

August 25, 2021

Dear Parents and Friends of the Community Religious School,

Thank you so much for your child's registration for the new Community Religious School. We welcome you to our *Kehillah Kedosha*, our sacred community of learning. As the start of the school year gets closer, we know that you have questions. We hope this letter will give you the answers you are looking for!

COVID

Due to the rising number of COVID infections in WNY, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Erie County Department of Health (which is now setting the policy for our local school districts), we expect to start the year with a mandatory mask policy. Everyone two years old and older who enters the building on Sunday mornings will need to be masked properly and at all times. We and our congregational leadership are monitoring the situation on a regular basis and will adjust our programs and policies as necessary.

WHEN & WHERE

- CRS Sunday classes will be held at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Rd., 14221.
- So that we can make the most of our time together, all students from kindergarten through 7th grade are expected to be at school NO LATER THAN 9 AM for every session.
- Dismissal for all students is at 11:30 AM.

2021-2022 CALENDAR (See below)

SPECIAL NEEDS

Families who indicated on their registration form that their child has a learning, social, or behavioral need or concern will be contacted prior to the start of school by Hope Bongiorno, our Special Needs Coordinator, so that appropriate arrangements or accommodations can be made.

OPENING DAY!

Our plans for Opening Day include time for us and our clergy partners to be introduced to everyone. If the weather cooperates, we will all enjoy learning time outside as well as getting to know our teachers and classmates in their classrooms. (If necessary, our outdoor activities will be held in the Social Hall).

CRS parent Joanna Thompson, WNY Regional Director at Peaceful Schools, will be facilitating a session on Opening Day just for parents to help make positive connections with one another. Please plan on staying with us from 9-11:30 on September 12th.

Any questions, feel free to contact us!

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