



Elsa High School Newsletter

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Dvar Torah: Vayetze

In this week's parasha, Vayetze, we read about Yaacov and his wives Leah and Rachel. The story focuses mainly on the conflict between the two sisters about child-bearing and Yaacov's affection. We see that Leah is given the role of the mother, while Rachel is given the role of the beloved. The two sisters do not accept their roles in the family and constantly try to snatch the role of the other. This conflict and desire to be loved as much as her sister is the driving force for naming her children. Each son is given a name that reflects Leah's emotions towards Yaacov and their life together. As we know, this conflict is resolved once the two sisters achieve their goals which for Leah is finally feeling that she has a place in the family and for Rachel is finally bearing a son.

It might be hard to relate this parasha to our modern lives. That is until we take a step back and look beyond the literal meaning for the symbolic. Neither Leah nor Rachel were able to achieve what they wanted until they worked and helped each other which can be applied to our lives now. By ourselves, we may not achieve our goals and risk being stuck in our desire for our goals. To emerge from this cycle we must express our goals and only then can we gather the support to achieve them. Even if the outcome we hoped for does not come to fruition, it might just be what we need. Rachel is not given many sons, she is given just one. While Leah is never given the same love as her sister, she still found her place and purpose in the family.

Shabbat shalom,

Zoe Sernovitz Grade 11

Elsa Sports Day 2018/5779

Records smashed at Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground. Look out for reports and results in the next issue.





Football Results: Elsa High School vs. Island School

On Thursday, Elsa High School faced Island School at Quarry Bay. Elsa High School were looking for a second win in a row and the game got off to a great start after Amit squared the ball for Marco as he slotted it into the goal to make it 1-0. After an intense first half, the referee blew for halftime. Only a few minutes after the second half began, Marco flicked it for Charlie who leathered the ball into the back of the net to make it 2-0 to Elsa. Island School were desperate to get back into the game and were constantly trying to find a way through Elsa's defense but we managed to hold our line and clear the ball. The referee blew for full time and the score stayed 2-0.

A second win and clean sheet for Elsa High School and a solid performance from everyone yet again!

Thank you Mr. Julian for organizing the game!

Tal Konyyn Grade 9



Elsa High School Careers Fair



The Elsa High School Careers Fair was an event that was first introduced to us last year, courtesy of the Parent Teacher Association. This event was a very unique experience that allowed us to peer into some of the unseen aspects of life after education through interaction and questions with different professionals from a range of different sectors. This year, the PTA brought in more than 20 professionals from a wide variety of new subject areas, ranging from university lecturers, entrepreneurs, architects, and even a CEO.

Personally, this gave me a valuable insight into not only the career paths I was considering, but it also sparked some

newfound interests in other areas such as Business and Accounting. It was a truly inspirational afternoon, getting to meet all these successful, upstanding members of society, and ultimately conversing and hearing about their stories.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising this event.

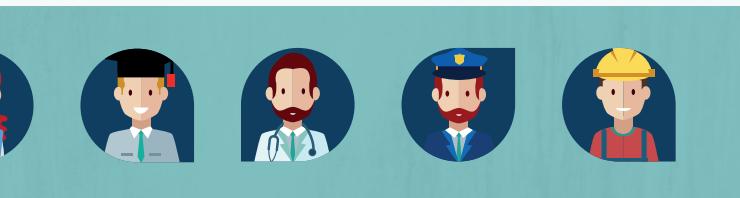
Jeffrey Yao Grade 11



"Those kids are so engaged! One of them even asked me for sponsorship for his Robotics - talk about entrepreneurship!"
(The Serial Entrepreneur)

"I will suggest this event model to other schools in Hong Kong"
(The Biology University Professor)





Elsa Careers Fair – Adults Had A Ball Too!

It is not exaggerated to say that Professionals participating in the second edition of Elsa Careers Fair had as exciting a time as students had... And not only because most people enjoy getting in touch with their inner student and remembering the times when they were themselves contemplating life and career choices – but also because the event was genuinely a blast!

A few parents attending to support the PTA, found themselves gravitating towards the various booths and engaging with the professionals about their itinerary, skills and achievements. After all, who didn't dream as a child of becoming a Fireman, a Pilot or a Lawyer – or, for that matter, a footballer – when they grow up...?

Great thanks go to Kryisia Allard, whose Career Fair baby is growing by leaps and bounds (can't wait for the 2019 edition!), and Agnes Efron, PTA co-chairs for a flawless organisation, and to other parents who helped secure professional participation and on-site smooth logistics.

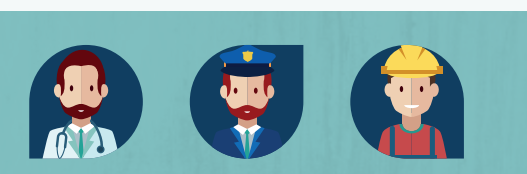
Romy Serfaty (Parent)



*"That was a blast! Same again next year, please!"
(The Lawyer)*

*"I was very happy to participate and I wish something like that existed when I was a student!"
(The Digital Marketer)*

*"It was not me presenting my craft, it was the students quizzing me! They are good!"
(The Interior Architect)*



If you are interested in participating in future Careers Fairs or mentoring programs, drop us a quick email at elsahighschool@carmel.edu.hk. Our students really appreciate learning from their community.

Kristallnacht Video Screening

Last Friday 9 November marked the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht - 'The Night of Broken Glass'. In order to remind the students at Elsa High School how significant that day was, a short video was played during assembly. From the perspective of three survivors, the story of Kristallnacht was retold with terrifying detail. After five years of suffering under Hitler, a Jewish teenager in Paris walked into a German embassy and shot a Nazi officer dead. For the Nazis, an opportunity had arisen to put into practice a plan that was waiting to happen. What followed was widespread rioting targeting Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues. House furniture was hacked to pieces, store front windows were smashed and synagogues burned. Kristallnacht marked the beginning of what would be Hitler's final solution. Soon after the video ended, Issy and I stood up to share a story from Auschwitz we learnt about on our recent trip to Poland which illustrated the pain and sacrifices some had to endure in order to make it out alive.

What I took away most from my experiences in Poland and watching this video on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, was the power that hate possesses. In a world where hate is an almost unstoppable force, we must do everything within our power to push back before it overruns us.

Rachamim Zamek Grade 11



Grade 9 visit Shek O for Science Field Educational Visit

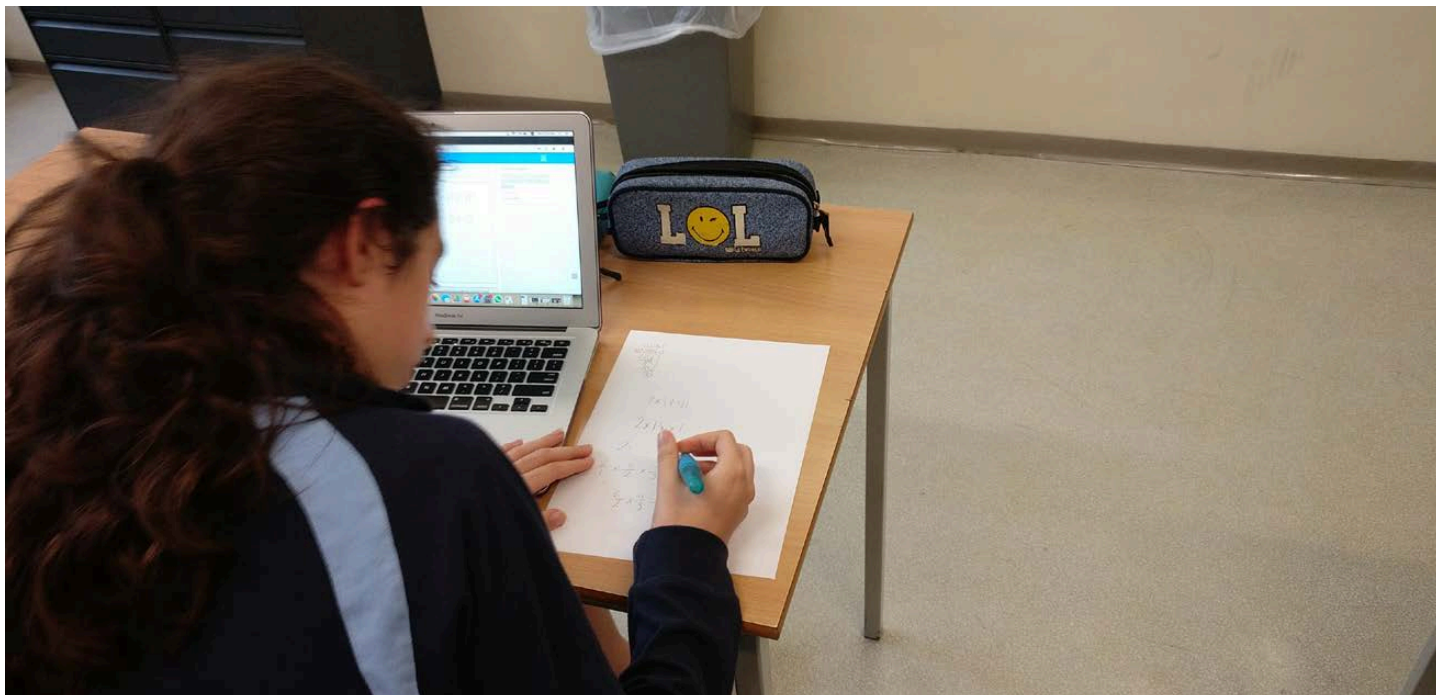
Last week Grade 9 were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go to Shek O on a Science Field Trip. Shek O beach is a rocky beach where many people go rock climbing but because of the recent typhoon, there was a lot of damage. Throughout the day, we had to assess the damage caused by the typhoon. From shaky lifeguard buildings, to rubbish all around the floor, we were able to clean up most of it and even received guava from the neighbors as a thank you!

Afterwards, we had to assess the slope change in the sand and also take samples from the rock pool and deeper water. We collected three samples of rock pool water and checked a multitude of variables such as pH levels, water quality and salinity. With the tools provided from the Science Department, we were able to find the accurate number.

All in all, it was an excellent and very educational trip. Thank you to all the teachers for organising this Field Trip.

Ativa Goldberg Grade 9





AMC 8 Maths Competition

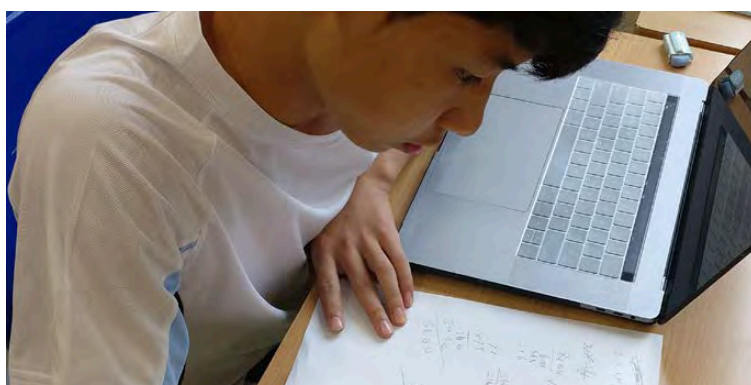
On Wednesday, selected students from Grades 6-8 participated in the AMC 8 Maths Competition. The AMC 8, which stands for American Math Competition, is a 25 multiple-choice question test that takes 40 minutes to complete. It is designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills and schools all over the world participate in this competition.

Subjects on the test include probability, estimation, percentages and interpreting graphs. The questions forced us think about everything from a different perspective in order to get the right answers.

The test was challenging but it was a fun experience and I hope that we will all have the opportunity to do it next year as well.

Thank you to Mr. Bibby for organising!

Ella Gefen Grade 7





Out and About in Hong Kong

Museums

by Issy Lyons and Louis Effron Grade 11

As the weather cools down we have begun to explore Hong Kong's wide array of indoor activities. This week we have discovered a vast range of museums suiting the needs and interests of all our readers.

Hong Kong Science Museum

The Hong Kong Science Museum houses a range of large exhibitions and is located in Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. It offers over 500 exhibits, most of which are interactive to encourage involvement and exploration. The museum consists of 5 main themes: the introduction of exhibition, natural science, life science, technology, and children's gallery designed for those aged three to seven. With all the hands-on and engaging activities, it's the perfect way to spend a rainy day or public holiday.



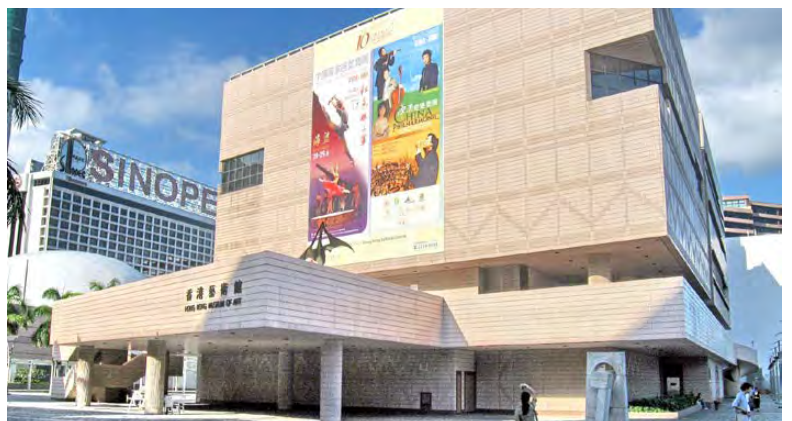
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence is a museum located in a former coastal fort overlooking the Lei Yue Mun channel, near Shau Kei Wan. The fort was built by the British in 1887, intended to defend the eastern forces heading to Victoria Harbour. With such a rich and enticing history, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence is a place not to be missed if you're interested in the history of war, Hong Kong's history, or just looking to do something totally different!



Hong Kong Museum of Art

The Hong Kong Museum of Art features more than 15,000 art pieces and objects including calligraphy, antique Chinese treasures, paintings of historical significance and works by local artists. The museum also presents a great variety of thematic exhibitions drawn from local and international influences. If you're interested in either art or the history of Hong Kong, or even both, this is the perfect place to gain insight on both while still having access to art from all over the world.



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Happy Birthday to
**Hadas Greenbaum, Eden Eder and
Eden Shem Tov**



We hope you've enjoyed reading The Weekly Daf!

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Announcements

SHOE DRIVE IN MEMORY OF JOSH ZION

Shoe Drive

BRING IN YOUR USED BUT NOT ABUSED TRAINERS AND SPORTS SHOES, AND HELP THOSE THAT NEED AND RUN WITH THEM THE MOST.

NOV 9 - 30 - BRING SHOES TO BRC

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Carmel School Association
Carmel Elementary

Kindergarten Open Day

Tuesday 27 November 2018

RSVP:

carmel.edu.hk/kindergarten-open-day



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Books of the Week

Support at home is key to how young people approach reading for pleasure. Every week we will be promoting books new and old, fiction and non-fiction for readers of all ages and levels. Our libraries are open to students and parents alike and books can be borrowed through student's accounts.

These books, and more, can be found directly here: libraryceo.com/carmel/opac/index.php or through our school library site here: carmel.edu.hk/learning/library

Old Man's War by John Scalzi

John Perry did two things on his 75th birthday. First he visited his wife's grave. Then he joined the army.

The good news is that humanity finally made it into interstellar space. The bad news is that planets fit to live on are scarce – and alien races willing to fight us for them are common. So: we fight. To defend Earth, and to stake our own claim to planetary real estate.

Earth itself is a backwater. The bulk of humanity's resources are in the hands of the Colonial Defense Force. Everybody knows that when you reach retirement age, you can join the CDF. You'll be taken off Earth and never allowed to return. You'll serve two years at the front. And if you survive, you'll be given a generous homestead stake of your own, on one of our hard-won colony planets.

John Perry is taking that deal. He has only the vaguest idea what to expect.

"Scalzi sidesteps most of the clichés of military science fiction, delivers fast-paced scenes of combat and pays attention to the science underpinning his premise." – San Francisco Chronicle



Fiction

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her younger brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one.

Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. Who have scattered Earth's last survivors. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie's only hope for rescuing her brother—or even saving herself. But Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up.

"A twisty survival story that borrows elements from romance, horror and dystopian fiction." – Wall Street Journal



Fiction

The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert

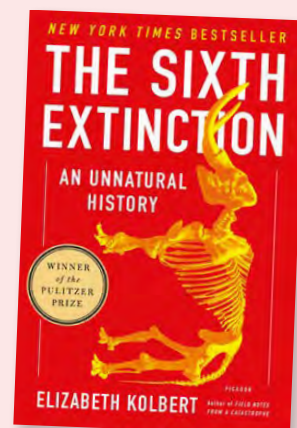
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a New York Times Bestseller

Over the last half-billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs.

This time around, the cataclysm is us. In prose that is at once frank, entertaining, and deeply informed, Elizabeth Kolbert tells us why and how human beings have altered life on the planet in a way no species has before. Interweaving research in half a dozen disciplines, Kolbert provides a moving and comprehensive account of the disappearances occurring before our very eyes.

She shows that the sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy, compelling us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human.

"The Sixth Extinction is a wonderful book, and it makes very clear that big, abrupt changes can happen; they're not outside the realm of possibility. They have happened before, they can happen again." – Barack Obama



Non Fiction

פינת הספריה העברית

סמסטר ראשון: מהדורה מספר 11
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ספרים חדשים הגיעו לספריה העברית



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שמחים לבשר, בהתרגשות גדולה, כי ספרים חדשים הגיעו היישר מישראל לספריה שלנו. הספרים הומלצו על ידי חברי מועדון הספרים.

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- פלא
- אוג'י ואני
- יוצאת מדעתי
- יומנו של חנון מכת קור
- כשסבא אליהו היה קטן
- יומנו של חנון הקש האחרון
- ארץ האגדות קסם המשאלה
- ארץ האגדות שובה של הקוסמת
- משחקי בילוש מסתרי האי הנעלם
- משחקי בילוש המרדף אחר איש החידות
- משחקי בילוש תעלומת החטיפה המסתורית

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לקבל גם את
המלצתכם
לספרים אהובים.

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מחכים לכם בספריה שלנו, כולם מוזמנים.

קריאה מהנה!!!