



CHALLENGING THE MIND
ENGAGING THE IMAGINATION
TOUCHING THE SOUL

August 7, 2018

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Dear Newman School Families,

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing and meaningful summer filled with adventure, wonder, and time with family and friends. The beginning of the new school year is just around the corner and we look forward to welcoming your children to school and working together with you to challenge their minds, engage their imaginations, and touch their souls.

Back to School Night and Ice Cream Social will take place on **Wednesday, August 22nd**, from **6-7:00 p.m.** Our teachers are looking forward to welcoming returning students and meeting their new students and families.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: School begins on **Monday, August 27th**. Children will begin their day in the classroom at 8:30, while parents will go to the library for a brief get-together. Teachers will be working in the building on August 20, 21, and 22. If you want to come to the school for a brief visit before the school year begins, please let me know and we can arrange a time to visit when teachers are in their rooms on that Tuesday or Wednesday.

SCHOOL HOURS: Our school day begins at **8:30 a.m.** and ends at **3:30 p.m.**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE is available. See the enclosed form for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will buy most of the necessary school supplies for you, and ask that you please send in a check for \$30 to cover those. Please see the enclosed list for all other items that your child needs to bring to school on the first day.

KIPPOT: Out of respect for everyone's individual choice regarding wearing kippot, we ask families who wish for their child to wear a kippah to please send their child with the kippah (and a clip) each day.

SNACK: Families will provide their own snacks. Please pack an extra piece of fruit, cereal, cheese and vegetables, an extra sandwich, or other nutritious food for your child's daily snack.

LUNCH: Lunch time is 11:00 a.m. for the Early Childhood (Gan Katan) class with our Kindergarten (Gan) through grade 2 students eating at 11:30 a.m. Children need to bring dairy or pareve lunches from home. On Thursdays and Fridays, families have the option of

purchasing a kosher dairy lunch provided by Sholom Home East. Cost for each meal is **\$6.00**. Please see enclosed form for details and to place an order.

ENCLOSURES:

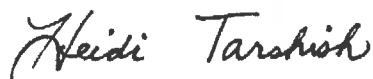
- We are enclosing several forms with this mailing. We need you to fill them out and return them to us **before Friday, August 17, 2018**. These forms, which are essential for your children's well-being as well as our compliance with state regulations, must be in your child's file before the start of school. **STUDENTS NEW TO THE SCHOOL** need a health summary and list of current immunizations from their child's pediatrician before they can start school.
- We are also enclosing a school calendar for the coming year. It is also posted on our website, ttsp.org

Communications: Teachers email newsletters each Friday to keep you informed about classroom activities. Bi-weekly newsletters from the Administration are sent to families and also posted on the website. Please read them and stay informed about the work of the school and planned activities. Communication goes both ways - the teachers and I will always make time to chat with you should you desire. You will receive the Parent Handbook at the Back to School Night which will provide important information and answer many other questions you might have.

Are you travelling this summer? If so, please consider collecting the hotel's travel size personal care items (individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotions, tissues, dental floss, combs, brushes, etc.). We are collecting them for a community service project in November. Please bring them in as you get them! We appreciate all of your donations.

Check out our garden to see how it grew over the summer! Meanwhile, enjoy this lovely summer.

B'virkat shalom,



Heidi Tarshish, Director of Education

The Newman School of the Talmud Torah of St. Paul

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