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## THE PRIORY SCHOLARS OF NEW YORK CITY



Dear Scholars,

We would be delighted to have you join the Summer 2026 session of the Priory Scholars, where we shall engage in matters purely trivial. Please join us on **Sat, June 6, 12pm-4pm EDT**. We will meet at THE CHURCHILL TAVERN, 45 East 28th Street, New York, NY 10016, which is located between Madison and Park Avenues and around the corner from the 28th Street subway station for the 4 & 6 trains.

Our meeting will be centered around ***“The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle.”*** Prof. Raj Pandravada will offer a quiz which we hope may be striking and bizarre, without being criminal. Other possible topics of discussion include:

- **“you know my methods”** – Consider Watson’s examination of the hat in the beginning of the story. Compare and contrast that with Holmes’s deductions.
- **“the compliments of the season”** – Examine how the author uses the atmosphere and season to explore the themes at work in the story. How effective are the techniques?
- **“It’s a bonny thing…”** – Consider Holmes’s remarks and mood in this moment. How does this moment intersect with and/or affect the themes of this story?
- **“to know what other people don’t know”** – Sherlock Holmes interacts many different characters in this story, and he seems to alter his attitude and approach for nearly every one. What would you make of this?

Our dining room can comfortably seat approx. 35 people, and we request that students pay for class at the time of enrollment; otherwise, we are not able to hold your place. Please send your RSVP and **tuition fee of \$40** no later than **Sat, May 30** to our Bursar, Prof. Christopher Zordan, via Paypal to [cazordan@aim.com](mailto:cazordan@aim.com); choose the “send money to friends” option. You may also send a check payable to Christopher Zordan, 242 Rooney Court, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. If you have any questions, please email [PrioryNYC@gmail.com](mailto:PrioryNYC@gmail.com). If financial challenges prevent you from attending, please contact the Headmaster directly at [NickMartorelli@gmail.com](mailto:NickMartorelli@gmail.com) to inquire about our scholarship program.

In addition to a spirited discussion and prizes for quiz winners, there will be toasts, lunch, shameless commerce, chit-chat, and more! As usual, if you are interested in participating, please inquire of Prof. Tamar Zeffren ([tamar.zeffren@gmail.com](mailto:tamar.zeffren@gmail.com)) or the Headmaster.

Yours with milk and biscuits,

Nick Martorelli, Headmaster

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