

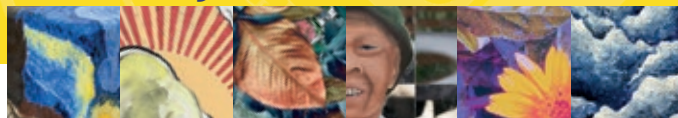


Elsa High School Campus Newsletter

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Weekly Daf

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Dvar Torah: Ekev

In this week's Parsha Ekev, Moses continues his closing address to the Jewish people as they stand outside the land of Israel. He promises them that if they follow all the Mitzvot they will prosper, however, he also criticizes their past wrongdoings including the Golden Calf, the rebellion of Korach and the sins of the spies. Moshe then goes on to describe the land they are about to enter as 'flowing with milk and honey' and lists the seven special crops, although he warns all this is dependent on the people remaining faithful to God.

One aspect of the Parsha that stood out is Moshe's promise that if they follow all the Mitzvot and carry out good deeds, they will prosper. This seems like a lot to ask as there are 613 mitzvot, some of which are aimed only at specific people and cannot be

fulfilled by others, for example, the mitzvah of having children can not be fulfilled by a man, whilst the Mitzvah of circumcision can not be fulfilled by a woman. Thus one person simply can not fulfill all the Mitzvot. Rashi interprets this commandment differently. He says that it means that one should do the whole Mitzvah, meaning that they should put their full effort into finishing the Mitzvah and do it to the best of their abilities.

This teaches us an important lesson: as Rashi explained, the Jewish people aren't required to attempt every Mitzvah, rather they are expected to do every Mitzvah that they undertake to the best of their ability. We can implement this into our own lives and do everything we undertake to the best of our own ability.

Shabbat Shalom

Issy Lyons Grade 12



A very warm welcome back to all students – and a special welcome to our new Elsa students.

The Shau Kei Wan Campus is abuzz with academic excitement, new initiatives, and the continued warmth and interaction between students and students, and students and staff.

Our faculty had a valuable and energising week of Professional Development prior to the start of school, and are all looking

forward to approaching the school year with renewed vigour.

The first week back has flown past, dominated by academic enjoyment and very happy students! I would like to wish each and every one much success in 5780 / 2019-20.

Shabbat Shalom

Mrs. Rachel Freidmann



Parent Curriculum Coffee Morning

Elsa Parents are invited to the Curriculum Coffee morning on **Monday 26 August (8:30 - 10:00am)**, where important information will be shared.



University Applications

Application season is in full swing at Elsa! In fitting form, Grade 12 students and parents joined Mr. Ford and Mrs. Friedman on Thursday during lunchtime for a question and answer session on the plethora of application systems the students will have to navigate in the coming months.

This year our seniors will be applying to schools all over the world, from the UK to the US, Australia, and the European Union. We wish them all the best of luck with their applications and we can't wait to see what amazing destinations our students will go to next!

New year, new faces

Please join us in welcoming all new faculty at Elsa High School.

Mr. Steve Cheung - Math
 Mr. Achiya Eliav - Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Informal Education
 Mrs. Avital Eliav - Hebrew
 Ms. Kirsten Humphreys - Learning Enhancement Coordinator
 Mr. Jake Liu - Design
 Ms. Vanessa Nostran - Math
 Ms. Rina Schwartz - Jewish life
 Mr. Richard Stephens - Math and Economics
 Ms. Dora Wan - Mandarin
 Mr. Adam Darell - English
 Ms. Carmen Pan - Mandarin
 Ms. Yvonne Barrie - Music
 Ms. Susan Lam - Counsellor

Some of the new teachers introduced during the first assembly





Class of 2019

Celebrating Resounding Results

Carmel's graduating Class of 2019, the largest since Elsa High School's founding in 2009, received their IB Diploma results over the summer, together with students from nearly 3000 schools around the world.

With a 100% pass rate and a top score of 44 out of 45, our students once again scored significantly above the global average. Our graduates are now off to some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including Oxford, NYU, McGill and HKU.

We congratulate the Class of 2019 on all of their hard work and achievements, and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

"After graduating from Elsa in June 2019, I can safely say that life does get better after IB! After a rewarding and restful summer, I'm now about to start university at McGill, in Montreal. I am very excited to start this new chapter in my life, but also nervous! My advice to current IB students is to keep pushing and working hard, but remember to live well; there's more to life than grades. It'll all be worth it, I promise!"

Hannah Hipwell-Serfaty

"Having graduated from Elsa, I've come to learn that you really do reap the rewards of your work. I start the next chapter at the University of Colorado, Boulder in a few days and I must say, while I'm very excited, I'm almost equally as nervous to take on the responsibilities that University entails. When asked to pass on any advice I might have to the prospective and current IB students, one piece of advice came to mind: apply yourself and try your best to map out a schedule of the work you need so you can better plan for the long term. Planning and organisation was vital in helping me through the DP course. Good luck!"

Rachel Effron





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 students' accounts.

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

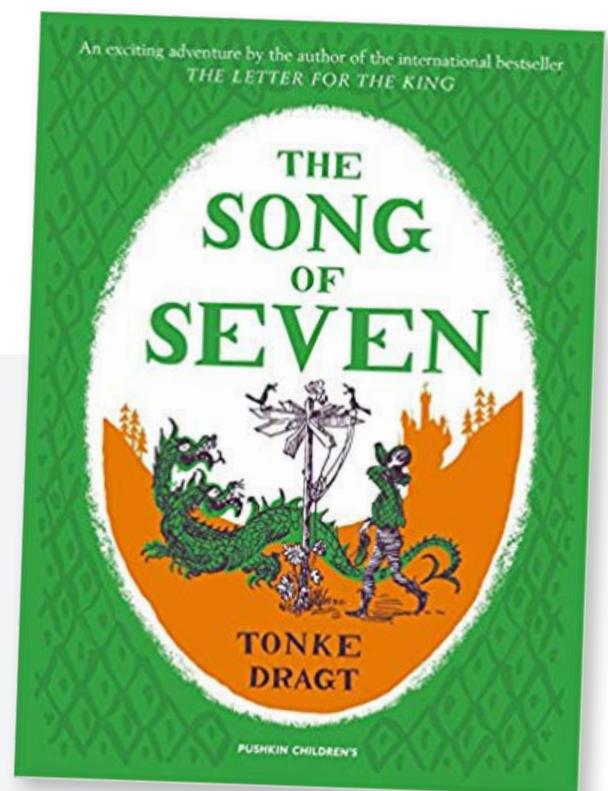
The Song of Seven by Tonke Dragt

Seven paths, seven unlikely friends, and one extraordinary adventure featuring magicians, secret passages, conspiracies, hidden treasures, a black cat with green eyes and a sealed parchment which predicts the future.

At the end of every school day, new teacher Mr Van der Steg entertains his pupils with tall tales of incredible events, which he claims really happened to him - involving hungry lions and haunted castles, shipwrecks and desert islands. One day, when he can't think of anything suitably exciting to tell them, he invents a story about a very important letter which he's expecting that evening, with news of a perilous mission. Evening arrives and so, to his surprise, does an enigmatic letter...

And so Mr Van der Steg is drawn into a real-life adventure, featuring a grumpy coachman, a sinister uncle, eccentric ancestors, a hidden treasure, an ancient prophecy and Geert-Jan, a young boy who is being kept prisoner in the mysterious House of Stairs.

"A cracking adventure ... so nail-biting you'll need to wear protective gloves." The Times



Junior Fiction Age 10+

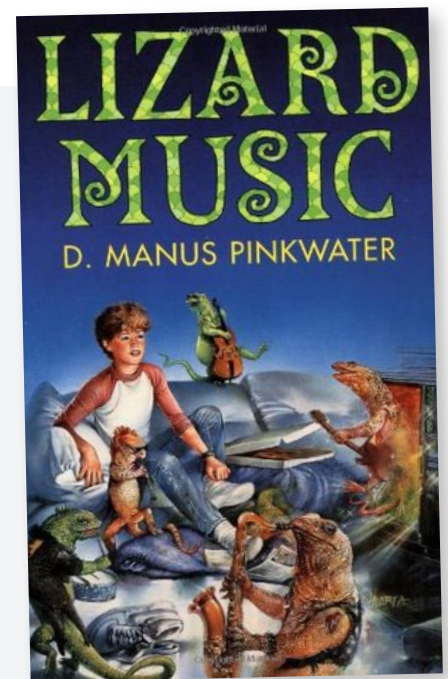
Lizard Music by Daniel Pinkwater

Things Victor loves: pizza with anchovies, grape soda, B movies aired at midnight, the evening news.

And with his parents off at a resort and his older sister shirking her babysitting duties, Victor has plenty of time to indulge himself and to try a few things he's been curious about. Exploring the nearby city of Hogboro, he runs into a curious character known as the Chicken Man (a reference to his companion, an intelligent hen named Claudia who lives under his hat).

The Chicken Man speaks brilliant nonsense, but he seems to be hip to the lizard musicians who've begun appearing on Victor's television after the broadcast of the late-late movie. Are the lizards from outer space? Together Victor and the Chicken Man, guided by the able Claudia, journey to the lizards' floating island, a strange and fantastic place that operates with an inspired logic of its own.

"A writer for smart kids ... Pinkwater writes for, and about, people who are not ashamed to look at life a little differently." Wired Magazine



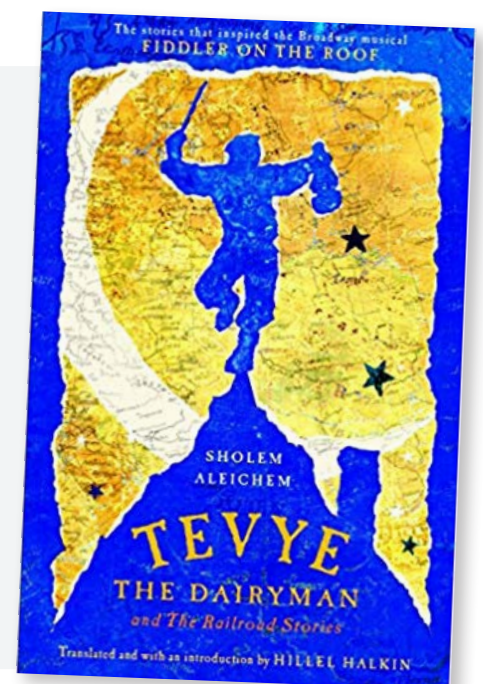
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Tevye the Dairyman by Sholem Aleichem

Tevye the Dairyman and Motl the Cantor's Son are the most celebrated characters in all of Jewish fiction. Tevye is the lovable, Bible-quoting father of seven daughters, a modern Job whose wisdom, humor, and resilience inspired the lead character in Fiddler on the Roof.

Motl is the spirited and mischievous nine-year-old boy who accompanies his family on a journey from their Russian shtetl to New York, and whose comical, poignant, and clear-eyed observations capture with remarkable insight the struggles and hopes and triumphs of Jewish immigrants to America at the turn of the twentieth century.

"Aleichem's virtuoso monologues soar way above the cosy folklore and endearing eccentricities of a lost Jewish world. This superb new translation deserves an ovation." The Independent



General Fiction



Carmel School Communication Apps



Carmel School regularly communicates with our community through our two apps, Flexibuzz and Vidigami.

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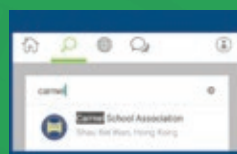
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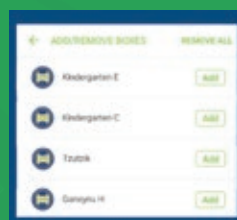
Flexibuzz is used for non-emergency, class specific news, updates and general notices.



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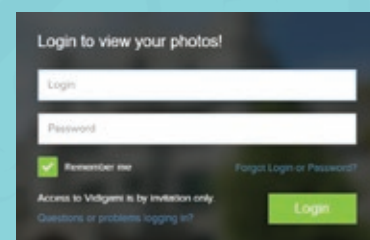
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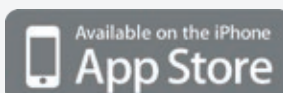
3. Select the classes relevant to you

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After registering an account, follow the link sent to your e-mail to activate your account. Once you've logged in, you are free to browse Carmel's multimedia.





Carmel School PTA invites all parents to the

New Parent Welcome Breakfast

Tuesday 3 September 9:00-11:00am
Seven Zero Cafe, JCC L2

RSVP elsahighadmin@carmel.edu.hk



Elsa PTA Parents and Teachers Cocktail Night

Thursday 12 September
JCC

**Happy Birthday to
Jack Diestel, Asya Poller,
Adam Kanevsky, Mordechai
Oser, William Barron and
Stephanie Fleischer**



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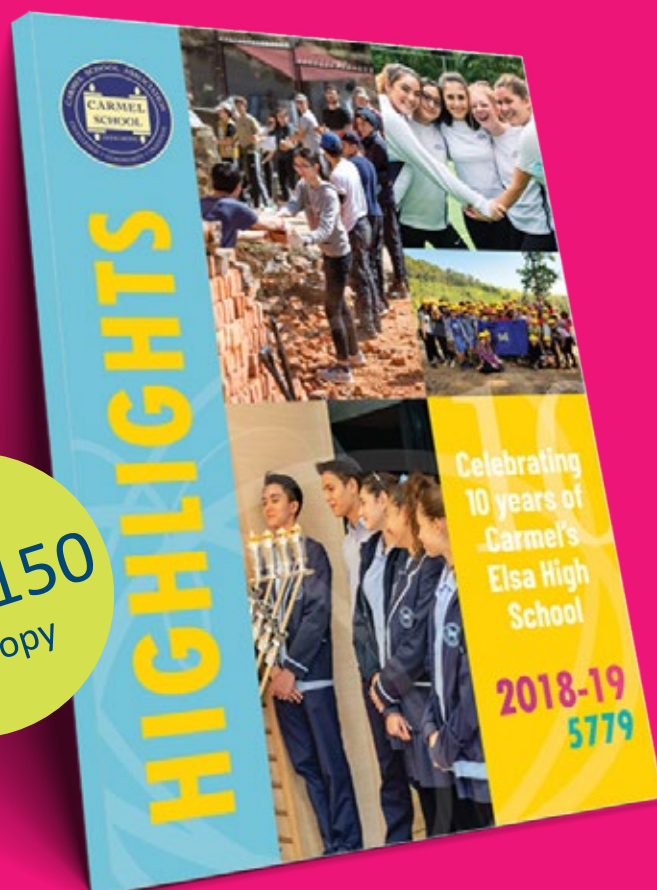
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Headlice

What To Look For

Excessive scratching of head, especially at the back of the head just above the neck. Nits on the hair. These are usually pearly-grey in color and are attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Nits are distinguished from dandruff because they stick to the hair shaft.

Treating nits and head lice

- Notify the school office immediately.
- Treat your child and all household members with a lice shampoo recommended by your pharmacist or doctor. Follow all instructions carefully! Use a nit comb after treatment to remove lice from hair shafts. A 10% vinegar rinse helps to loosen the nits from the hair shafts.
- Eggs must be removed using a fine-toothed comb or tweezers.

Preventing head lice spreading

- Any personal items such as toys or stuffed animals which cannot be laundered must be sealed in a plastic bag for two weeks.
- Wash all bed linen and washable clothing in hot water.
- Place all non-washable items such as stuffed toys in a sealed plastic bag for 21 days.
- Vacuum furniture, rugs and floors.

Pharmacy

Fanda Pharmacy (G/F Shop B, World Wide House, 19 Des Voeux Rd, Central, HK)

Parents may visit Fanda located in central to purchase related products.

Please note that your child can only return to school once completely nit and lice free and checked by our staff.

