



HERZLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Weekly Calendar 2 April 2015 / 14 Nissan 5775



Principals Message

Dear Parent / Guardian

This term has been packed with a full academic programme as well as outdoor educational activities. One just needs to look at the Weekly Calendars of the first term to realize how busy pupils and our teachers were. Our Grade 9s hosted the Carmel Zvulun pupils from Israel, Grade 7 Marine outings, EMS Banango Day for Grade 9s, Annual Inter-House Gala and Athletics Day, Grandparents Tea, the Annual Grade 7 Klitah Camp, the Annual Grade 8 Environment Camp, Grade 9 Shabbaton Camp, not to mention our normal extra-curricular programme involving Cultural and Sport activities. These events are very important, not only from the pupils point of view, but also the educators. I believe that if our children see us being part of their world and activities, we become someone they can seek out for guidance and look to as a model. I applaud our pupils for their positive approach, participation and commitment shown this term. My gratitude and thanks to the teachers for their commitment to our pupils. My gratitude also extends to our parents and PTA who have supported us this term. [Read more](#)

Week at a Glance

TERM 2: WEEK 1

MONDAY 13 APRIL – DAY 1

EXTRA MURALS START

TUESDAY 14 APRIL – DAY 2

PARENT TEACHER PUPIL MEETING. 15H00 – 18H00 IN MIDDLE SCHOOL HALL.

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL – DAY 3

THURSDAY 16 APRIL – DAY 4

YOM HASHOA: NO EXTRA MURALS

UCT MATHS COMPETITION: AT UCT 18H00 – 21H00

FRIDAY 17 APRIL – DAY 5

School News

D6 Communicator

The school has implemented D6 Communicator as a new form of efficient and sometimes instant communication with parents. We implore all parents to make use of this phenomenal tool. Installing the School Communicator is very simple. Download the installer from the School Communicator website: www.school-communicator.com/downloads. While downloading click "save" and thereafter "run". You can install the School Communicator on as many computers as you like. You can also install the D6 School Communicator on your mobile phone. There are specific apps available for Blackberry, iPhone and Android. All you need to do is visit our School Communicator website: www.schoolcommunicator.com/downloads from your mobile phone browser or visit your App Store and download the app.

Parent Portal

Should anyone experience any difficulties with the portal and accessing reports, please be advised that Herzlia is closed for Pesach and we will attend to all queries on the first day of the second term.

Debating Competition

There will be a debating competition on Monday 20 April at Camps Bay High at 18h30 versus St Cyprians. The team will be announced closer to the time.

UCT Maths Competition

The UCT Maths Competition takes place in the first week of next term on Thursday 16 April from 18h00 – 21h00. Pupils will be transported to the UCT campus by bus which will depart from the Middle School at 17h30. Further details will be provided next term.

Sports News

Winter sports

The winter sports programme will start on the first day of the second term and venues will be in accordance as per the programme which has been emailed out and is also available on our website.

Congratulations goes to...

- Mathew Jacobson competed in the Western Province Lifesaving Championships over the weekend. In the U15 category he took:
 1. Gold (1st place) in run swim run. This is about 600m swim and 400m run.
 2. Gold (1st place) in the swim. About 600m swim.
 3. Bronze (3rd place) in the 1km run. He was just beaten at the post out of 2nd place.Mathew will now compete in SA Nationals in Durban in April.
- Cara Biederman who received 86% for her Trinity Speech and Drama Grade 4 exam, and at the Waterfront Theatre School prize giving received an award for a double distinction in Modern dancing and Speech and Drama.

- Chesney Katzke who achieved 4 gold, 4 silver and one bronze in the SA Levels in which Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, Western Cape and Namibia competed.
- Hannah Sarkin who took part in the Spar Woman's Challenge. Despite a hamstring injury from Athletics Day, Hannah completed the race in a good time and got a well-deserved medal.

If there are any sport related queries or issues that might arise, please feel free to contact Mr Brorson on sbrorson@herzlia.com. Parents are also encouraged to forward any sporting achievements to ensure that pupils get the necessary recognition in our weekly calendar.



As you know, Herzlia has launched a Responsible Digital Citizen campaign throughout the system. Remember, it's not only our pupils that make basic errors when using social media. Thought we would share this article: **The 10 Facebook Commandments: Thou Shalt Not Upset Your Friends!** "Ahhh, Facebook... so much fun... so much drama. Most of us know how to use Facebook without ostracizing our "friends," but there are those few that ruin the experience for everyone. Don't be one of THOSE people." [Read more](#)

Middle School Parsha

At the end of the Haggadah, in the song, "Had Gadyah," there is a description of Hashem slaughtering the Angel of Death. This surprising end symbolically describes one of the hidden goals of the seder, which is the victory over death. [Read more](#)

Herzlia Ticket

Thank you for the support you have given to the Herzlia Ticket so far! The monies raised through this project have in the past gone to help fund unforeseen operating costs within the school. These profits will now be allocated rather to various Herzlia Foundation projects aimed principally at assisting children whose families would otherwise have been unable to afford school fees. We look forward to having you be part of this exciting change that now entitles you to a tax certificate from us once a year for the total value of your donations for that tax year. To learn more about how the NEW Herzlia Ticket works please [Click here](#)

Communal Notices

The Jewish Community of Cape Town has a variety of talks, events, markets and fund raisers. For more information [click here](#)
