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Parsha: Ki Tavo

Candle Lighting 7:05 p.m.

Havdalah 8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events

September 10 Mid Term Progress Reports

September 14-16 Federation Book Drive

September 17 MJHS Pool Party for the Girls

September 18 Half Day for Rosh Hashanah

September 21 Art Class Field Trip
Golf Tournament

October 13 6th-8th Grade Girls Clay Building Class
Begins with Carol DeForest

October 14 PSAT Exam

October 18 Anshei Bar-B-Q Fest

October 19 6:00 College Fair at the Agricenter

Fine Arts Schedule

The following dates and speakers have been scheduled during our Wednesday Activity Period at 11:20 for MJHS students. Parents and the community are also welcome!

September 9 Ekundayo Bandele – Director of Hattiloo Theatre – the 1st African American Theatre in town

September 16 Murray Riss – Jewish Photographer and Holocaust Survivor

October 21 Phil Darius Wallace – Voices of the South – Writer and producer of one man shows On lives of important characters like Martin Luther King, Frederick Douglass and Langston Hughes

D'var Torah given by Alex Nahon

This week's portion includes: Bringing to the Temple as an offering the first fruits of the Seven Species special to the Land of Israel; Declaration of tithes; the Almighty

designating the Jewish people as His treasured people (Deut. 26:16 -19); the command to set up in the Jordan River and then on Mount Ebal large stones which had the Torah written upon them in 70 languages; and the command to have a public ratification of the acceptance of the Law from Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. The Torah then sets forth the blessings for following the Law and the curses for not following it and concludes with Moshe's final discourse. Verse 28:46 tells us the importance of serving the Almighty with "joy and a good heart." The last verse of the portion instructs us: "You shall fulfill the words of this covenant and do them so that you will succeed in all that you do!"

College Guidance Session Proves Successful

College Guidance Counselor Becky Pharr had a very successful college preparatory meeting with the parents of our senior class last evening. Ms. Pharr has been working with our Pioneer class since they were freshmen, and she is so pleased that their hard work and accomplishments at MJHS have paid off. She looks forward to all the college acceptance letters that will be arriving soon.

Ms. Pharr also announced that the annual College Fair will be held at the Agricenter on Monday, October 19, starting at 6:00 PM.

Meet the Faculty Curriculum Night is a Big Hit

Thanks goes out to all our faculty for making this year's Meet the Faculty Curriculum Night such a huge hit! Thanks, also, to our parent body for their attendance to this annual event. Both Brian Rubin and Pam Malkin commented that it was informative and a great way to begin a new school year.

MJHS Students Turn out at Laser Tag

Our first school wide field trip to laser tag was a good way for our students to welcome our new freshmen class. The students left as a group before the last period on Wednesday with Mr. Gellman and Mr. Cohen. The students reported the next day that a good time was had by all.

Calling all 6th to 8th Grade Girls!

Come join us for a 6 week Clay Building Class on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 on October 13, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17. The price is \$125 to work with renowned Memphis artist and MJHS Art Teacher Carol DeForest to create one of a kind pottery. Call the office today as space is limited.

Libbee Clifford Hosts a Pool Party for MJHS Girls

Attention MJHS Girls! Ms. Clifford has invited you to swim and have ice cream sundaes at her house on September 17 after school. We look forward to seeing you all there for a great time of talking, eating and swimming!

MJHS Golf Team has a Tournament

The MJHS Golf Team has a tournament on Monday, September 21 out in Millington. Captain Logan Belz commented that his team was ready for a great match.

Attention MJHS Writers

Do you have a talent for writing or editing? Would you love the opportunity to serve our student body by heading up one of our publications. Students wishing to serve as editors or assistant editors of either the *Kadima Chronicle* (school newspaper) or *Lion's Roar* (the school yearbook) should speak to Ms. Penney by next Wednesday (September 9). Then candidates for the positions will interview with Ms. Penney and another faculty member. The new editors and assistants will be announced on September 16. Following the selection of editors, we will have organizational meeting for each publication. Write on!

Check out some MJHS Photos

MJHS now has a professional photographer at all events and activities and their pictures are available on line at www.Mangiante.com for you to view and purchase. On the website, click "View and Order Photos" then click "Dances and School Events" then click "Memphis Jewish High School" to view all previous photos.

Ambassador Applications

Head of School, Dr. Brock is accepting resumes for Student Ambassadors next week. Please see her if you are interested in becoming a recruiting expert for our school. A letter and resume are due in her office by Wednesday, September 9.

Community Service

As part of our curriculum again this year, all students will be required to perform at least 20 hours of community service. Community Service forms are available in the front office.

MJHS participates in Federation Book Drive

The Memphis Jewish Federation is hosting a book drive and is now collecting gently used books and school supplies. Tricia Woodman, our contact with the drive, is also asking for volunteers to help at the book sale on September 14-16 from after school until 6:00. Please see Dr. Brock if you are interested.

Open Invitation Anytime!

The Memphis Jewish High School invites you to come for a tour of our school! Dr. Elizabeth Brock, Head of School, remarked, "The students that have visited our school are very impressed with our program and our facility. I think they especially enjoy having a lap top computer for the day when they visit our classes!"

Call 901.767.4818 for a tour or a day of shadowing.

Mazal Tov

To **all Faculty** for a wonderful Meet the Faculty Curriculum Night!

To **Becky Pharr** for a successful College Preparatory Workshop with the Senior Parents!

Toda Raba

To **Olivia Clifford** for hosting a faculty party at her home Tuesday evening!

To **Avi Gellman and Yossi Cohen** for hosting our student body at laser tag!

SAT Sunday Testing Date Change – on the MJHS calendar, all ACT and SAT test dates were printed. The Sunday testing date is always the Sunday following the Saturday test date. However, the College Board just announced that the October 11 Sunday test date has changed to October 18 due to a holiday conflict.

