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قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا.
وَشَبَّكَ بَيْنَ أَصَابِعِهِ.
[صحيح البخاري]

The Prophet PBUH said:
A believer to another believer is like a building whose different
parts enforce each other." The Prophet PBUH then clasped his
hands with the fingers interlaced (while saying that).
[Sahih Al-Bukhari]

GRADE 8 | NEWSLETTER

October 23 - October 27, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE UMMAH WEEK

Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27

Please be advised that on Tuesday, October 24 - Friday, October 27, there will be Bottle Drive. If you have empties, please donate them to the school. Thursday, October 26, will be cultural day and there will also be an One Ummah Bake Sale. For more information about the One Ummah Week schedule, please refer to One Ummah Week letter sent to parents via email.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The following Grade 8 students were elected to this year's student council.

8A	Khaled Mustafa
8B	Jad Hamdan
8C	Asiya Schindel
8D	Kareem Assaf
8E	Maya Hatoum

UNIFORM POLICY

Junior High Girls:

Girls are required to wear a gray school abaya and a royal blue school hijab. The blue hijab is available for purchase in the main office. Please note that a black hijab is not permitted. **Cultural clothing and other styles of abayas are NOT allowed at this moment.**

Junior High Boys:

Boys are to wear their black uniform pants and grey uniform polo shirt (long or short sleeve). On Fridays, boys are to wear the blue uniform dress shirt and school tie or black tie. **Thobes or similar forms of cultural clothing are NOT allowed at this moment.**

Junior High Sweaters:

If students want to wear an extra layer, a school hoodie with the school logo purchased from McCarthy Uniforms is the only sweater permitted.

MESSAGE FOR THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

At the Edmonton Islamic Academy, we recognize that our student's success depends on effective collaboration between parents and school staff. We all play an important role in a child's academic success. With that being said, we would like to outline our expectations for parents and identify some strategies that can be implemented to support your child in their areas of growth:

General Strategies:

- Monitor that your child **completes their homework daily by checking the remind app** for assigned homework.
- Set a daily **scheduled time for homework and studying** (e.g., from 6-8 pm daily) and remove all distractions during this period such as cellphones and iPads.
- Ensure that they are **on task during this time**. You may utilize your child's **siblings as support**.
- **Help Sessions:** We have multiple help sessions running during the school day to support students who may be struggling in each subject. **Please ask your child's teacher for the timings of these sessions and ensure your child attends.**
- **Attend parent-teacher meetings:** Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers to understand which areas they need support in.

Language Arts:

- **Reading:** Please ensure your child reads daily. Students are encouraged to sign books out of our school library, the public library, or read online (ask your child's teacher for recommendations for online reading platforms).
- **Understanding:** Ask comprehension questions about what they read or meanings of higher level vocabulary (ask them to use a manual dictionary to look up the word and define it in their own words),
- **Writing:** You may also ask them to summarize the text in a short written paragraph for you. Review the paragraph to ensure proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Math

- **Complete practice problems:** Have your child practice solving a few questions daily for the unit they are on (review questions from the child's notes and math textbook).

Science & Social Studies

- Review notes and textbook readings.
- Ask your child to explain concepts to you and encourage them to connect these to concepts previously known.

Lastly, reach out to your child's teacher to discuss any questions or concerns. Our children are an Amanah from Allah and we pray that our continued collaboration will help support them to achieve an optimal education.

JazakAllahu Khairan!
Secondary Team

CORE CLASSES

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS (TEST/ QUIZ)

Subject	Monday Oct 23	Tuesday Oct 24	Wednesday Oct 25	Thursday Oct 26	Friday Oct 27
Social Studies					
Science					
Math					6.1-6.2 Quiz
Language Arts				Quiz on poems: <i>Richard Cory</i> and <i>The Road Not Taken</i>	
Arabic	Vocab & reading quiz Level 4 Vocab & Reading Test Level 2				Quran Test Al Mulk 1-14 Level 2 Quran recitation test Level 3
Islamic Studies					
Quran					
Health	1st Test - Open Book 8A		1st Test - Open Book 8B, 8C	1st Test - Open Book 8D	1st Test - Open Book 8E

ISLAMIC STUDIES 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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EXAM UPDATE & REFLECTION:

Dear Parents,

The results of the exam - Unit 1 are now posted on Powerschool.

The exams have been returned back to the students alongside with a student’s personal strategy on maintaining or attaining excellence on the next exam.

As a quick statistic, sixty percent of the students scored 80 or above and from the total number of students twenty-five percent of the students scored a 100.

The classroom policy is that the students must take notes within the class time, pay attention, ask questions, and participate. Having taken the notes, and understanding the notes by knowing which topic is where in the notebooks, the students can expect to do great on their tests.

Students who missed classes were encouraged to catch up on the notes, furthermore, they should seek the teacher out during lunch time to copy notes directly from the teacher. The tests are intended to measure understanding of the classroom discussion.

Certain impediments for students are their distractions within the classroom, including not being prepared with their notebooks, not taking notes, talking with the friends, interruptions, leaving for washroom breaks, and most commonly coming late to class.

I encourage all students to maintain discipline, avoid distractions, and maintain notes; and I am certain that they will do exceptionally well on their next exams.

Sincerely,

Your brother in Islam,

Imran Qureshi

UPCOMING TOPICS

Unit 2: Applications of the Fundamentals of Religion

- Objective: Students should be able to take lessons from the first 10 verses of Surah Al-Kahf and apply it to various challenges, scenarios, and trials (fitan) that young Muslims might face.
 - ◆ Lesson 9: Investigating causes and effects
 - ◆ Lesson 10: Challenge of irreligious world
 - ◆ Lesson 11: Challenge of materialism and haughtiness
 - ◆ Lesson 12: Challenge of ignorance and misinformation
 - ◆ Lesson 13: Misunderstanding natural disasters in the world
 - ◆ Lesson 14: Challenge of solving big problems
 - ◆ Lesson 15: Causes of disbelief
 - ◆ Lesson 16: Attaining the hereafter.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Reminder Code: @4dg7cf4
- ★ Google classroom link: k5itlxf

QURAN STUDIES

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TOPICS

- Please practice memorizing Surat Al-Ma'arij, verses 1 - 28.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @quran-8
- ★ Google Classroom Code: cq3dunv

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 4: TOPICS

- Practice reading lesson 4 التلميذ المجتهد in Al-Hadiqah textbook.
- Reviewing the vocab words from lesson 4 (posted on google classroom).
- Practice reciting Surah Al-Kahf, verses 1-21.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Monday, October 23: Vocab and reading quiz.

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @eia4
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ktyd3gs
- ★ Al-Hadiqah textbook - Level 4.

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 3: TOPICS

- New Reading Lesson: أفراد الأسرة
- Part two of the pronouns: ضمائر المثنى: نحن- هما(مذكر)- هما (مؤنث)- أنتما
- Conjugation of the past tense verbs with the new pronouns.

- Oral reading test every 10 minutes of every block throughout the week.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @level3-eia
- ★ Google Classroom Code: omka3k5

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 3: TOPICS

- New Reading Lesson: أفراد الأسرة
- Part two of the pronouns: ضمائر المتنى: نحن- هما(مذكر)- هما (مؤنث)- أنتما
- Conjugation of the past tense verbs with the new pronouns.
- Oral reading test every 10 minutes of every block throughout the week.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Al-Hadiqa textbook/workbook
- ★ Remind code: @raghda789
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ihmt4au

ARABIC STUDIES JUNIOR HIGH

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Level 2: TOPICS

- Starting new lesson عُنوانُ المسكن pg 34
- Answer Lesson questions pg. 35- 37.
- Practice vocabulary words for lesson 4 العبارات الأساسية
- Practice reading ayahs 1-14, Surat Al Mulk.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Monday, October 23:* Vocab and Reading Quiz textbook pg.14.
- ❖ *Friday, October 27:* Quran test Al Mulk 1-14.

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: lvl2abir
- ★ Google classroom code: xmfc2zc
- ★ Al Shamil Textbook Level 2
- ★ Revision Booklet/ worksheets/ Quran/ Tajweed booklets
- ★ Arabic Dictionary

ENGLISH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS:

- Poetry Unit
 - ◆ Richard Cory
 - ◆ The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost
 - ◆ Poetry Reading Comprehension

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Thursday, October 26:* Quiz on 2 poems studied (Richard Cory and The Road Not Taken)

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind Codes for parents and/or students to join:
 - 8A @779266d
 - 8B @fdff9323
 - 8C @8cenglishm
 - 8D @8dengli
 - 8E @8eenglis

- ★ Google Classroom code for students to join:
 - Google classroom link
 - Link: aczdmod

SOCIAL STUDIES 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS

- Unit 1: How Did the Exchange of Ideas and Knowledge During the Renaissance Shape the Worldviews of the Western World?
- Chapter 1: What Were Factors that Shaped the Renaissance Worldview?

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code: mr1o3w2
- ★ Remind code: ss8zahoui

MATH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS

- Chapters 6: Fraction Operation

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Friday, October 27: 6.1 -6.2 Quiz*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8A: @eia8amath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8B: @eia8bmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8C: @eia8cmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8D: @eia8dmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8E: @eia8emath
- ★ Google Classroom Codes: To join Google classroom, click on the link that corresponds with your classroom: 8 (A,B,C,D,E): [Grade 8 Google Classroom](#)

SCIENCE 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS

- Topic 6 & 7 - Buoyancy and viscosity
 - ◆ Buoyancy lab simulation

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom: (8A: i77u262)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8B: 2qxxyo)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8C: m2hs3ek)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8D: kv43g3h)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8E: synndqf)
- ★ Remind (all science 8): @haysci8

PHYSICAL EDUCATION GIRLS

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TOPICS

- Volleyball
 - ◆ Bumping the ball
 - ◆ Setting the ball
 - ◆ Serving the ball
 - ◆ Positive interaction
 - ◆ Game rules and regulations

- Beep test

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom

PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOYS

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TOPICS

- Cross-Country

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind PE: @8eiape

HEALTH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS

- One Ummah Project Intro

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Monday, October 23:* 1st Test - Open Book (8A)
- ❖ *Wednesday, October 25:* 1st Test - Open Book (8B, 8C)
- ❖ *Thursday, October 26:* 1st Test - Open Book (8D)
- ❖ *Friday, October 27:* 1st Test - Open Book (8E)

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code:
- ★ All grade 8 Health : allgrade8h

SPORT HISTORY

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TOPICS

- Soccer

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ *None*

FOODS

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TOPICS

- Learn Kitchen Basics
- Cook and Bake
- Cinnamon Muffins

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Given to students at Options Class

FILM

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TOPIC

- The Pursuit of Happiness: A struggling salesman takes custody of his son as he's poised to begin a life-changing professional career.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ None

DRAMA

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TOPICS

- Movement

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ None

STEAM

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TOPICS

- Students will learn about making functional 3D printed objects

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom: 4hnloac

ART

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TOPICS

- Students will be creating their Islamic tile out of clay in anticipation of One Ummah later this month.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: ch899g