



אב תשפ"ג July 2023

עמו"ש, Dear Middle School Parents,

We hope this letter find you and your family well! We have finished the past school year and are busily planning for the coming year. It is important that we publicly thank Hashem, our staff, Talmdim and parent body for making this past year a year of Hatzlacha and Bracha. Our talmidim developed and matured exceptionally well and the Simcha in our Yeshiva day to day was ever-present! We do not take these Brachos lightly and thank Hashem and everyone for the collaboration in our joint Chinuch Venture!!! We Daven that we continue to merit and see much Bracha!

In the Middle School, we have three core values: כבוד, אחריות, נכונות **Respect, Responsibility and Readiness.** These core values guide every facet of our day; from classroom to lunchroom, cafeteria to hallways, and *Bais Medrash* to recess. While each area has specific expectations, we are constantly trying to raise our level of refinement and *mentchlichkeit* in all of our endeavors here in the Yeshiva. We teach our expectations in order that our Talmidim will know what to do, how to do it and why we do it. This approach has proven to be quite valuable and has helped to create a wonderful tone in our daily Yeshiva life.

It is a great *zechus* to be able to work with you in the *chinuch* of your sons. Our goal is to have each and every *talmid* progress at his level and achieve maximum growth! May we all merit the *Siyatta Dishmaya* to see בנים ובנות עוסקים בתורה ובמצות!!

### SCHEDULE for the FIRST DAY of SCHOOL – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

- We will not be announcing Shiurim and Secular Classes until the opening assembly, B'Ezras Hashem.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will begin school B'Ezras Hashem, on **Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**
- Talmidim should report to the Middle School Bais Medrash
- Davening should take place before the boys arrive at school.

- School will be dismissed at 5:15 p.m.
- On their second day of school, Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Talmidim will report to their classrooms at 9:00 AM.

### **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders:**

- Yeshiva will begin, B'Ezras Hashem, on **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** with an opening assembly in the Middle School Bais Medrash at 9:00 a.m.
- Shiurim will be announced **only** at our first assembly.
- Talmidim will be dismissed to Shiur from there.
- **There will not be a Shacharis Minyan the morning of August 30<sup>th</sup> .**
- Minyan begins for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on **Thursday, August 31st** at 7:45 a.m.
- Secular class placement will be announced the first day after Mincha.

### **CARPOOL ARRIVAL TIME**

Please make every effort to arrive by **7:35 a.m.** and to **be in the Bais Medrash/Davening area** by 7:45 a.m. It is the student's responsibility to be on time. When *talmidim* arrive late it is disturbing to the entire *minyan*. *Minyan* is to provide the proper atmosphere and decorum for *Tefillah*. It is truly a joy and privilege to be part of our *Minyan*. We have the expectation that the *talmidim* will come on time and participate in our *Minyan*. If this poses a problem, we may have to ask the parent to bring the child later on for the beginning of *Shiur*.

- Please let us know when your son will be putting on tefillin or having his first Aliyah.

### **BUS SERVICE**

There will be MTA bus service for the middle school in the **morning only**. The MTA route is included in this packet.

### **LUNCH / BREAKFAST**

1. Boys may either bring their own lunch, or enjoy our hot lunch program.
2. Breakfast will be provided in school.
3. You will receive a letter concerning this year's breakfast and hot lunch program in a school wide email.

## MINYAN / BEGINNING OF SHIUR

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to be at our minyan unless a special arrangement has been made. **Bar Mitzvah boys are expected to have a davening jacket for *davening*.** Shiurim will begin everyday at 9:00 a.m., except on Monday and Thursday, when they will begin at 9:15 a.m.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be having *Shacharis* every day at 9:00 a.m. until the beginning of winter, when they assume the regular Middle School schedule for *Shacharis* and Shiur. The exact date for the switchover will be announced. **Until that date 6th graders should not arrive at school before 8:50 a.m. and at that time should report directly to their classrooms.**

## DISMISSAL

Daily dismissal Monday through Thursday is at 5:15 p.m. On Fridays dismissal is at 2:10 p.m., and Sundays at 12:00 PM.

## PLANNER

All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to use the TA planner. They have proven extremely valuable to the Talmid, Rabbi, Teacher and Parent.

## CELL PHONES and ELECTRONICS IN SCHOOL

We strive to have a school atmosphere with the maximum kedusha and also free from as many disturbances and distractions as possible. Therefore, there are no **cell phones, electronics or smart watches** allowed in school. **If found in school they will be confiscated.** This includes even the lowest level of Fit Bit types of watches. If your son needs a timepiece, very inexpensive and accurate wristwatches are available

***Also, included in electronic equipment are Laptops/NetBooks, CD Players, MP3/MP4 Players, iPods, P.S.P., Electronic Games, Cameras or anything that takes pictures etc. All Electronic items will be confiscated.***  
***In addition skateboards and hover boards are not permitted on school premises.***

Every student can expect a safe and friendly environment in our Yeshiva.

Talmidim cannot bring anything to Yeshiva that can be a threat or a perceived threat. This includes but is not limited to, pocket knives, cap guns and incendiary devices of any type, for example lighters, poppers, sparklers etc.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Students must wear collared shirts with buttons and no large logos. They must wear **black** or **dark blue** pants with no large pockets, extra pockets, loops, oversized pant legs, or any other unusual features. **Jeans, tight pants, sports pants and tiros** are not allowed.

Sneakers are permitted. **Cross, sandals and other open-backed shoes are not permitted.**

Hair is expected to be neat and trim (modern fads are not acceptable). **Haircuts must be cut to equal proportions (it is not acceptable for hair to be long on the top and then short of the sides).**

### **New for this Year: Policy for all sweaters and sweatshirts.**

1. Only solid, dark colored sweatshirts and sweaters.
2. No letters, drawings or insignias.
3. No hooded sweatshirts, EVEN with no writing on them.

If a student is in violation of the dress code, he may not be able to attend *Shiur* or classes until suitable attire is brought from home for the *talmid* to wear, or his hair is cut properly. Additionally, a *talmid* who has dirty or muddy clothing will not be allowed to attend class until clean clothing is provided for him.

## **LOCKS AND LOCKERS**



A locker will be provided to each student. If a student would like to have a lock, he must purchase it. Enclosed is a note card. Put your name (last name first) on the top line and the combination to your lock below. Please hand this in to Mrs. Prero on the first day of school. A portable locker shelf is advisable. Please only use the traditional Master combination locks only, as our experience tells us they are the most reliable. (Please do not buy locks with changeable combinations). You should also advise your son not to share his combination with other boys, as that always leads to unwanted **issues**.

## **MEDICAL PERMISSION**

**You will receive an email with the medical packet from the school nurse regarding medication permission slips and vaccination information**

**We are not permitted to give medication including Tylenol and Ibuprofen without these forms being signed by the parent and doctor. Please note that Baltimore County will not allow any medication (even over-the-counter medications) to be dispensed without written permission from a doctor.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Please mark your calendars for these upcoming important dates:

<b>Wednesday, September 6</b>	Parent Orientation at 7:00 p.m. 4:15 pm student dismissal
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Bar Mitzvah Meeting 8:00-9:15 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bar Mitzvah Dinner 7:00 PM
<b>Monday, June 17</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reception 7:30 PM

**GEMAROS**

- All *Gemaros* should be purchased before the beginning of school.
- We will **not** be selling *Gemaros* in school. All *Gemaros* purchased should include *Rif*.
- Please purchase at least the standard 8½ x 11 inch page size *Gemaros*.
- Rebbeim will let your child know any specific supplies they will need for their class.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Maseches Baba Metziah – your Baba Metziah from 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be fine!

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Maseches Baba Kamma

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Maseches Sukkah

Please review this letter and let us know if we can support you in any way.

We are looking forward to a very meaningful year in which we will see our children continue to blossom as *B'Nei Torah*. We *daven* that this year will be one of great success for our *talmidim*; one that we all will see much *Yiddishe Nachas* from all of our children.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Yaakov Schwartz  
*Menahel*

Rabbi Yakov Majeski  
*General Studies Principal*

Enclosed you will find the following items:

1. School calendar
2. School supply list
3. Communication information
4. MTA AM bus route
5. Locker card