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It was with great pleasure that Dr. Frank Gagliardi, League School's Executive Director, recently announced the addition of Daryl Cameron Every, Esq. to the League School's Board of Directors.

Daryl is a sole practitioner in Milton, where she concentrates in trusts and estate planning, special needs and elder law, disability advocacy, and public benefits. Ms. Every acts both as a trustee to family and special needs trusts, as well as trust counsel. She advises families, guardians, trustees, and non-profit organizations, who are committed to maximizing public benefits with private resources for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. Ms. Every is the President-Elect of the Norfolk Plymouth Estate Planning Council, and she is a member of the Women's Bar Association, Boston Bar Association, and Academy of Special Needs Planners. Further, she serves as the Dever Class Action Representative in the landmark Ricci v. Okin federal class action. Attorney Every is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She lives in Braintree with her husband and three children.

Dr. Gagliardi stated "Daryl brings a great deal of applied legal expertise to our Board. Her experience in special needs law will provide us with critical knowledge and understanding when it comes to dealing with issues in this area. We are thrilled to have her join us."

Daryl added "I am so pleased to join The League School's Board of Directors. Working with families with loved-ones on the spectrum, I have come to admire The League School's total quality approach to learning and inspiring students to strengthen their skills not only academically but personally. I hope to learn a lot from my Board members and contribute to The League's fine mission and enhance its opportunities for both growth and success."

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### **League School to Hold Seminar in Early October on the Transition Process**

On Monday night, October 3rd, League School will be holding a seminar, *Autism: Newly Diagnosed and the Transition Process*, in the Vetstein Auditorium from 6:00-8:30 PM. The seminar will consist of two presentations followed by a question and answer period.

The topic of the first presentation will be "DDS Initiatives for the Newly Eligible Individuals Diagnosed with Autism but No Intellectual Disabilities." Presenters will be Maria Stefano, Autism Coordinator, Department of Developmental Services Metro Region, and Kristen O'Melia, DDS Regional Director of Intake and Eligibility.

The second presentation, "Best Practices in the Transition Process: The League School Transition Program," will be made by Bill Mulcahy, Assistant Principal and former Transition Program Coordinator, League School, and will be followed by the Q&A session. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very informative evening.



### Summer Fun Day at League School Provides Wonderful Experiences for Students and Their Families

On a scorchingly hot day in late August, Summer Fun Day was held at League School - and what a truly, wonder-filled day it was. The day had an Olympic theme with students and their families participating in a variety of events that could earn students medals along with accolades from proud parents and siblings.

Brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers joined students in participating in a variety of engaging activities. There were aquatic events (although some might have considered the dunk tank most worthy of this category), horse rides that fuflilled the "Equestrian" category, track and field contests, and a number of indoor activities - a tattoo parlor and creative opportunities in art as well as games in the gym to name just a few.

Hotdogs and chips and a variety of other snacks were served to a hungry crowd throughout the day. As usual, we want to thank the staff for their typical, "above-and-beyond" efforts in making this a very special day for all in attendance. Everyone who participated can hardly wait until the next one.







In the first week of August, League School of Greater Boston held a College Fair for its students in the Vetstein Auditorium. Five colleges participated in this special event - Bridgewater State University, Bristol Community College, Universal Technical Institute, ITT-Tech, and Quincy College. Students from our high school were able to speak with representatives from the colleges to learn about their services and programs. In addition, the students met with two League School alumni to talk about post-graduation options.

It was a terrific experience for our students (and their parents). They were presented with a clear picture of what kinds of opportunities could be waiting for them once they finished classes here at League. It seamlessly broadened their horizons without putting any pressure on them. Once again we'd like to thank Maureen Pratt for coordinating this exceptional event.



League School golfers Tim McCabe, David Foster, Dr. Frank Gagliardi, and Dennis Kunian.

### League School Is the Beneficiary of the Neponsett Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

It was a beautiful summer day on Monday, August 1st as the Neponsett Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual golf tournament at Norton Country Club. Over 100 players from area businesses spent a fabulous day on the links, raising money for both the Chamber and its designated charity, League School of Greater Boston.

League School's Executive Director, Dr. Frank Gagliardi was joined by Board President, David Foster, Board Member, Dennis Kunian, and League School Head of Development, Tim McCabe, as the school's golfing representatives at the tournament.

The tournament raised over \$1,500.00 for the school and we appreciate the Chamber's generosity in selecting the school as the tournament's beneficiary.

# League School's Website Is Constantly Evolving - Visit It to See the Latest Changes

If you haven't paid a visit to our website recently, we invite you to do so. We have updated many of the sections, including listings for each of our new Board members, and are continually adding new posts to our blog that we think would be of interest to parents and visitors alike. These posts, created by our staff members, detail teaching approaches and programs and provide insights into the goals and objectives they hope to achieve with the students. You can also follow us on Facebook to learn about "happenings" at the school.

Finally, we would also appreciate your input regarding the site's content. If there is additional information that you believe we should be providing, please let us know.



## League School Friends and Supporters Run in the Falmouth Road Race and Raise Money for the School

We wanted to once again thank the League School's Team that ran in the Falmouth Road race on Sunday, August 21st. It was a bright and beautiful day and their exploits ended up raising over \$11,500 for the school. Along with Tim McCabe, team members included:

- Laura Davis parent
- Jennifer Glibkowski staff
- Michael Locanto friend
- Amie Longo -parent
- Kristin Lovering staff
- Catherine Petringa former staff member
- Patrick Powers friend
- Bridget Ryan former staff member
- Lindsay Wagner staff

Thank you all for your dedication and efforts on the school's behalf.



### Again, Please Remember to Save This Date - April 27, 2017

Plans are in full swing for League School of Greater Boston's 50th Anniversary Gala which will be held on Thursday night, April 27th, from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Renaissance Boston Waterfont Hotel on Congress Street in Boston. We are putting together a host committee for this wonderful event and are hard at work selecting individuals to be honored at the event.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available for the gala. They include:

- Presenting Sponsorship
- Leadership Sponsorship
- Patron Sponsorship
- Friend Sponsorship

For more information about any of these sponsorship packages, or, if you would like to join our host committee for this event, please contact League School's Head of Development, Tim McCabe at 508-850-3900, Ext. 313.

We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very special evening honoring the friends and supporters of League School.

