

SHALOM TORAH TIMES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 PARSHAT -SHOFTIM SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIME 7:03 PM

Calendar/ Menu/ Events



Monday, September 8
French toast or grilled cheese

Tuesday, September 9
Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Wednesday, September 10
Pizza
Back to School Night
Dismissal will be at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 11
Chicken and rice

Friday, September 12
Tuna/bagels/eggs

Next Week's Shabbos Candle
Lighting at 6:52 pm

PLEASE NOTE
ALL LUNCHES WILL INCLUDE
ALTERNATIVE TO MEAT AND SALAD

Back to School Night

Wednesday September 10

Dismissal will be at 2:45 p.m.
Aftercare will be until
5:00p.m. for regular
attending children only.

MAZEL TOV!

**Mazel Tov to Risa Gold
and her husband Robert
on the birth of their
grandson, Yitzchok.**



A Message From Our Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome

We are happy to welcome back all the members of the Shalom family especially the many new students and families who have recently joined our school.

Thank you—Parents

We are extremely grateful to you, our parent body, for the confidence you have in our school. As educators, we at Shalom Torah Academy recognize the awesome responsibility we have and the trust you have invested in us to care for your children. We have been charged with the responsibility to provide your child(ren) with the opportunity to flourish academically and develop or perfect all the necessary life skills to be high achievers. Many children have overt or latent leadership abilities and we need give them the skills to be productive and resourceful for others. This is all on top of the most basic and important responsibility we share which is to provide a safe, secure, and healthy physical and social environment for our children.

An Educator's Thanks

It is incumbent upon us and all educators to express our thanks to the Almighty who has blessed us with the opportunity to care for and establish the next generation of successful American Jewish families.

Welcome to Our Faculty

We are thankful to the members of our faculty who are back with us and we warmly welcome the new members of our teaching staff. We are proud of our group of caring, professional educators and trust that this year will bring the realization of great scholastic achievements.

Thank You to our Administration

We extend a special thank you to Mrs. Hebel and Mrs. Minkowich who worked tirelessly throughout the summer to improve and perfect our school's curricula and general school policies. Thank you, Mrs. Gold, for working tirelessly in recruitment and admissions. Thank you, Bassie and Meira, for your administrative support.

Getting it Right—From the Start

The beginning of a school year is invaluable. Now is the time for all students to get back into school mode and on track to learn the life skills that will make them the greatest individuals they can truly be. It is now, at the very beginning of the school year, that students need to firmly establish the routines that maximize learning habits and organizational skills which will in time make them into the best possible students and life-long learners. This opportunity must be seized and not compromised in any way for students to establish a firm schedule and organizational patterns.

Back to School Night

As per our school calendar, we look forward to greeting everyone at the Back to School Night coming up this coming Wednesday, September 10.

Good Shabbos,



Reminder from Parent's Handbook

Arrival and Dismissal

Strict adherence to arrival and dismissal times is one sign of a high-performing school. These times will be strictly enforced, as part of our uncompromisingly academic environment.

Children are to arrive at school by 8:40 A.M. They may enter the building beginning at 8:30 A.M. Private vehicles are to pull up in the yellow striped area at the front of the building to discharge students. **Adults are not to leave their vehicles unattended in the drop off lane.** An adult will be at the front of the building to supervise the orderly entrance of all students into the school. All students are to report to the lineup area for their grade. There will be adult supervision for lineup until 8:45 A.M. when all teachers will escort their students to their classrooms. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD STUDENTS GO TO THEIR CLASSES WITHOUT THEIR TEACHER.**

At the end of the school day private vehicles are to pull up into their assigned pick-up zone and follow the procedures for that zone. Please do not leave your vehicle if your zone does not permit it. To switch zones please call the office. A list of zones will be provided at the start of the school year.

Children will be dismissed at 3:45 P.M.. Friday dismissal will be either at 2:45 P.M. or 1:30 P.M. as per the school calendar.

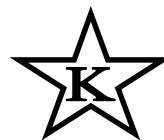
Birthday Parties/ Class Celebrations

Small, in-class birthday parties are permitted for students UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE TWO provided that the classroom teacher is consulted at least *five* days in advance. Any food item brought into the school for a party must be certified as kosher by the symbols below. These items must be in the original sealed package. Items having a D or the word "dairy" near the kosher symbol on the package are considered to be dairy and may not be served in the afternoon on days when lunch contains a meat item.

Siblings from other classes are not permitted to join the party as it is disruptive and takes away from the sibling's learning.

Invitations to birthday parties held outside of the school must be sent through regular mail and may not be distributed in Shalom Torah Academy. Please take into consideration the Kashruth and Shabbat convictions of classmates when planning your party as it is very painful for a child to have to be left out.

The only acceptable Kosher symbols are:
and K .



Leaving out one or a few individual children from the invitation list is a form of bullying. Please keep parties small or include all of your child's classmates.