

# IMPORTANT PURIM INFORMATION



Dear Parents:

On **Thursday, March 1, 2018**, we will be reading the Megilah in the morning and holding Purim festivities. The K-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will attend a carnival during the day and participate in a costume parade. All Lower School students should wear or bring a costume in order to participate in the Purim parade and presentation. There will be a costume contest with prizes awarded for the most creative costumes. We suggest that children bring approximately **\$4.00 to \$5.00** on **Wednesday, February 28**, to purchase tickets so that they may enjoy the various booths and refreshments at the carnival. Tickets are \$.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door on Thursday, as well. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will organize the carnival, and all proceeds go towards their Washington, D.C. trip next year.

CTA PTO will be providing a special Purim Seudah lunch on Thursday. (No peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be offered.) Students are allowed to bring their own lunch of dairy or *parve* food items only.

**Lower School** students will design and make a goodie bag which will include two different types of food to give to their friends. The school will provide the food. Therefore, we ask that you please do not send *mishloach manot* with your children to school. This will also help us manage allergy issues.

The 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes will also mark the occasion with special Purim-style activities on Thursday.

As in past years, the school is collecting money for the mitzvah of "**Matanot L'evyonim**" (gifts for the needy). All families who would like to fulfill this very important mitzvah by contributing to the "**Od Yosef Chai**" organization should have their donations into the office by **Thursday, March 1. Checks should be made out to CTA**. The monies collected will be distributed in Israel to those in need on Purim day.

Wishing you a joyous Purim,

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Head of School