

Hi Adina and Debra,

I hope you had a good start to the school year. I wanted to share some positive feedback with you regarding our new Secondary 1 students.

This week, I visited 2 English classes to introduce the students to FirstClass. We learned how to login, change passwords, and send messages. We looked at the various conference areas (school calendar, clubs, test calendar, course conferences etc.). In the second half of the lesson, the students had an English writing assignment. They had to download the assignment (in Word) from FirstClass, save it on the laptop, do the writing, save their work in their FirstClass. They then had to retrieve the work at home, finish it, and resave it onto FirstClass to have in class, on the laptops, the next day.

- I want to tell you that the JPPS students were the clear leaders here - in all the activities. Obviously, they were familiar with FirstClass, but I noticed that they had a much better understanding of how to save, store, and move their files as well as a high comfort level with working with the laptops. They were great at assisting the other students who were having considerable difficulty.

I just wanted you to know that the JPPS graduates are very well-prepared for Bialik's technology environment. And they demonstrate their skills with confidence. Kudos to you and their teachers!

I hope to see you soon when the grade 6 students visit us.

Regards.

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