

Dear T-D Family, Faculty & Friends:

(PART II)

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September 11th, 2014

On Saturday and Sunday of this past weekend it was good to feel the energy and enthusiasm given so graciously by the upper school students and many of their parents.

While much of the business world is focused on Apple's next major event, I can tell you first hand that it will not "out-hype" T-D's on 9/11. On this day T-D becomes engaged again and this five acre and a mule campus will become just about the happiest hamlet on planet earth. If you want fuel for thought let the windmills in your mind begin to swirl. All things are possible.

T-D's flights to Iceland, Denmark, and Sweden are already being held for you and on April 6th all of our Great Danes will be wearing their Viking helmets and shirts.

Several upper schoolers have asked for and about Dr. Robert Allen. Trust me; he is fine, looking better than Samuel L. Jackson, and more svelte than I've ever seen him. As a Navy man he knows about crossing the oceans and invading. He was born as a Viking pacifist.

T-D is top heavy in terms of numbers. Grades 7-12 are packed and I would have trouble admitting your best friend.

The K-6 number is continuing to grow but space is there for any aspiring academic type. Overall K-12 is bigger than in the last two years and oh so much academically better 7th – 12th grade students.

I'll be back to you shortly and while Samuel L. Jackson asks "What's in your wallet?" my answer, in speaking for most of you, is IRS first and foremost.

Join me for some Danish,

Douglas E. Fleming, Jr.

N.B. Students opting for courses that become oversubscribed will be asked to select another course with seniors given first preference, juniors next, followed by sophomores, and lastly freshmen.

PART I

This past Sunday about a dozen of T-D's most faithful professionals traveled to Budd Lake in Christy Country for the annual Scandinavian Fest. Believe me, it did not disappoint. All of us came back with trinkets, texts, and terrific ideas for the "Knockin' on Valhalla's Door" school year. Valhalla is the Scandinavian word for heaven. Pardon me for reminding you once again.

Another important reminder is T-D's opening is set for 9/11. On Thursday, when everyone arrives, T-D will be adorned and its campus will look like no other in the world or in your own Valhalla. A 40' Viking ship will be right in front of my office for you and everyone to admire. Bring your cameras.

Between then and now T-D is fine tuning the master schedule.

Within this missive you will find a number of T-D's new thematic course offerings. Most options are for our 9th – 12th graders, less for grades 7 & 8, and even fewer for grade 6. For 2014-15 all middle schoolers will take art and music. Options will occur with world languages.

THEMED COURSES – 2014-15

About 20 new themed courses will come charging into T-D's classical college prep curriculum this fall. Several appear below to serve as your entrée:

World Geo – Scandinavia & the Baltics Scandinavian Cinema

History of English – Scandinavian words & names Scientific Programming

Scandinavian Serenade – music

Goatsong – Tragedy Banking on Pigs – Science
Vikings Vicious and Victorious World War I – Margrethe II
Infectious Diseases Tribes to Parliament
History of the Baltics Earth Science – Volcanoes
The Art of Myth World Religions
Scandinavian Architecture Fashionistas
Skyscraper National Park Nordic Storytellers
Babette's Feast – Food
Fuel for Thought-Alternative Energy
Scandinavian Art & Design

While T-D's master schedule will be on line on Friday, student scheduling for all returning freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will take place this weekend.

On Saturday, September 6th grade 9 scheduling for all returning students will take place between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon ONLY.

On Saturday, September 6th grade 10 scheduling will take place from 2:00 – 4:00 pm ONLY.

On Sunday, September 7th grade 11 will receive their program and schedule from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon ONLY.

Seniors are slotted for Sunday, September 7th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for scheduling only, not to discuss college choices.

All meetings are individual. Parents can come but are far from necessary. Any student unable to work within the time as so allotted will be programmed the first day of school.

On Monday, September 8th T-D will schedule all returning middle school students. The time frame for grades 6 & 7 is from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

On Tuesday, September 9th from 10a.m.-12:00 noon scheduling will take place for grade 8 returnees.

Scheduling for new middle and upper school students will occur during Orientation or the first day of school.

Seniors who do make college applications will be able to apply to any ten schools without any charge. Anyone who exceeds ten will pay a \$100.00 fee for each additional application. Please bear in mind that the office spends at least one hour or more on each college application.

I hope you are all holding up in the heat. Me, I'm as warm as a cat on a hot fudge sundae.

Please check T-D's website every day through the weekend.

Warmly,

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Headmaster

N.B. T-D's NEW PARENT Welcome Warmer is Tuesday, September 9th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Berns Memorial Library, Main Building. You can bring your child/children with you that evening.