



Dear Advent Community,

This past weekend Ray, Raymond, and I spent the day on Martha's Vineyard with Reverend Robert Day, Advent's former Head of School. Rev. Day's 30 year tenure, from 1965 to 1995, shaped The Advent School into what it is today.

Bob is one of the most compassionate, kind, and intentional educators I know. He came to Advent in 1965 after spending a summer teaching high school English near Birmingham, Alabama during the summer of the Freedom Rides. Bob and his wife Barbara dedicated their lives to the growth of Advent and witnessed Boston define itself during three decades of change.

We chatted about the growth of Advent over the years, the hardships of construction and purchasing land, building curriculum and, of course, children. Bob reflected that, in true DuFauchard fashion, Raymond is too big to actually only be 9, and that Raymond is Ray's doppelgänger. Bob shared the journey of his own kids, whose lives were not only shaped as students at Advent, but who also grew up in the halls of 15 Brimmer Street when the fourth floor was the Head of School's residence.

There were two things that stuck with me from our visit. Bob reflected on his and Barbara's teamwork, and the "beat" of school life. The rhythm, ebbs, and flows of the hallways, and the journey each of our students will take. I was reminded of my team, my faculty, my students, and my families who all come together each day with Ray, Raymond, and me to continue to bring the best that Advent has to offer.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at [Coffee with Nicole](#) tonight from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the SMART Lab to talk about the many happenings at Advent, and to open our doors to the next generation of Advent students at Sunday's Open House.

Thank you, friends, for all of your patience during construction. After opening the playspace this week it has been a pleasure finally hearing our little humans outside my office again.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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