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DISCOVER WOODSIDE PRIORY SCHOOL

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Students thrive
when they feel
seen, heard,
and supported.

Choosing the right school is an important decision for your family, and we're honored that you're considering Woodside Priory. At Priory, something truly special happens. Nestled on a beautiful 50-acre campus in the hills of Portola Valley, our community is more than a school. It's where curiosity leads, friendships flourish, and young people grow into confident, compassionate, grounded individuals.

Our Benedictine values of Spirituality, Hospitality, Integrity, Individuality, and Community aren't just words on a page. They are lived daily in classrooms, dorms, art studios, on stage, on the playing fields, and around shared meals. Guided by these values, students are encouraged to take risks, ask big questions, and discover who they are and how they can make a difference in the world.

We have the joy of witnessing the magic of this place every day, and we can't wait to share it with you. Whether you're interested in our vibrant day program or the transformative experience of our boarding community, we are here to walk alongside you every step of the way.

We'd love to welcome your family and share what makes the Priory experience unforgettable. Take a look around, schedule a visit, or simply reach out.



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KNOWN SUPPORTED & EMPOWERED



"Every student's path is unique—and we help them thrive."

Retreats

Each year, students step away from the routines of daily life to connect with classmates, reflect on their values, and discover new perspectives through transformative retreats. Whether through shared conversation, outdoor adventures, or quiet moments of reflection, these experiences foster deeper connections and meaningful personal and spiritual growth.

Chapel

Once a week, our community comes together to pause, listen, and share—a gathering rooted in Benedictine tradition yet open to every voice and journey. Many gatherings are student-led, with peers offering reflections, readings, and personal experiences—fostering authenticity, courage, and connection.

Student Support

Every student's path is unique, and our support team partners closely with each learner and their family to help them thrive—academically, socially, and personally. Spanning academic advising, wellness, learning support, and college counseling, we provide the tools and guidance students need to grow with balance, resilience, and purpose.

- **Academic Advising** – Goal-setting, course planning, and guidance.
- **Wellness** – Support for mind, body, and balance.
- **Learning Support** – Strategies to help every learner thrive.
- **College Counseling** – Guidance through search and applications.



COLLEGE COUNSELING

Guidance Rooted in Purpose and Integrity

At Woodside Priory, college counseling and academic advising is more than a process; it is a journey of purpose and integrity. From the first conversations in 9th grade, our counselors walk alongside students with thoughtful advising and course planning that honor both their aspirations and their authentic selves. By the time students enter 11th and 12th grade, they have built a foundation of trust that allows for a deeper and more intentional exploration of college options.

Through one-on-one meetings, seminars, and reflective exercises, students are encouraged to look beyond rankings and prestige. Instead, they discover colleges that align with their academic strengths, personal values, and long-term sense of purpose; choices that reflect both integrity and self-knowledge.

Our team brings the insight of former admission officers, the wisdom of years of experience, and strong connections with recent alumni to guide families through each step: from building a balanced college list to crafting applications and essays with clarity and honesty.

At Priory, college counseling is not solely about outcomes; it is a formative experience. Students emerge with more than acceptance letters. They leave confident in who they are, prepared for the challenges ahead, and grounded in a sense of purpose that will serve them well in college and beyond.

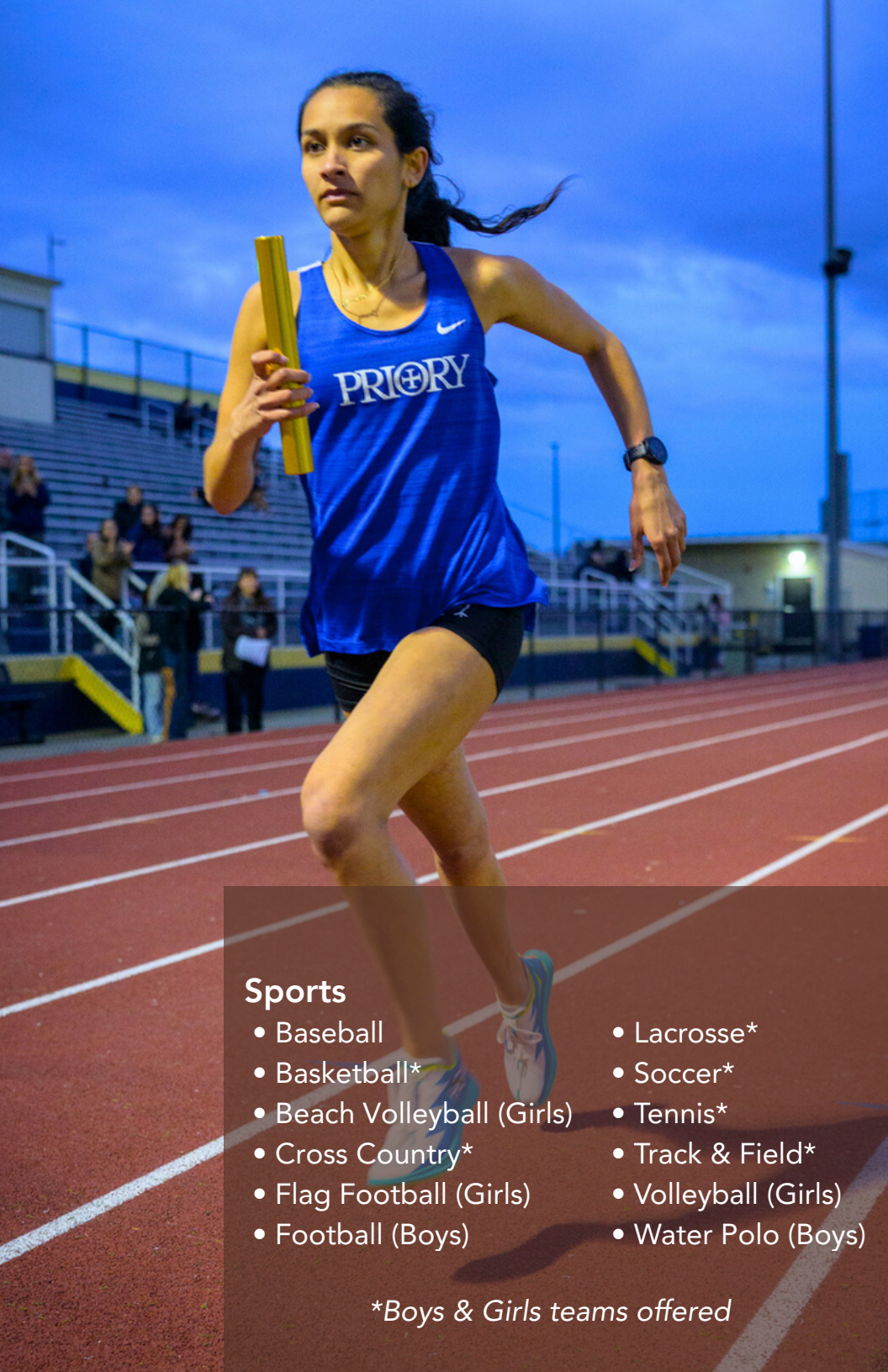


EVERYDAY CHAMPIONS

Together we play, compete, and win—with purpose.

Whether you're chasing a championship or trying a sport for the first time, our teams combine inclusivity with a competitive edge. Athletes train with purpose, support one another, and compete with heart—earning league titles, deep playoff runs, and recognition across a wide range of sports. Along the way, students develop resilience and leadership, learning what it means to inspire teammates and contribute to something larger than themselves. At Priory, a strong team culture and a drive to excel go hand in hand.



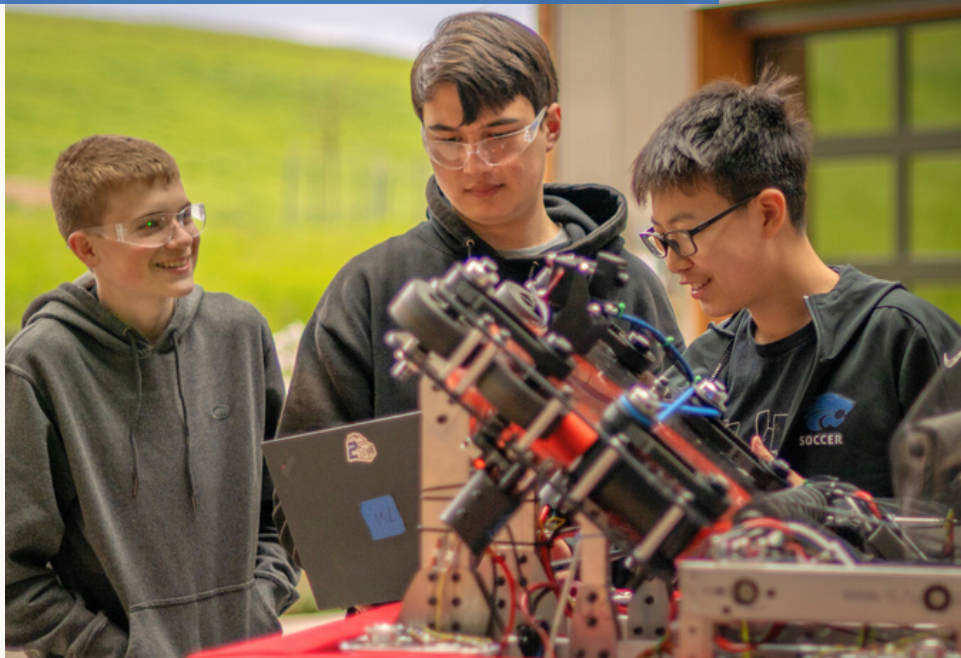


Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball*
- Beach Volleyball (Girls)
- Cross Country*
- Flag Football (Girls)
- Football (Boys)
- Lacrosse*
- Soccer*
- Tennis*
- Track & Field*
- Volleyball (Girls)
- Water Polo (Boys)

**Boys & Girls teams offered*

INNOVATION & EXPLORATION



Innovation and Exploration prepare learners not just for college, but for a lifetime of thoughtful thinking and doing.

Curiosity fuels everything at Priory. Students design, build, and experiment in programs that merge creativity with real-world application. From robotics and computer programming to environmental science, metalworks, and marine biology, courses encourage students to ask bold questions and test meaningful ideas.

What sets our program apart is how innovation is grounded in integrity. Whether they are coding, fabricating, or conducting fieldwork, students are challenged to think critically about the impact of their work—reflecting not only on what they can do, but what they should do.

Innovation and exploration bridges technical skill with purpose, offering opportunities in engineering, life sciences, emerging technologies, and interdisciplinary research. Along the way, learners discover how imagination, inquiry, and persistence—guided by ethical reflection—can shape solutions that matter.



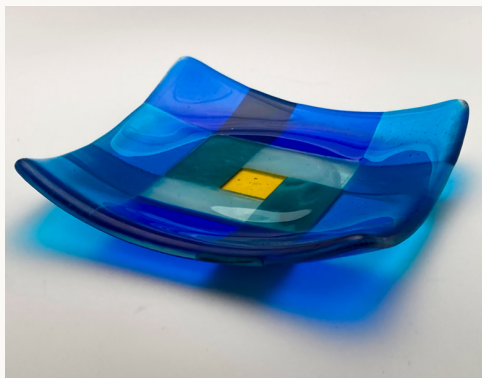
CREATIVE EXPRESSION

VISUAL ARTS

Creativity is woven into every student's education through a vibrant Visual Arts program integrated into the school day as a co-curricular, not an extracurricular. Students learn, grow, and discover their unique voice while exploring both classic techniques and cutting-edge glasswork.

Our expansive program offers hands-on experience in ceramics, woodworking, photography, textiles, metals, painting, and drawing. We are especially proud of our comprehensive glass arts program, where students practice hot lamp work, glass fusion, glass blowing, and stained glass—engaging deeply with both traditional and modern artistic processes.

In our bright, collaborative studio spaces, students take creative risks, experiment with new materials, and express themselves with intention and imagination. Along the way, they build confidence, develop technical skills, and gain a lifelong appreciation for the beauty and discipline of the creative process.





CREATIVE EXPRESSION

PERFORMING ARTS



On stage, in the pit, or writing the next act, students find joy, discipline, and discovery in the performing arts.

The Performing Arts at Priory are more than a show; they are a shared space of belonging, creativity, and growth. Woven into the rhythm of the school day, our program invites every student to build confidence, express themselves authentically, and connect through the transformative power of the arts.

Students explore theater, music, and creative electives—discovering new talents or deepening long-standing passions. Courses such as Speech and Improvisation or Acting sit alongside opportunities to master stagecraft and technical design, giving students many ways to shine.

At Priory, expression flourishes within community. No matter their background or experience, students are supported in taking artistic risks in an environment where their voices are valued, their talents are nurtured, and their growth is celebrated. Here, the arts are not just about the stage; they are about discovering joy, discipline, and connection through creative exploration.



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



From bustling markets to world stages, our students discover the interconnectedness of our world.

The classroom extends far beyond our four walls through Global Education experiences that immerse students in the people, places, and cultures of the world.

From world language immersion trips to China, to hands-on marine biology field studies in Honduras, to competing in international choral festivals in France, these opportunities bring learning to life. Students might practice their language skills in bustling markets, analyze marine ecosystems in tropical waters, or perform for audiences on world stages.

Each program is designed to broaden perspectives, deepen cultural understanding, and build empathy, adaptability, and resilience. Students return with a stronger sense of global citizenship and a lasting appreciation for the interconnectedness of our world—skills and mindsets that serve them for a lifetime.



RESIDENTIAL LIFE



"Boarding at Priory is more than where you live—it's where you flourish in heart, mind, and spirit."

Residential Traditions

Dorm life at Priory is filled with traditions that bring joy and connection—from Dorm Community Days and Dorm Olympics to off-campus retreats that strengthen friendships and spirit. These moments create lasting memories and a sense of belonging that make the dorms feel like home.

Balance & Independence

Priory's boarding program is rooted in wellbeing and personal growth. Using research-based approaches, students learn to balance academics, friendships, health, and responsibilities—developing resilience, self-knowledge, and leadership skills that prepare them for college and life.

Dorm Community – Boarding students live in a close-knit environment where hospitality and community are lived every day. Shared traditions and daily rhythms create not just friendships, but lasting bonds that make Priory feel like a true home away from home.

Global Family – Students from across the U.S. and around the world bring a diversity of backgrounds that enrich dorm life. This mix of perspectives fosters connection, cultural exchange, and a community that reflects Priory's Benedictine value of welcoming all.

Faculty Mentors – Our full-time Residential Faculty ("RFs") are at the heart of Priory's program. Living alongside students, they dedicate their time after school and on weekends to mentoring, guiding, and caring for boarders. They are the trusted adults families can rely on, and the role models students never forget.



LIVING & LEARNING TOGETHER



Dorm life at Priory is about friendship, tradition, and independence that lasts well beyond high school.

Weekend Activities

Life at Priory extends far beyond campus. Each weekend, boarders head out together to explore the Bay Area, building memories while discovering all that Northern California has to offer.

Beach Days

From Half Moon Bay to Santa Cruz Boardwalk, students soak up the sun, play volleyball, and enjoy the classic California coast.

Amusement Parks

Thrills and laughter at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom and California's Great America are a favorite tradition.

Outdoor Adventures

Hikes through redwoods, rock climbing, or afternoons at the pool give students a chance to recharge in nature.

City Explorations

Trips into San Francisco open doors to world-class museums, the Exploratorium, holiday lights, and cultural neighborhoods.

Sports & Games

From bowling and mini golf to cheering at Stanford or Berkeley athletic events, weekends bring plenty of play.

Community Fun

Shared moments make the dorms feel like home. From cozy movie nights in the lounge to escape rooms, service projects, and seasonal favorites like haunted houses or holiday ice skating, these traditions create bonds and memories students carry long after graduation.





OUR MISSION & IDENTITY

*Rooted in Benedictine Values.
Focused on the whole child.*

Students here are known by name, by heart, and by story. Our mission is to help each one create a meaningful, balanced life, grow as a lifelong learner and steward, and serve a world in need of their gifts.



COMMUNITY



HOSPITALITY



INTEGRITY



SPIRITUALITY

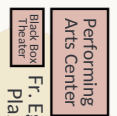
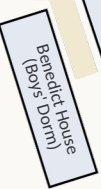
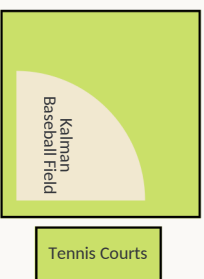


INDIVIDUALITY

PRIORY
ADMISSIONS OFFICE

We invite you to experience Priory for yourself—schedule a visit and discover what makes our community unique.

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CAMPUS MAP

Each color-coded set of buildings is internally accessible without the use of stairs. For stair-free access between levels, use the sidewalk along Priory School Drive.

♦ Please note that parts of this campus map may change due to campus enhancements and construction during the school year.

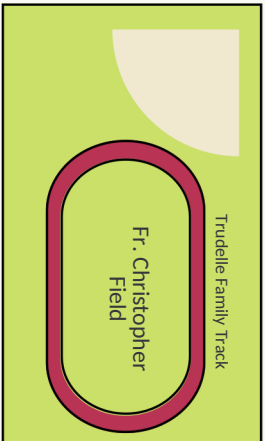
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Senior Parking lot

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Pedestrian Walkway



EVENTS & VISITS



TUITION & FEES



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