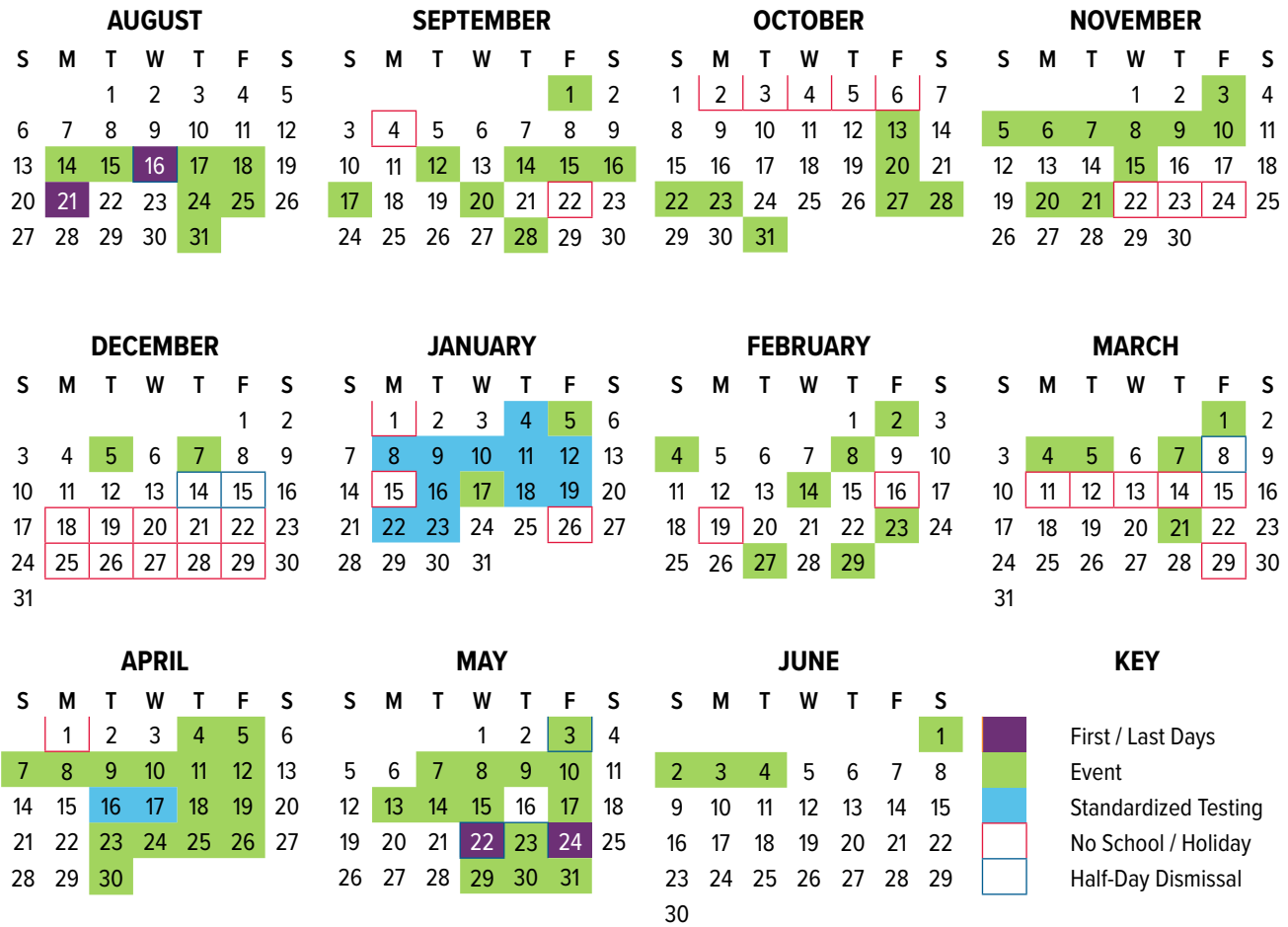


### GIVE ONLINE

Use our online form or Venmo your gift to @pds-memphis



# Calendar



- August**
- 14 Parent Meetings (1st -3rd)
  - 15 Parent Meetings (EC, 4th-6th)
  - 16 Classes Begin (JK-6th)
  - 17-18 PK Preview Days
  - 21 Classes Begin (YK-PK)
  - 24-25 Breakaway to VR (6th)
  - 31 Elementary Parent Night
  - 31-1 Breakaway to VR (5th)

- September**
- 5 Labor Day Holiday
  - 8 True Friend Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 12, 19, 26 Parent Book Club
  - 14 Donuts with Dads (JK)
  - 15-17 Father-Son Trip (6th)
  - 20 School Picture Day
  - 22 Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - 28 Dads and Dogs (PK)

- October**
- 2-6 Fall Break
  - 13 Humble Hero Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 13 Pumpkins with Pop (YK)
  - 20 Cedar Hill Farm (SK)
  - 22-24 IBSC Conference
  - 23 Parent Event: Guest Speaker
  - 27 Harvest Hoedown (JK)
  - 28 Jamboree & Family Picnic
  - 31 Harvest Party (PK)

- November**
- 3 Crusader Cafe
  - 3 Servant Leader Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 5-10 Cultural Expedition Trip (5th)
  - 15 Spelling Bee
  - 20-21 Elementary Fall Breakway
  - 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

- December**
- 5 Instrumental Music Recital
  - 7 Winter Band Concert
  - 14 Half-Day Dismissal
  - 14 Christmas Pageant
  - 15 Half-Day Dismissal
  - 18-2 Christmas Break

- January**
- 4-9 ERB Testing (6th)
  - 5 Pacesetter Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 18 Books for Breakfast (1st)
  - 10-16 ERB Testing (5th)
  - 10-17 ERB Testing (3rd)
  - 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
  - 17 Books for Breakfast (1st)
  - 18-24 ERB Testing (2nd, 4th)
  - 26 Parent-Teacher Conferences

- February**
- 2 Crusader Cafe
  - 2 Bold Adventurer Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 4 PDS Sunday (4th-6th)
  - 8 Valentine's Day Program (PK)
  - 14 Mother/Son Dance (1st)
  - 16-19 Winter Break
  - 23 Yipes Stripes (2nd)
  - 27 Father-Son Dinner (4th-6th)
  - 29-5 March Mania Online Auction

- March**
- 1 March Mania Party
  - 1 Noble Knight Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 7 Student-Faculty Game
  - 8 Half-Day Dismissal
  - 11-15 Spring Break
  - 21 EC Family Night
  - 29 Good Friday Holiday

- April**
- 1 Easter School Holiday
  - 4 PDS Maker Faire
  - 5 Faithful Follower Brkfst (1st-6th)
  - 5 Mother-Son Picnic (6th)
  - 7-12 Cultural Expedition Trip (6th)
  - 16-17 WrAP Testing
  - 17 Class Pictures Day
  - 17 SK Parent Meeting
  - 18 Games with Dad (2nd)

- 19 AR Auction
- 23-24 AR Store
- 24-26 Cultural Expedition Trip (4th)
- 25 6th Grade Parent Luncheon
- 26 Father-Son Kickball (3rd)
- 26 Crusader Cafe
- 30 Instrumental Music Recital

- May**
- 3 Field Day (1st-6th)
  - 3 Half-Day (1st-3rd)
  - 7 Spring Band Concert (5th-6th)
  - 8 Mother's Day Picnic (SK)
  - 9 Sports Banquet (4th-6th)
  - 9 Mommy and Me (PK)
  - 10 Mempoops with Mom (YK)
  - 10 Mother's Day Tea (JK)
  - 13 Class Day (3rd)
  - 14 Class Day (2nd)
  - 15 Class Day (1st)
  - 17 Class Day (SK)
  - 17 Father-Son Retreat (6th)
  - 22 Last Day (YK-3rd)
  - 22 Half-Day Dismissal
  - 23 Class Day (4th-6th)
  - 24 Graduation
  - 24 Last Day (4th-6th)
  - 29-4 Cultural Expedition Trip (6th)



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## Parent Meetings



**Monday**  
1st Grade: 8am  
2nd Grade: 9:30am  
3rd Grade: 3pm



**Tuesday**  
Early Childhood: 8:30am  
4th Grade: 1pm  
5th Grade: 2:30pm  
6th Grade: 4pm

## First Day of School



**Wednesday**  
JK-6th (Half-Day)



**Monday**  
YK-PK



### MORE ONLINE

Visit our *Back-to-School* landing page for required forms, and other information.

