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## Upcoming Events

### December

Tues. 12/09: P/T Conferences Ganon & K

Fri. 12/12: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester: Gr. 1-8

Report cards will be mailed before the winter break

Sat. 12/13: Gr. 4 Melave Malka Presentation  
7:30 pm - WDS

### January

Fri. 1/2: No Sessions

Mon. 1/5: Sessions Resume

Tues. 1/6: Asara B'Tevet / Fast Day  
1:40pm dismissal

Fri. 1/6: Kindergarten  
Kabbalat Shabbat 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 1/19: MLK Day/ No Sessions  
Staff Development Day

Mon. 1/26: Rosh Chodesh/Shevat

Thurs. 1/29 Gr.1 Chag Hasiddur/9:30am

**JOIN US This SATURDAY  
EVENING  
DECEMBER 6, 2008  
AT THE WDS AUCTION  
"NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM"**

**Just A Reminder...** We are now e-mailing the Parsha Booklet to all parents every Friday morning. Please discuss the Parsha with your family at your Shabbat table. Thank you. Shabbat Shalom.

**Chessed...** WDS will be holding a Chanukah Gift Drive for the children at OHEL Children's Home & Family Services. Only NEW gifts please! All gifts must be at WDS by Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

More information on attached flyer.

### Clips from the Classroom

**Ganon Tots:** This week we found ourselves between two holidays - Thanksgiving and Chanukah. So naturally we took a break from our holiday preparations to turn our

attention to something completely different - dinosaurs! We read the whimsical book "If the Dinosaurs Came Back" by Bernard Most, and wondered what it would be like to ride on a dinosaur's back. Then we looked at the pictures in other books to see what a dinosaur's real world might have looked like. We made a diorama complete with volcano, trees, ferns, pond, dinosaur nest, eggs, and dinosaurs, of course. We used model magic, paint, torn construction paper, sand, paper towel rolls, and model dinosaurs to make our diorama, and at the end of the week, we made the volcano erupt. We also baked delicious oatmeal raisin "fossil" cookies, and dug about in our modeling sand. By the end of the week we were sure of one thing - we love dinosaurs!  
Submitted by: Morah Amy, Morah Annie, and Morah Rivka

**Grade 2 Hebrew:** Life in second grade means busy, busy, busy... We start each day with *davening*, we are learning the *amida*.. We know all our steps: backwards and forwards, we also know when to bow down! We are very careful not to move until the end. After singing Hatikva, we have I'vrit where each of us has to speak Hebrew and sing fun songs. Chumash is great! We now recognize the roots of the words which helps us to read and understand the **Pesukim** Every Thursday we enjoy hearing about the Parsha. Shabbat Shalom from all the second grader students!

**Grade 5 "Home Sweet Home"**  
We are now back in the Coach House - our favorite place to be! Our theme for this year is "I'm in the thinking and acting class!" Hebrew environment is all around us as we learn from new colorful posters, by singing exciting songs and have fun reading new books. From our books, we learn new vocabulary, phrases, lessons, and study about characters. We all use our thinking hats everyday. The 5E students are looking

forward to learning more about Chanukah and other exciting things.

Submitted by: 5E Students from Morah Ronit's class

### Middle School Social Studies

It has been an exciting beginning in middle school social studies. The students have created projects about the presidential candidates and debated the topics between one another. In addition, they learned about the election process and the vocabulary that is associated with it. While we study the current events in class, we draw correlations to the past.

... **In 6<sup>th</sup> grade**, the students are studying the rise of civilizations in Europe. We began with the rise of democracy in Ancient Greece and the Republic of Rome. We are now studying about the beginnings of representative governments in the Middle Ages, and how the Renaissance led to political revolution all across Europe.

...**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** is learning about the foundation of our country. Beginning with the exploration of the New World and continuing on with the colonies and how their governments were set up, leading to our current form of government.

...**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** has focused on the beginning of our presidency with George Washington, and how the government has taken its shape through the first fifty years, always comparing it to what we see today.

Submitted by: Mr. Dan Bulgarelli

### Mazel Tov

...Rabbi & Mrs. Jonathan Morgenstern on the birth of a baby boy.

### Notes From The Nurse...

...Please remember to call ext. 500 if your child is going to be absent for any reason. This line is available 24/7!



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### Condolences To:

... Mrs. Suzy Toporowsky and family on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Sandra Wasser, grandmother to AJ (7H).

### Congratulations to the following 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who were appointed to WDS' first ever Student Council:

Akiva Marder - President  
Jeremy Wilson - Vice President  
Representatives

Arianna Brody  
Jonathan Herman  
Ezra Mannis  
Jacob Mannis  
Shoshana Marder  
Amy Robbins  
Daniel Schub  
Sammy Smigel  
Avigail Weinberger  
Shira Zisholtz

### Basketball News...



The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls opened their season with a very impressive win over Bi-Cultural by a score of 64-20. The team was led by captains: Amanda Povman and Nina Leibowitz - each provided great leadership, sportsmanship as well as quality play. Starters: Michele Bengualid, Amy Robbins and Arlyn Goldberg provided a good lead by playing a suffocating defensive and each adding to the scoring. Ellie Bonime, Sofie Levinson, Rachel Weintraub, Cindi Zucker and Michelle Kleinman also contributed to the scoring. Yaela Halper, Edith Chess, Alexa Wachtenheim and Rebecca Malits all played very hard and helped their team enjoy this victory. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team is the defending undefeated champs and on their way to another great season.

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys team lost to Bi-Cultural in their opening game. The boys played hard, never gave up, and were led by starters, Capt. Akiva Marder, Daniel Oppenheimer, Eitan Rudansky, Ezra Mannis and Ben Dalzeman. WDS received strong effort from Josh Goldschmidt, Daniel Schub, Jeremy Wilson, Jon Turek, Joe Douer and Adam Pachter. The team was encouraged by all members including Alex Dubro, Sam Horowitz and Jonah Rudansky. All members of this team should be congratulated on never giving up, giving their best effort and demonstrating ***mentchlekeit.***

... The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys lost to SAR on Thursday evening but there were signs of great improvement.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys played their opening game against North Shore Hebrew Academy. The boys put up a great effort, but came up short, losing 36-30. The team was led by captains: Josh Blustein, Benni Tuchman, Jacob Unger, and Elliot Beretz who led their team with great determination and sportsmanship. The team received strong inside play by Marty Fried, Adam Bandler, and Jesse Goldberg, who although gave up a lot of height, represented themselves quite well. Josh Eagle, Jack Bonime, Ben Kosowsky and David Besharim each contributed to their teams' effort. Joseph Silber, Ethan Heller, Evan Blumenthal and Josh Wachtenheim supported their teammates with encouragement and enthusiasm. The boys are off to a very positive start.

... The 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys defeated SAR 48-39 on Thursday evening in a thrilling victory. The team got off to a big lead due to a suffocating defense but despite this the score got very close. Josh Blustein threw in shot from the foul line and Jacob Unger hit a base line jump shot to secure the victory.



### Hockey News...

The Wild faced off against Yeshivat Har Torah (YHT) last week at YHT and this past Wednesday night at home. The rivalry between the two teams has intensified since WDS' overtime win in last season's semifinal game as the Wild went on to win its first ever Championship.

Unfortunately, last week's game didn't go as well for WDS. While The Wild were led by goals from Captain Jacob Aboodi, Jon Herman and Sammy Smigel and the score was tied after 2 periods, the 'wheels came off the bus' in the third period and YHT scored several unanswered goals to win the game.

This past Wednesday night's game however was a different story. In a defensive battle, the game was scoreless for 2 periods given some stellar goaltending by Nathan Goldman. YHT struck first with a goal one minute into the third period. Captain Aboodi answered back and knotted the score at 1 on a blast off a nice faceoff draw from David Wildes. YHT then scored 2 goals within 3 seconds of one another and the faithful fans @ WDS were worried. But our boys were not deterred and moments later Captain Aboodi scored again to draw The Wild closer at 3-2. Playing with increased determination, The Wild tied the score at 3 with a goal on some intense jostling in front of YHT's net. It was a new game with 2 and a half minutes left. The score remained tied through regulation and some great defense in the overtime period left the game ending in a 3-3 tie. Our boys' intense efforts and persistence were their way of wishing Mazel Tov to Head Coach Howie Falkenstein who is getting married this weekend. The Wild's next game is after the Chanukah recess when we'll have the chance again to cheer them on and GO WILD !!!



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### Community News...

...The Young Israel of New Rochelle, in partnership with Y.U. Center for the Jewish Future, presents the Stuart Perlman Memorial Lecture Series. This 3-part educational program will explore the holiday of Chanukah from historical, social and halachik perspectives. Professor David Berger, dean and professor of Jewish history at YU's Revel Graduate School will speak on **Wed., Dec. 10 at 8 PM** on the topic of *Chanukah: Villains, Heroes and Historians*. Rabbi Daniel Feldman, director of rabbinic research at CJF and faculty member of the Beit Midrash Program at YU will discuss *Celebrating Chanukah: Past, Present and Future* on **Wed., Dec. 17 at 8 PM**. Rabbi Reuven Fink, Rabbi of YINR, will address the community on **Tues., Dec. 23 at 8 PM** on *Miracles: Literal or Figurative?* All lectures will take place at the YINR-1149 North Avenue New Rochelle, NY

...Mazal Tov to the Mikvah of New Rochelle on its grand opening. Please join us at a brunch to celebrate this milestone on Sunday morning Dec. 7th 10:00 AM at the Young Israel of New Rochelle. The mikvah will be open every night beginning this Sunday.