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Thoughts for the Week

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One of the more important aspects of life in an independent schools centers on the idea of community. Since all independent schools exist and sustain themselves from private income sources, the idea that a school community supports and sustains itself remains one of the historically significant tenets in the life of a school. Our schools develop a very special and sometimes intense sense of community. We often think of ourselves as a community.

Within the NYS AIS accreditation protocol is a section know as the community of the school and the culture of the school. Each one of our schools has developed and nurtured its own *personality*, which guides and directs how the school functions within its mission. Even the mission itself has its origins within the school culture and the values that that *family* espouses and promotes.

Each year, our community comes together for many events, including the daily gathering of our students and teachers to pursue the vision of education. We also gather as a community to show our support for that vision. Sometimes we demonstrate this support through PTA activities; sometimes through a general assembly or a graduation and sometimes through a major fundraising event, such as the Gala.

Gala season is upon us, and the Garden School Gala will be held at Terrace on the Park on Friday, April 8th, 2016. This night represents the most formal and most important gathering of our community, attended by current members of the Garden Family as well as past members who return to show their support. Each year we raise funds to support the mission, to develop specific areas of our program and to support our scholarship program.

This year's Gala will continue that tradition by acknowledging the contribution made by members of our community in support of our mission and by looking forward to developing an important area of our educational mission. We will be honoring the following:

Garden School Science & technology Initiatives

Arthur Gruen, Class of 1966 and former President of the Garden School Board of Trustees

Michele Beaudoin, Beaudoin Realty Group and supporter of Garden School

The Intriago Family, Current Garden Family and Proprietor of Despana Brand Foods

The Wartski Family, Alumni Family '09 & Current Garden Family

All of these individuals, families and departments have been great supporters of Garden School and our mission. Please come to the Gala on Friday, April 8th and show them and Garden School your support.