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قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:
خيركم من تعلم القرآن وعلمه
[صحيح مسلم]



The Prophet PBUH said:
The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it
[Sahih Muslim]

GRADE 8 | NEWSLETTER

December 18 - December 22, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QURAN AND HADEETH COMPETITION CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 21

The Quran and Hadeeth Competition Celebration for Junior High will be on Thursday, December 21st at 11:00AM in the ARCA Banquet Hall. Invitations have been emailed to the winners' parents/guardians.

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.

ATHLETICS

You are now able to view upcoming Junior High games and practice times using this [link](#), and receive weekly updates by joining the Junior High Athletics remind page using the code **28e68d**

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 Dec 18	Tuesday Dec 19	Wednesday Dec 20	Thursday Dec 21	Friday Dec 22
Social Studies					Unit 1 Final (Exam/Project)
Science				Mid Unit Exam (8C)	Mid Unit Exam (8A, 8B, 8D, 8E)
Math			Unit 1 Exam (All Grade 8)		
Language Arts					
Arabic		Vocabulary and Reading Quiz Level 4 (8D, 8E)	Vocabulary and Reading Quiz Level 4 (8A, 8B, 8C)		
Islamic Studies		Unit 2 Exam for (All Grade 8)			
Quran					
Health					

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

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TOPICS: UNIT 2

→ Test and Project

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, December 19*: Test
- ❖ *Every class*: short 3-question quiz at the start of class (to encourage students to come on time)

RESOURCES

- ★ Reminder Code: @4dg7cf4
- ★ Google classroom link: k5itlxf
- ★ Unit 2 / Lesson 4 to 6 Notes Posted.

QURAN STUDIES

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TOPICS

→ Please practice memorizing Surat Al-Haqqah, verses 1- 6.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 4: TOPICS

- Practice reading lesson 8 أضرار التدخين in Al-Hadiqah textbook.
- Reviewing the vocab words from lesson 8 (posted on google classroom).
- Reviewing the grammar, page 42.
- Practice reciting Surah Al-Kahf, verses 42-48.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Tuesday, December 19: Vocabulary and Reading Quiz (8D, 8E)
- ❖ Wednesday, December 20: Vocabulary and Reading Quiz (8A, 8B, 8C)

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: في المطعم
- Comprehension Questions.
- إسم الإشارة للعاقل

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 3: TOPICS

- New Reading Lesson: في المطعم
- Comprehension Questions.
- إسم الإشارة للعاقل

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

- Practice reading lesson نَعَاوُنُ أُسْرَةَ page 70.
- Answering book questions pgs. 71-73.
- Learning about Future Tense verbs. سَأَكُونُ - سَأَجْمَعُ - سَأَسْقِي (power point + worksheet)
- Celebrating Arabic Language Day December 18. (Fun activities during the day)
- Practice reading Ayahs 1-19 from Surat Al Waqi'ah.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

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:

- New Story: *A Handful of Dates*
- News Report project for *The Veldt* By Ray Bradbury

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Sunday, December 17 (11:59PM):* The Newsletter/New Report due on Google Classroom

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 3: How the Western Worldview Grew out of the Renaissance

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Thursday, December 21:* Inquiry Fair Research Check 3 Due
- ❖ *Friday, December 22:* Unit 1 Final

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code: mrrio3w2
- ★ Remind code: ss8zahoui

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

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TOPICS

- Chapters 6: Fraction Operation

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Wednesday, December 20:* Unit 1 Exam

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

- Introduction to topic 3 - Body Systems

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Thursday, December 21:* Mid Unit Exam (8C)
- ❖ *Friday, December 22:* Mid Unit (8A, 8B, 8D, 8E)

RESOURCES

- ★ **Help sessions: Monday & Tuesday (3:30PM - 4:15PM)**
- ★ Google Classroom: (8A: i77u262)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8B: 2qxxtyo)
- ★ 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

- Soccer
 - ◆ Fair play
 - ◆ Passing
 - ◆ Kicking
 - ◆ Shooting
 - ◆ Positioning
 - ◆ Cardiovascular Health
- Beep test

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom

PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOYS

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TOPICS

- Cooperative Games: leadership, teamwork, cooperation and positive interactions

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind PE: @8eiape

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

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TOPICS

- The students will Identify sources of stress in relationships, and describe positive methods of dealing with such stressors, e.g., change, loss, discrimination, rejection. The students will Evaluate the relationship between risk management and stress management; e.g., managing risks effectively reduces stress, managing stress can reduce impulsive behaviours.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

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

SPORT HISTORY

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TOPICS

- Baseball

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ *None*

FOODS

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TOPICS

- Learn Kitchen Basics
- Cook and Bake
- Spaghetti and Garlic Butter Sauce

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Given to students at Options Class

FILM

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TOPIC

- Wonder: Based on the New York Times bestseller, this movie tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ *None*

DRAMA

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TOPICS

- Tableaux
 - ◆ Use movement to communicate non-verbally.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ *None*

STEAM

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TOPICS

- Students will begin the woodworking unit learning how to make basic objects with simple tools

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None. However, several students still have outstanding assignments. Ensure you have something submitted for every assignment in the Google Classroom. **You must submit your own assignment even if you are in a group so that Google Classroom does not say you are missing an assignment.***

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom: 4hnloac

ART

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TOPICS

- ➔ Students will be finishing their symbolic self-portraits using watercolour.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: ch899g