

Mrs. Hartnett writes,

Ending as I began...

We have come together now to the end of another school year, a Priory first for some, a continuation for others. Where did it go? It was only yesterday that our Form I students were navigating the halls for the first time, anxious to get it right, and eager to be a part of their new school. And now, here we are, ready to send the Form II students down to the high school to begin the next stage of the adventure, while inviting our Form I students to the west end of the hall to set up shop as eighth graders. And, of course, we eagerly await the arrival of the members of the class of 2023, who will certainly be a welcome addition to the Priory family.

This is truly a bittersweet time for those of us whose lives swirl around the comings and goings of 140 young teenagers. And although we love summer and the relaxation and fun that it promises, we acknowledge, too, that it can be hard to let go, particularly of the Form II students and their parents who truly are moving away from the Junior School, even if the destination is just 50 yards down the hill. We will miss you, and we will miss the personal interactions created by having you nearby.

Too, I would like to thank, once more and most profoundly, all of our Junior School families for their many, many kindnesses to all of us throughout the year. How fortunate we are to be a tiny speck in the cosmic soup that puts us near to each other; we are grateful, and we are blessed.

EXAMS EXAMS EXAMS

Below you will find the third term final exam schedule for the Junior School:

FORM II

Tuesday, May 23:
8:15 – 9:45 Theology
10:00 – 11:15 Modern Language

Wednesday, May 24:
8:15 – 9:45 Latin
10:00 – 11:15 Social Studies

Thursday, May 25:
8:15 – 9:45 Mathematics

FORM I

Tuesday, May 23:
8:15 – 9:45 English
10:00 – 11:15 Theology

Wednesday, May 24:
8:15 – 9:45 Latin
10:00 – 11:00 Science

Thursday, May 25:
8:15 – 9:45 Mathematics

The Junior School will close at noon on all three exam days. It is very important that Junior School boys be picked up as soon as possible after exams on the three exam days,

but in any case, no later than noon. Any boys not picked up by noon will wait in the high school lobby or commons room. Please note as well:

- Monday, May 22, is a review day. No classes are held in the school. At the conclusion of the exams on Thursday, May 25, the school year is officially over.
- Junior School students who are picked up at the high school must remain in the lobby or the commons room of the high school building and are not allowed in the hallways, the library, or the bookstore, as some high school exams may be in session.
- Free milk and donuts are available to the boys between exams on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The dress code for exams on Tuesday, May 23, and Wednesday, May 24, is the same as a regular school day. All boys are expected to be in normal dress code on those two days. However, on Thursday, May 25, students may dress down. There is no charge associated with this dress down day.
- No Junior School student may leave early from an exam. Each student must stay in the exam room until the exam period is completed.
- Any Junior School student who wishes to eat lunch at school on Tuesday or Wednesday of exam week is welcome to do so but must sign up for each day desired. The lunch sign-up sheet is found now on Mrs. Lane's office door. No student lunch will be served on Thursday, May 25.

MAY 19 – SCHOOL LOCKER, GYM LOCKER, AND LOST/FOUND CLEAN-OUT

Please be aware that by May 19, the last day of classes for this school year, Junior School students are to take home any and all of their books, clothes, locker shelving (if the shelving belongs to them), locks, or supplies from their lockers, lost and found, and the gym locker room and grunge boxes. Rather than a thin garbage bag, a sturdy bag or box will be helpful. The maintenance staff will be "moving in" over that weekend immediately following and they will remove any items left behind.

Parents (and boys, of course) are certainly welcome to come to my office now to claim items that they know belong to them. Unclaimed Priory items will be given to Priory families; unclaimed items without the Priory logo will be given to Goodwill.

Starting the search NOW for lost/found items is a very wise thing to do.

Additionally, please be reminded that School will end at 3:00 pm on May 19. We invite all of you to join us in the circle drive at that time for some ice cream and camaraderie.

FORM II MASS AND RECEPTION, MAY 27

By this time, Form II parents should have received an email invitation to the annual Form II Mass and Reception on Saturday, May 27, with music selections beginning at 9:00 am and Mass beginning at 9:30 am. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a reception in the High School lobby.

AND NOW, A WORD TO OUR SPONSORS



(l-r): William Azrak, Peter Khoukaz, Drew Scheiner, James Hamill



(l-r, seated back): Anthony Dixon, Stephen McDaniel, Adam Rolwes; (l-r, seated front): Joseph Dixon, Ethan Newman



(l-r): Carson Blake, Ben Potter, Wyatt Lewis, Blaise Bick, Reuben Goldschmidt, James Wong, Mason Karpei, Miles Pim, David Sadasivam, Will Wagner

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Monday – Friday, May 15-19 | | Search lost/found, take home items not needed |
| Friday, May 19 | 3:00 pm | School ends |
| Friday, May 19 | 3:00 pm | Ice cream social in the Circle Drive |
| Friday, May 19 | | Empty lockers (school and gym) |
| Monday, May 22 | | Study day; no classes held |
| Tuesday – Thursday, May 23, 24, 25 | 8:15 am | Spring term exams |

ACADEMICS – TRADITIONAL AND LESS SO

This time of year finds us contemplating such diverse topics as final exams, locker clean out, lost and found claiming, and saying goodbye.

This period of looming exams encourages us to take a close look at academics in the school, thereby developing a keener understanding of all that is asked of a Priory student. Even though I am fortunate enough to have had a thirty-year association with Priory, I am ever amazed and edified by the richness of the academic program here and the significant intellectual opportunities to which our young men are exposed.

Sometimes, though, our learning, our education about life, comes to us in more varied and less traditional circumstances. These life lessons, lessons about who we are and WHY we are, are no less real, no less valuable, no less relevant than the educational experiences in the classroom. All of us here, students and teachers alike, have learned some very valuable life lessons. Here are some of them:

We have learned that:

- we can get by on charm for about 2 minutes – after that, we had better know something.
- if we depend on others to make us happy, we will be endlessly disappointed.
- children are the best teachers of creativity, persistence, and unconditional love.
- we should keep our promises.
- we cannot expect others to solve our problems.
- if we care, it should show.
- we are responsible for what we do.
- it is just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness.

...and most importantly...

- we still have a lot to learn.

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