

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-6th 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 7th 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 8th-12th 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,

Rabbi Avrohom Drandoff
Head of School