

Alumni and Friends Newsletter September 2024



Putney students enjoyed perfect weather for their Long Fall trips this year. Photo credit Charlie '25

Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

Putney has launched its 90th year of educating students, and they arrived on campus with that heady mix of excitement and nervousness that we can all remember from our youth, no matter how remote those days are for us. We loaded onto buses and headed into the woods for a few lovely days of Long Fall, hiking up mountains, fishing on a quiet lakeside, and embracing creative cooking. The threads of the Putney experience remain strong throughout the decades, and we continue to see the good that our students and alumni bring to the world. We wish you a happy fall, and we hope to see you at [Harvest Festival!](#)

Johnny Swing '80 Exhibits at Putney



"Graceful."
"Thrilling."
"Huge."
"Wow."

[Johnny Swing](#) '80's art elicits superlatives and awe from those who see it, and until October 30, his work will be on display at Putney in the Michael S. Currier Center's gallery, foyer, and hallways. Join us to see his spectacular work on display.

Opening Reception
Friday, September 20, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Meet the Artist
Sunday, October 6, 2:30–4:00
at Harvest Festival

"Improving Estimates of Changing Firn Meltwater Storage and Flux in Temperate Glacier Systems"



That's a mouthful!

Putney math teacher Lynn Brennan received a grant from the National Science Foundation to participate in [Polar STEAM](#) on Alaska's Juneau Icefield last summer. She (with a group of other scientists) spent four weeks collecting radar data and drilled firn cores. Firn is "a highly porous middle stage between snow and ice which often stores surface meltwater in its pore space. Unfortunately, we don't have a good estimate of how much meltwater is stored in firn ... This project will determine ... firn thickness, pore volume, water storage, and changes in water storage over time. Alaska's and Canada's glaciers are melting faster than any other glacier system on Earth." (Excerpted from [@polarsteamteam on Instagram](#))

Using AI to Deepen Learning



Putney frequently asks its students to reflect on their intentions: from actions between classmates to students' educational paths, we engage students in their education. With the hope of honing those intentions and

deepening students' inquisition into their learning, Putney has partnered with Boston College and the team at Lumi, a "reflective intelligence co-pilot." Specifically, students are using Lumi to help focus, track, and enhance their Project Week experiences. Learn more [here](#).

Try it yourself, whether for [intention](#) or [reflection](#).

Image from [findmytruenorth.com](#)

Greetings from Team Admission



Hello Putney Community,

We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and the Admissions team has hit the road to meet potential members of our future Putney School community. As always, word of mouth plays a crucial role in how families discover Putney, and we would greatly appreciate your support in sharing the information below with prospective families and writing reviews for us.

[Meet the Admissions Team](#)
[Admissions Travel 2024-2025](#)
[Boarding School Review](#)
[GreatSchools Review](#)
[Niche School Review](#)
[Learn More About Financial Aid](#)

If you know someone who would be a great match for Putney, please encourage them to submit an inquiry. A member of our Admissions team will be in touch. We look forward to your continued partnership and to welcoming the next group of students in the fall of 2025.

In Friendship,
The Admissions Team

Harvest Festival, Sunday, October 6



Come one, come all to [The Putney School's Harvest Festival](#). Happening one week earlier than usual this year, we hope to see our usual huge crowd of smiling alumni and families for a day of fall celebration, relaxation, art, music, and food. As always, the event is free and open to the public.

A Big "THANK YOU"



The [Elm Lea Circle](#) tackles the happy task of recognizing people who support Putney, and the many ways in which they do so. From leadership gifts to Putney's Sing it *Forward* campaign to in-kind gifts of new looms and printmaking equipment, every donation is appreciated. We hope you will take time to browse [this annual report](#), which beautifully tells the story of this school on the hill and the large Putney family that keeps its engine running.

Upcoming Putney Events



Find Putney on the road and online in the next few months! To RSVP for any of the following events, or to get more information, please [email us](#). We will also send invitations to each event to people in the area or cohort. Also, keep an eye on putneyschool.org/alumni for the most updated list of Putney events.

New York City / Upper West Side

September 29, 2024, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Brunch gathering hosted by Andrea and Dan Elish P'24

Zoom Gathering for Current Parents Living Abroad

Friday, October 18, 2024, 7:30 a.m. Putney time
Conversation with Putney's college counseling office and academic dean
Moderated by Director of International Programs Libby Holmes

Translation services will be available in French, Mandarin, Spanish, and Ukrainian. Watch your email for more specific information about translation services.

Brooklyn Gathering

October 27, 2024, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Kathy and Henry Elsesser P'25

Chicago Pizza Party

Friday, November 1, 2024, 6 p.m. Chicago time
Putney gathering at [Robert's Pizza and Dough Co.](#)
(which landed at #10 on a "[Top 50 Pizzas in America](#)" list last summer)
Hosted by owners Dana Hokin '84 and Robert Garvey

Fall events also in the works

Stay tuned for fall events farther afield, details to be confirmed. And if you have recently moved and we don't know that you're in an area where we're throwing a party, you can update your contact information online [here](#).

Zoom Event for BIPOC Alumni and Students

We look forward to reconvening these conversations this fall and continuing to connect our BIPOC students and alumni.

Putney Events in China

Putney will be hosting alumni and admissions gatherings in China in November, with target dates of Monday, November 18 in Shanghai and Wednesday, November 20 in Beijing. Stay tuned for more details.

Reunion 2025

June 6–8, 2025
Classes of 65-66, 75, 90-91, 99-02, 08-10
That said, everyone is welcome!
[Reunion website](#)



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We welcome your feedback.



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