

# Welcome Students!



## Middle School

2019-2020

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Faces we know and new OJCS family members

- David (Grade 6)
- Sophie (Grade 6)
- Maayan (Grade 7)

This morning, the first three periods will be going over the expectations, leadership skills, and new policies for your grade.

Periods 4+ as well as the rest of the week, will be more specific expectations, grading etc in your individual classes.

# OJCS North Stars



*Each person is  
responsible for the other*



*There is a floor  
here - but no ceiling*



*We are always on  
inspiring Jewish journeys*



***Ruach***



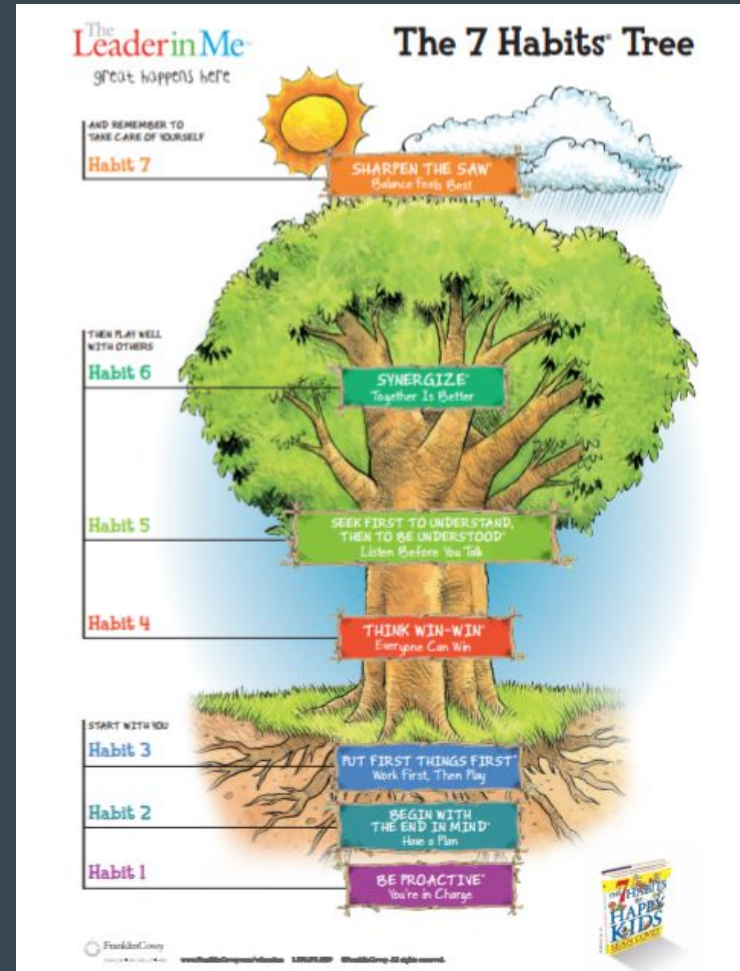
*We own our own learning  
We own our own story*



*We learn better  
together*

# Seven Habits

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the end in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw



# NEW! Behaviour Policy and School Wide Expectations

You will be expected to abide by the North Stars and the 7 Habits in our new OJCS Behaviour Policy.

[School Expectations](#)

[Student Guide](#)

[Parent Guide](#)

Also, you are responsible for abiding by these skills and this mindset during recess (next slide) and all unstructured time

*“Do what is right, even when no one is watching”.*

# OJCS Recess Contract

## Recess Contract

We understand that recess is a time to play and have fun where everyone is welcomed and included. We are lucky to be part of a community that believes in Ruach inside and outside of the classroom. We understand that breaking this contract will result in our recess privileges being altered. In order to keep our full recess privileges, each student must promise to show their 7 habits at recess by:

Habit	How To Show It
<b>1- Be Proactive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Have different ideas in mind of what to do at recess.</li><li>- Be flexible, inclusive and open minded.</li><li>- Know, understand and follow these habits &amp; responsibilities.</li></ul>
<b>2- Begin With the End In Mind</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- At OJCS "We are responsible for each other".</li><li>- No exclusive "clubs" or "groups". EVERYONE is included.</li><li>- Don't do anything you wouldn't want a teacher to know.</li></ul>
<b>3- First Things First</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Before beginning any game make sure everyone who wants to play is included.</li><li>- Review rules and predict what conflicts may arise and sort them out before you begin to play.</li><li>- Know when to ask for help from a teacher (i.e. making teams).</li></ul>
<b>4- Think Win - Win</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Compromise, include all ideas.</li><li>- Be flexible, everyone's ideas matter and can be different from each other.</li><li>- The goal is for everyone to enjoy their recess.</li><li>- When a conflict arises, ask a teacher to help find win-win solutions, if needed.</li></ul>
<b>5- Seek First to Understand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If someone says they don't want to play, that's okay.</li><li>- If someone has a different idea – listen, it may be just as good as yours.</li><li>- If someone is sad, angry, or upset, find out why.</li></ul>
<b>6- Synergize</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Playing together is so much better than leaving someone out.</li><li>- Work together to problem solve, play, and imagine.</li></ul>
<b>7- Sharpen the Saw</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recess is your time to Sharpen the Saw by playing and exercising – let off that energy – keep your body moving.</li><li>- Enjoy the fresh air, explore, learn, and have fun.</li></ul>

# NEW! Recess/Tefillah Procedures

This year Middle School will receive a 15 minute recess in the morning.

How will this work?

Period 3 will be a 30 minute period.

Tefillah will begin promptly at 10:35 am and go until 10:50 am.

From 10:50 am - 11:05 am will be your morning recess. You eat your snack at this time.

You will be allowed to be out front of the school (**picnic tables**, weather permitting) or in Rooms **220** (Cleveland) **225**, (Washerstein) and **226** (Bertrend).

You are **responsible for cleaning the classrooms** before you leave. If they are not left clean, you will be asked to return to clean up at the start of Period 4.

# Uniform Policy

Middle School students, as all OJCS students, are to abide by the OJCS uniform policy.

Things to keep in mind:

ONLY OJCS approved sweatshirts/shorts/pants can be worn INSIDE the school

I.e. no jeans, no generic blue sweatshirts etc.

Gym: Middle School students HAVE to change for gym, and are expected to do so quickly and efficiently. This is for hygiene purposes as you have gym each day. The gym uniform is a white OJCS gym shirt and navy shorts. These items are NOT to be worn in class after/before gym class.

Lateness due to “changing” will be dealt with on an individual basis. You may receive a late slip if this is an ongoing issue.



# Schedules (pass out and place in lockers)

We have some new teachers this year and we look forward to you enjoying their classes, lessons, personalities, and building positive relationships with them.

Welcome **Mr. Matthieu Sylvain** who will be teaching middle school French

Welcome **Ms. Faye Mellethin** who will be teaching Girls' Phys. Ed/Health

Welcome **Dr. Avi Marcovitz** who will be teaching middle school Judaics (along with Mr. Washerstein) as well as being our new Administrative Head of Judaics for the OJCS.

We look forward to you enjoying our strong Middle School Team! Any questions, and you can ask any one of us for support and guidance.

# End of Day

This year, all Middle School Students are to leave (exit) the school at 3:45 pm via the GYMNASIUM doors.

Why?

To help with the organization and flow of the younger students at Door A.

Reminder: Shorts are NOT to be worn outside the school (even if gym is your last period) if the temperature is below 10 degrees! (You will be asked to return inside and change)

# BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

This year Grades 4-8 are asked to BYOD (Bring your own device)

We recognize, as educators, that the world of learning is changing and new tools are required to access information to better and prepare you for your future.

With BYOD comes expectations for how/when **ANY** tool or device should be used in class/school. Failure to use your device appropriately may result in it not being permitted for use. To name only a few examples of tech expectations:

- No inappropriate content at **ANY** time on the OJCS campus.
- No external gaming of any kind during classes
- Always respect the teacher/peers in the class (no distractions)

# Lockers and Forms

You are assigned two lockers. It is YOUR responsibility to keep your locker clean and manageable.

- GOAL: ALL MATERIALS/ITEMS MUST BE OFF THE FLOOR at ALL TIMES!

Your locker MUST be locked and your combination must be recorded by your teacher. (Teachers enter in the Middle School Info Sheets that was shared)

- FORMS: if you have signed parent handbook, media, JCC forms etc to pass in, please do so now. (teachers also record such information in the shared Sheets)

# MakerSpace Update

Francais will go on as normal in Mr. Cinnani's room.

Those students are to be responsible when walking by construction.

Science will be held in the Computer lab until the space is ready for use.

This will be done in stages that you will enjoy the space, even if it is not 100% complete. Enjoy this process! A one of a kind experience. We're the only one in Ontario!

Any questions about the MakerSpace please ask Mr. Ray or Dr. Mitzmacher

# Google Calendar and Homework

Each grade gets their OWN [calendars](#) this year!

Homework will be placed on the date WHEN IT IS ASSIGNED (assumed due next day)

Homework that is “weekly” i.e. Monday due Monday/Friday, will be placed on the DUE date only.

Projects, Assignments, Events will be placed on the date WHEN IT IS DUE

Nightly reading is not considered homework and is assumed each night ON TOP of homework

Teachers will be working hard to chunk and give check ins on larger assignments/projects as well as space out larger pieces in an appropriate manner throughout the year.

Each teacher will have a % of their grading scheme and outline of marking on their blog, which they will go over with you. Homework may or maynot be a part of this.

Homework is **only** assigned if it is: **meaningful, purposeful, and appropriate.**

The OJCS Homework Policy can be found on each blog, the school website, as well as [here.](#)

# Questions?

Study Hall: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: Mrs. Bertrend will share more

Middle School Retreat: Mrs. Bertrend will be in touch soon

Google Keep: Mrs. Bertrend and Mr. Kom will be refreshing and going over

Knesset: Mrs. Bertrend will be organizing/implementing

Yearbook: Mrs. Cleveland is the Advisor

Sports: Mr. C, Mr. Ray, and Ms. Mellethin

Robotics: Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Thompson will be coaching

# Tonight's (by Friday) Homework!

Each student in the middle school is to go into the OJCS BLOG and;

By Friday:....each middle school student should:

1. [Subscribe to their grade's calendar.](#) (hint: how to's are on Mrs. Cleveland's blog, under [Middle School Calendars](#))
2. Subscribe to their teacher's blogs (you can go through the [Middle School Landing Page](#) to find each blog)
3. Leave ONE comment on each teacher's blog about something you are excited about learning in their class.



# .....and now supplies!!

Binders/pages, dividers... have been given to your class specific teachers....

Pencil case items are in Mrs. Cleveland's room....

Extras throughout the year: See Mrs. Cleveland