

May 2016 Headmaster's Message



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Dear T-D Family,

Just as you are reading this, over 40 Thornton-Donovan School family members are enjoying a week of travel-study in Havana, Cuba.

Thornton-Donovan's school year began in Hoboken, Frank Sinatra's birthplace. Ever since September T-D has followed his footsteps and traveled across America from East to West. Just recently 35 T-D faculty members and their student friends returned from Hollywood and Las Vegas, two of Sinatra's favorite cities.

Thornton-Donovan students have been taking thematic courses, selecting as few as one and as many as four, from over 25 courses inspired by Ol' Blue Eyes. The 2015-16 school year has been quite a dance. On Friday, June 17th T-D will be saying "Franks for the Memories" and just as quickly as Sinatra fades, T-D will begin Flying with the Condors in the Andes – Machu Picchu in Peru and the Galapagos in Ecuador.

While the stage lights are seemingly being lowered on T-D's 116th school year, there are many annual events yet to invigorate the student and parent bodies.

T-D's Sports Dinner will be held at the Christ Church in Bronxville on May 6th. There we will salute all those 6th-12th graders competing in volleyball, soccer (lower school included), basketball, cross country, golf, tennis, and rugby, as well as cheerleading.

With the help of Dr. Robert Allen and Dr. Sabine Hellge, T-D's foremost science students have an opportunity to exhibit and present work done on special projects proposed earlier in the school year. The Science Fair is set for Friday, May 13th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Prizes will be given for best in show for grades 6 – 12.

On Saturday night, May 21st the T-D Family will be at the Larchmont Yacht Club for the Gala once again. Over 200 of T-D's moms, dads, and extended family members will be on hand as Aly Fanelli, Parent-Teacher Partnership President, flies everyone to the moon. The party will continue on until "the wee small hours of the morning."

On Friday, June 3rd T-D's last Arts House Café will be held at the New Rochelle Public Library with Alan Goodman from Mamaroneck serving as the host master. Over 100 T-D students will take center stage and perform a two-hour Sinatra revival.

Incorporated within will be several student models on the runway highlighting the school's Fashion and Fedoras course. Some will even wear the Sinatra-era bobby socks.

The first Sunday in June, the T-D parent body will Salute the Arts as everyone with High Hopes will gather in T-D's recently remodeled Vox Box. The cost for this adult event is \$49 and includes dinner and entertainment-Sam Javitch from New Rochelle will be at the keyboard. Sam is a T-D alumnus from the Class of 2011 and a graduate of the William Paterson School of Jazz in New Jersey. Sam is currently in a Master's program at Mannes in New York City. As a young artist, Sam has appeared at Joe's Pub in the City and does regular monthly performances at the Juke Bar in Greenwich Village. On June 5th from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Sam will play six pieces from his "Train to Nowhere" album.

T-D's Senior Prom for Grades 8-12 will be held at the Davenport Club on Wednesday, June 15th. Laura Curanaj, a graduating senior from New Rochelle, is coordinating the event.

Annual Commencement Exercises are set for Friday, June 17th. This year's class will have its commencement on T-D's campus. Should there be inclement weather, T-D will switch sites and surf over to the Larchmont Avenue Church.

Late in June, T-D is offering two student ambassador exchange programs. One includes travel-study in Montreal and Quebec while the other has T-D's young diplomats in the peace capital of the world-Hiroshima. Once there T-D will meet up with one of its own, Liam Gorbitt, who is studying full time at Sera High School in Sera Town in the Hiroshima Prefecture. Liam is a sophomore and is spending his entire 10th grade experience at Sera, one of T-D's sister schools.

T-D's Summer Challenge day camp kicks in on July 5th and summer school one week later on July 11th.

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**Very truly yours,
Douglas E. Fleming, Jr.**

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