
Putney's 90th Anniversary! Alumni and Friends Newsletter

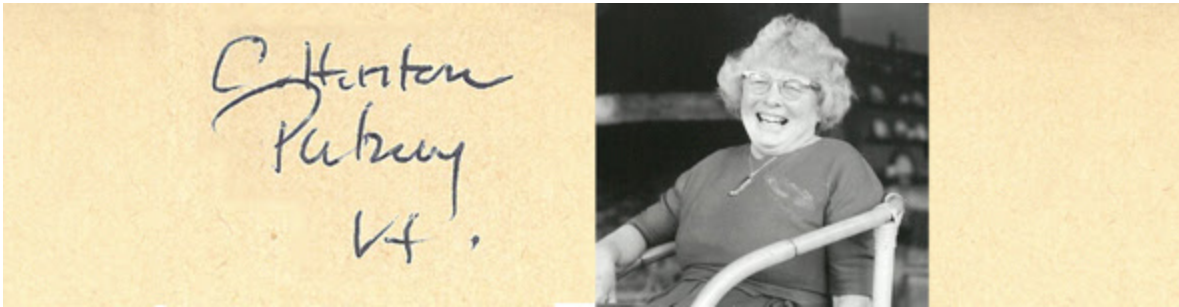


Photo: Carmelita Chase Hinton, founder of The Putney School

Dear Putney Alumni and Friends,

Ninety years ago today, the school envisioned by Carmelita Hinton opened. The Putney School held its first classes and began its "progressive experiment."

From Sue McIntosh Lloyd '52's book, about the school's opening:

It poured rain. The boys' dorm was not yet closed in; mothers in high heels and fathers in business suits opened the front doors and looked through the back wall to the streets beyond. They could see the puddles on the floors and the ladders that still served as stairways to the second floor. One grandmother was far from pleased to see the principal climbing up and down ladders, settling boys in. ... Girls moving into their rooms off the Assembly Hall discovered that finished dormitories at Putney sheltered vegetables in their cellars and that the celery was rotting. But no child was taken home again, to the principal's great joy.

Ninety years.

From that ambitious, optimistic, rain-soaked beginning, we have generations of students, alumni, teachers, and families who have thrown their energy, creativity, and vision into this school. Here's to you all.

Best wishes,
Alison

Alison Frye
Alumni Relations Manager

Harvest Festival



Join us for Harvest Festival Sunday, October 12. We'll have your favorite activities, plus a 90th Anniversary celebration for alumni following Sing, at which we'll eat cake, raise a toast to Putney, and share stories from the school's past: memories of Mrs. Hinton, favorite faculty, places on campus with special memories, and more. See the [Harvest Festival schedule](#).

A Final Bow in Jeffrey Campbell Theater



"All the World's a Stage..." The beloved Jeffrey Campbell Theater will take its final bow this December with a production of William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Moving forward, the theater program will perform in Calder Hall and continue to use Jeffrey Campbell Theater for costume storage and set construction. The Sing it Forward campaign is actively fundraising for the necessary upgrades to Calder Hall.

We invite alumni to attend the performances, which will take place December 10–13, 2025. Look for a ticket sign-up form in our December e-newsletter, or [email us](#) any time to reserve your ticket.

Lucy Shelton '61 in *Innocence* at the
Metropolitan Opera
April 18, 2026



The Metropolitan Opera. Source: Wikimedia Commons. Owner: Billie Grace Ward

Putney will be hosting an event on April 18, 2026 in conjunction with the 1:00 PM performance of *Innocence* at the Met. Performing in the opera, and making her house debut, will be Lucy Shelton '61. We will book a block of tickets for the event, and will host a reception as well. Tickets will cost approximately \$170 each. If you'd like to join us, [let us know](#).

Note: If you would like to receive a discounted price through the school's block of tickets, please purchase your ticket through the school rather than on the Met website.

Old Boys Farewell

The youngest community member to have lived in Old Boys, one of many in the crowd of spectators

Putney said goodbye to Old Boys dorm in August. A crowd gathered to watch. The demolition work at first felt quick, almost jarring in its efficiency. But as the week went by, and the work continued slowly, people took it in, saying goodbye in their own time, in their own way. The new view to the west is open and beautiful. We hope you'll come to campus to see it yourself.



Ways to Support Putney



The Next Generation of Students

Word of mouth works. If you know young people who might be a good fit for Putney, encourage them to visit campus, dive into [our website](#), or contact our Office of Admission to learn more (admission@putneyschool.org or 802-387-6201. Prospective students can visit in person, or take a virtual tour.

Our alumni and parents are the best publicity group the school could ask for, and we encourage you to talk about Putney. Share your stories, speak to the impact of a Putney education, and help send us the next generation of Putney students.

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