

Dear FPDS Parents,

For more than 50 years, First Presbyterian Day School has been a steadfast leader in Christian education. As the world around us has faced an ever-changing social and political landscape, FPDS's dedication to providing our students with an academically robust, Biblically-based education has been unwavering. Now, in the midst of a global pandemic, our commitment to our students' academic, emotional, spiritual, and physical wellbeing resonates louder than ever.

With that being said, prioritizing the health and safety of our families takes precedence. So, it is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of our beloved annual Holiday Potpourri fundraiser. As this is our school's only fundraiser, cancelling it was a difficult decision that we did not take lightly. This event generates more than \$200,000 annually, a significant portion of which is donated by our generous Parent Patrons. Holiday Potpourri's revenue has supported such important projects as the development of the preschool program, the building of a state-of-the-art science lab, the library expansion and, most recently, our campus expansion, which will include a new gymnasium.

The success of Holiday Potpourri, coupled with the generosity of First Presbyterian Church, has helped keep our tuition prices among the lowest in the Metro-Jackson area. This is due in large part to the supplement provided by First Presbyterian Church, which covers the cost of facility maintenance, electricity, water, air conditioning, heating, and janitorial services. This church supplement is wholly driven by the generosity of the First Presbyterian Church congregation. During this time of economic uncertainty, these blessings are essential to our financial stability.

However, despite Holiday Potpourri's cancellation, we optimistically look toward the future and place our trust in the Lord. We pray that we can build our fundraising momentum and continue offering cutting-edge classroom technologies and improved on-campus resources. To accomplish this, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible contribution to FPDS.

If you would like to help, please return a check, included with the following information:

- Check made payable to "The Crusader Club."
- Memo line marked "Holiday Potpourri 2020."
- Envelope addressed to FPDS Crusader Club/ 1390 North State Street/ Jackson, MS/ 39202.

Or, you may complete the following online form to have your FACTS account charged.

<https://forms.gle/7SWxmghvtyT4HJZc9>

We encourage our families who are new to the school to visit www.holidaypotpourri.org for an FAQ on the event, as well as Crusader Party and Parent Patrons.

Be on the lookout for information soon regarding a small Garden & Gift Gallery pop-up store and teacher for a day raffle! Thank you for your prayers and support and, most importantly, for investing in your children's future.

Caroline Hogan
Holiday Potpourri Chair

Brian Smith
Head of School