



Trinity School

139 West 91st Street
New York, New York 10024

212 873 1650 tel

www.trinityschoolnyc.org

Mr. Denis Belliveau
28 Shore Road
Douglaston, NY 11363

Dear Denis,

I just wanted to thank you again for speaking during our assembly program this morning. The film alone would have been an inspiration to the students, but your thoughtful answers to their questions made the morning a truly educational experience. In a remarkably brief time, the students learned a valuable history lesson about Marco Polo and his time, an interesting account of the situation in present-day Afghanistan and the surrounding "stans," and a moral lesson about friendship and the ways in which adventure, travel, and experiencing other cultures can foster profound personal growth.

Trinity's students are not easily impressed. Our morning assembly speaker list has included former Vice-president Al Gore, former Poet Laureate Billy Collins and a host of well-known architects, scientists, artists and politicians. They have come to expect a lot from our morning guests. That said, I don't think I've ever seen them quite that engaged during an assembly. There were so many questions from so many students. At 8:15 am, that's no mean feat!

So, once again, thank you, thank you, thank you. The kids (and many of the teachers) are clamoring to have you back again. I hope we can make that happen soon.

All best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margery Mandell".

Margery Mandell,
Dean of Co-curricular Learning,
Trinity School