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Dear Parents,

The Middle School Boys department is moving ahead in its preparations for the 2019-2020 school year. As we complete the selection of our teachers and staff, we take great pride in the team that we have assembled and are confident they will make a meaningful contribution to the intellectual growth and maturity of our students.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs. Leah Spalter and I have recently completed a training Positive Psychology. We look forward to fostering a happy and flourishing educational environment for every one of our middle school students.

The outpouring of support and ideas from our parents—both past and present—has been overwhelming, exciting and inspiring. We have tremendous potential in our newly-formed middle school, and we are working towards making that potential our new reality.

Mrs. Rivkah Cohen will serve as our Middle School office manager and secretary. Her many years of overseeing the Chinuch Office in Crown Heights, has enabled her to take efficiency and diligence to the next level. She will be working alongside me and Mrs. Leah Spalter throughout the summer to prepare our department for the coming year. Mrs. Cohen is also available at Middleschool@lecfl.com to answer any questions, concerns, or comments you may have regarding the coming year.

Closer to the start of the school year we will be sending out our student handbook, updated calendar, Middle School policies, and our complete school uniform policy.

I have taken the liberty of putting together some frequently asked questions, which will better enable you to prepare for the 2019-20 school year.

1. Where will Middle School be located? Middle School will be located on the 4th floor of the main LEC building at 17730 Northwest 7th Avenue. Our office will be on the 4th floor, on your right side, as you go down the hall.

2. Does Middle School offer assistance to parents organizing their son's Bar Mitzva or *Hanachas Tefillin*? An email with an online "Bar Mitzvah Calendar" has already been sent out to parents. The link, for your convenience, is <http://goo.gl/yXARya>. As a reminder, conflicting dates should be coordinated among families not through the school. We welcome our students to have their *Hanochas Tefillin* in school with their classmates. It is a meaningful event for both their friends and family. Our Bar Mitzvah guidelines and other pertinent information will be sent closer to the start of the school year.

3. When is the first day of school? Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will start school at **8:10 am on Wednesday, August 28th.**

4. What are the times of a regular Middle School day?

Grades	Sunday	Monday - Thursday	Friday
6	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	8:10 am – 3:45 pm	8:10 am – 2:00 pm
7 / 8	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	8:10 am – 4:55 pm	8:10 am – 2:00 pm

5. Where can I find the Middle School Calendar? Please see our school calendar that is attached.

6. What *seforim* will be needed? What supplies should I purchase for my son?

All *seforim* are supplied by LEC Middle School. For a list of necessary school supplies, please see the attached PDF file.

7. Does Middle School provide students with meals?

All students are served a daily hot lunch. Considering we are starting at 8:10 am (not 7:45 am), only our graduating class of 8th grade students (which are all over Bar Mitzvah) will be provided with cereal and milk after *davening*. Our 7th grade students will have multiple chances after *davening*

to have refreshments with the over 50 *Hanochas Tefillin* that will be taking place this year ה"א. For the remaining other days, we ask students in grades 6 and 7 to eat something at home before *davening*. (However, we do not advise washing for bread before *davening*.)

8. What is the school's uniform policy?

Our Student Handbook will have a complete description of uniform guidelines.

Grade 6: Blue polo or button-down Oxford dress shirt (white or blue). Black or navy blue pants.

Grades 7-8: White or blue button-down Oxford dress shirts. Black or navy blue pants.

Shoes or Sneakers: Shoes or sneakers should be black, without colored stripes and laces. *Discretion for small white logos, stripes or symbols will be given.*

9. How can I be in touch with the principals?

I can be reached at ygarfinkel@lecfl.com. Mrs. Spalter may be emailed at lspalter@lecfl.com.

10. I have another question/concern or idea. What should I do?

Please email the school office at Middleschool@lecfl.com.