

We know boys.



Presbyterian Day School
BUILDING BETTER BOYS



In fact, no one knows boys better.

At Presbyterian Day School, we know how to teach boys, reach them, and channel their energies in positive and productive ways.





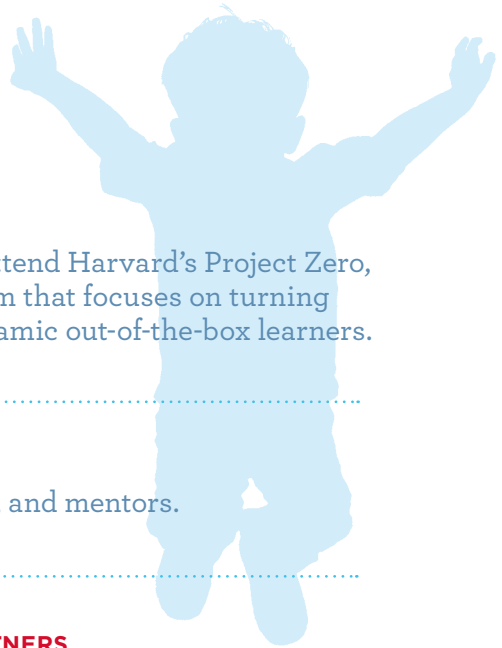
After nearly 70 years

of teaching boys, here's what we know:

They can't always sit still. They delight in getting their hands dirty. And their minds sometimes wander. (That's okay.)

At PDS, we know a better way to reach a budding explorer, scientist, or chef. We let them move, pepper us with questions, and think out loud. This isn't just a boys' school. It's a school built for boys – and all the ways they learn, grow, and do.

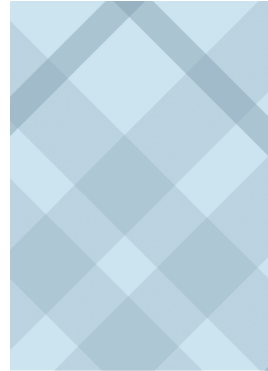
Two-year-olds through sixth graders learn how to channel their natural energy into becoming better thinkers, problem solvers, and citizens. Our little guys get a solid foundation of godly values and mind-opening academics in a boy-friendly environment to build them into men who find ways to better the world.



90%
of PDS teachers attend Harvard's Project Zero, a summer program that focuses on turning students into dynamic out-of-the-box learners.

70+
teachers, coaches, and mentors.

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS
It takes our best to build a better boy. That's why PDS produces podcasts, hosts parent classes, and shares a Strategic Parenting Blog.





GRIZZLIES VS WARRIORS 1/15/15
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**Showing
is better
than telling.**



LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Teachers track every boy's individual progress and create better, customized learning experiences.

PDS BOYS OWN THEIR EDUCATION

Fifth and sixth graders lead parent-teacher conferences.

BETTER TOGETHER

Boys work on teams and in small groups to learn how to connect and collaborate.



Dig in the sand. And learn the alphabet. Dissect a sheep heart to figure out how the human body works – at age four. Or use NBA scores to calculate percentages. Dive deep into S.T.E.M. by building a scale model bridge. Or explore the Civil War with a trip to Shiloh National Military Park (our fifth graders do). The key: Learn by doing.

Every boy is different. That's why each gets his own customized education plan. We're talking about made-for-him math journeys. Personal attention from learning specialists and coaches in our Learning Studio. And all-online social studies courses where they set the pace. Dig in.

Climbing the walls comes naturally.

Boys move. A lot. We're experts at directing that energy. Many of our classrooms have standing desks, bungee chairs for bouncing, and write-on walls and desks for scribbling out ideas. Experience (and science) tells us that when boys aren't focused on sitting still, they concentrate on what's really important – learning.

And any extra energy? That gets burned off in one of two gyms. Our Lifetime Fitness Center is outfitted with a rock-climbing wall, high ropes course, and virtual X-Bikes. Oh, and there are two playgrounds (plus a turf field). When boys get to move their bodies, their brains will thank you.



TAKE A SPIN

Zip through San Francisco. Whip through the Alps. With the help of virtual reality, our boys can pedal anywhere on X-Bikes.





TEAM SPORTS

Interscholastic:
Football (5th and 6th)
Basketball (6th)
Cross country (6th)

Intramural:
(4th, 5th, and 6th)
Tackle football
Basketball
Soccer

ALL IN

Every single one of our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys can choose to participate in intramural sports. The field is open.





MacBooks, Mandarin, and Makers' Club

And don't forget Model UN. Or wood shop. And definitely not 3-D printing. We don't ask boys to fit in. Here, it's about helping them unearth what makes them stand out. Taekwondo. Ceramics. Robotics. Theatre and chess. Coding and football. Even knitting. You never know what discoveries will happen along the way.



The life of a PDS boy

is full of Christmas pageants, student-faculty basketball games, field days, spelling bees, and days just for Memphis-style ribs (napkins not included).

3 - 2 - 1 Lift off!

Our boys started a drone club. *It's really taken off.*

After school,

PDS boys write for the student newspaper, play golf, build Lego cities, direct stop-motion movies, master origami, make Minecraft metropolises, and even launch rockets. Visit: pdsmemphis.org/after-school



We bring out the best in boys.

The definition of manhood we teach our boys: *A real man glorifies God by seeking an adventuresome life of purpose and passion as he protects and serves others.*



THE JOY OF GIVING

Our boys serve the world all year long. They've participated in shoe drives for Haiti, collected pajamas for the underprivileged, and helped build outdoor gyms for children in Costa Rica.



HAPPYGRAMS

We give shout-outs to boys for being kind and giving their all. We plaster Happygrams all over PDS for a little *atta-boy!* inspiration.



To make men, build (up) boys.

Our character education program is how we guide boys to leading a godly life. The program is integrated into nearly every corner of our campus (think chapel, class, and everyday interactions). It's how we live and learn. Each month, we focus on teaching one of our seven virtues of manhood – like the value of friendship and how to lead in bold and humble ways. Big lessons for little guys. In fact, we wrote the book on character education, *Flight Plan*. And while our foundation is Christian, we're open and welcoming to all faiths. That's just one lesson we teach our boys.

Give us a boy,
and we'll
make him
stronger,
smarter,
happier, and
overall,
better.



Born problem solvers.



Give a boy a puzzle to solve.

A problem to fix. A plan to hatch.
Watch him go to the very EDGE.
Of Design Thinking, that is.

Explore the problem. **Develop** empathy. **Grow** ideas. **Evaluate** prototypes. All of our boys do it, from second graders tackling oil spills to sixth graders redesigning famous escape plans.

Our goal: Teach students how to become problem finders and solution seekers. Here, boys take on big ideas – like Newton’s Second Law and the African water crisis – in brain-bending ways. EDGE is Ivy League-inspired (thanks, Harvard and Stanford!) and PDS-perfected.



Fourth graders made kiosks out of water jugs to collect donations for a village well in Zambia.



DESIGN THINKING BUILT FOR BOYS

The PDS EDGE Studio is home to collaborative spaces, idea walls, and plenty of tape, pipe cleaners, straws, and streamers to make any idea come to life.

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HARVARD RECOGNIZED

Our learning specialist's Design Thinking methods and the EDGE Studio were featured in a book by a Harvard Project Zero senior investigator called *Creating Cultures of Thinking*.



They're rock stars.

In training, of course.

We give them plenty of room to let out their inner drummers, trumpeters, and xylophonists. Starting at age two, boys get daily doses of music and art. And from first grade on, every PDS boy participates in choral music and art. Preschoolers make pop-out pictures, and third graders create Aboriginal-inspired images. Picasso, beware.

Why? Because it's good for them. Like, really good. Music stimulates the mind and releases endorphins

(happy vibes). It boosts the brain. And art improves verbal and motor skills.

When they're ready, fifth and sixth graders can join our band. They'll learn the basics (like how to read music), practice in small groups, and then come together to create beautiful music as one.

Our approach to teaching art and music is simple: It rocks. Sounds like a good plan to us.





LET THE MUSIC PLAY

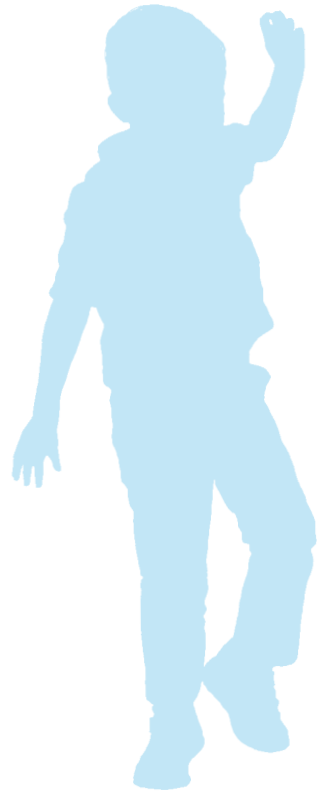
Three times a year, boys show off their musical talents for friends and family at the Crusader Café.

NOT ANOTHER BOY BAND

Flutes. French horns. Tubas. And more. Welcome to the PDS band.

PLAY BALL AND LOVE BAND?

No sweat. We've made sure band doesn't conflict with any of our athletic teams. Let's play on!



Our state-of-th

We're talking 3-D printers. SmartBoards. And iPads and MacBooks for every boy. Our littlest guys learn to code. Bigger boys write songs in GarageBand. Use iMovie to make Mandarin music videos. And create grammar games in MinecraftEDU. At PDS, it's all hands on tech.

18: Average class size

Virtual tutors
via Skype!

Tech coaches are always
on hand to help bring
technology into lessons.

e-boy campus.

One of our fifth grade classes connected with students in Illinois and Taiwan to create a website on bullying.

Nearly every classroom has a comfy couch. Some rooms have bungee chairs.

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence.

1:1 laptop program puts a MacBook Air in the hands of every first through sixth grader.



With all their hearts, they believe in heroes.

Let's give them some good ones.

Fact: A boy with a positive male role model does better in school than one without. At PDS, we have plenty of male teachers and coaches. Everyday heroes who've been through boyhood themselves. They're front-and-center mentors, listeners, and day-brighteners who guide our guys.

Sixth graders transform into Big Buddies (and giant heroes) to our littlest fellows. They play football, make marble roller coasters, and share breakfast. And all our teachers (male and female) weave the PDS virtues into everything they do.

PDS – in class and beyond – is designed to help boys grow into even better versions of themselves. They'll carry that lesson with them long after they leave.





MENTOR RETREAT

Fifth and sixth graders head to Victory Ranch to play laser tag, run obstacle courses, and get a two-day lesson in becoming godly men from their mentors.

PDS FATHER-SON EVENTS

Kite flying and kickball games, Books for Breakfast, and the St. Louis trip (a PDS tradition) – because dads are number-one role models.



**A better
world begins
with better
boys.**



SECOND GRADE PLANET-SAVERS

In Zoolandia, a game created by PDS teachers, boys are challenged to design a better world. One animal at a time.

FOR A BETTER MEMPHIS

PDS plans canned food and school uniform drives, donates mittens to local children, and participates in the Angel Tree program every year.

A GOOD FOUNDATION

PDS graduates go on to Harvard, Princeton, Georgia Tech, and Vanderbilt – to name a few.

Today's boys are tomorrow's ground-breakers.

That's why it's critical to build a foundation of problem-finding, mind-changing, idea-making, and good-doing that they can carry for their entire lives.

Our boys fill blessing bags with essential supplies for the homeless. And sell lemonade to send a Tanzanian boy to school. They play with preschoolers in Buenos Aires and speak at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hearings. Eventually, they'll grow into company founders, nonprofit starters, and community leaders.

One day, it will be up to them to make the world better. We'll do our best to help them be prepared.

Yes, we know boys. Now get to know us.

Visit

Schedule a campus tour, drop in for open house, or pop over for a quick look at PDS. Check out admission events at pdsmemphis.org/admission-calendar. Or call 901-842-4695.

Apply

At pdsmemphis.org/apply.

Questions?

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575+ boys
are enrolled annually.

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7 virtues
teach our boys what it means to (one day) be godly men.

29-acre campus
in the heart of East Memphis.

\$20 million
recently funded facilities like our Early Childhood Center, EDGE Studio, Science Center, Lifetime Fitness Center, and turf field.

20%
of students receive financial assistance from PDS every year.

100%
of secondary schools are lucky to get PDS boys.





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