



DWIGHT SCHOOL

Igniting the spark of genius in every child

PERSONALIZED LEARNING • COMMUNITY • GLOBAL VISION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Dwight community! We are delighted that you are joining us and look forward to getting to know your family as your child begins an exciting journey as a Dwight student.

As this academic year comes to a close, I want to share with you some news of the wonderful achievements that have made us so proud of late:

Earlier this week, Dwight's 143rd graduation ceremony was held at the beautiful Metropolitan Museum of Art, marking the conclusion to a fantastic year for our seniors. As we bid them goodbye, they are excited to be moving on to some of the finest colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world, including Harvard, Stanford, Cornell, Brown, the University of Pennsylvania, Wesleyan, Smith, McGill, the University of Edinburgh, West Point, and numerous others. They will be missed, but we will see them again as active alumni and they will always remain part of the Dwight family.

For students from preschool all the way through grade 12, we ushered in innovations this year that provided new opportunities for all. We saw the expansion of our Early Childhood Division and the introduction of the design studio on our Riverside campus. We also introduced the web-based learning program Mathletics in first grade. This online learning resource has helped students enjoy mathematics and continue to make developmentally appropriate progress in this subject area, such that every student is a mathlete! In grades 2-5, we piloted an enrichment program component to our mathematics curriculum, providing an extension for those students who show a particular "spark of genius" in mathematics. In Middle and Upper School, Dwight students ranked fourth in New York City and among the top 30 for New York State in the New York Math League. They also advanced to the quarterfinals of the national Interstellar math competition.

Globally, our students worked with peers from other Dwight campuses on exciting curriculum initiatives, exchange programs, and creative collaborations. In January, students from Dwight in New York performed alongside those from Dwight Schools in London, Seoul, and Shanghai at a rousing Carnegie Hall concert. This event was just one of many outstanding moments for our visual and performing arts departments. With dance, theater, art, film, and music showcases, exhibitions, and performances throughout the year, students had shared their many talents and inspired works with the community.

From a sporting perspective, the year was outstanding for both boys and girls, as our student-athletes challenged themselves as individuals and reached new heights together as members of a team. One highlight came during the winter season when our Boys Varsity Basketball team won the NYS AIS Division B championship title for the second year in a row.

This year, Dwight also hosted the first-ever Edcamp devoted to the latest thinking in IB teaching and learning with educators from the greater New York metropolitan area. In addition, Dwight faculty, who are at the top of their profession, were invited to present at world conferences, including the upcoming International Society for Technology in Education.

As the school year comes to a close, we know that our faculty, coaches, and mentors have encouraged our students to grow, thrive, and succeed. Soon we will be shifting gears with the beginning of our Summer Camp programs and the exciting expansion project that is adding two state-of-the-art learning pavilions to our rooftop on West 88th and 89th Streets. When September comes around, we look forward to welcoming your child to Dwight and to many new proud moments for our students and community.

Sincerely,

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