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**RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SUCCESSFUL**  
leaders and contributors to society.

Happy Winter Break  
مع تمنياتنا لكم بعطلة سعيدة

## GRADE 8 | NEWSLETTER

January 8 - January 12, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WINTER BREAK

**Monday, December 25 - Friday, January 5**

The last day of classes before the winter break will be on Friday, December 22nd, 2023. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th, 2024. Have a wonderful and relaxing break!

#### 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<br>Jan 8 | Tuesday<br>Jan 9 | Wednesday<br>Jan 10                       | Thursday<br>Jan 11 | Friday<br>Jan 12 |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|
| Social Studies  |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Science         |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Math            |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Language Arts   |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Arabic          |                 |                  | Vocabulary and<br>Reading Quiz<br>Level 4 |                    |                  |
| Islamic Studies |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Quran           |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |
| Health          |                 |                  |   |                    |                  |

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

Imran Qureshi // [imran.qureshi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:imran.qureshi@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS: UNIT 2

→ Test and Project

### IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *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

Sheikh Nazih Yafi // [nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS

→ Please practice memorizing Surat Al-Haqqah, verses 1- 10.

### IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

### RESOURCES

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

## ARABIC STUDIES

Sheikh Nazih Yafi // [nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca)

### Level 4: TOPICS

- Practice reading lesson 9 أمراض العصر in Al-Hadiqah textbook.
- Reviewing the vocab words from lesson 9 (posted on google classroom).
- Reviewing the grammar, page 46.
- Practice reciting Surah Al-Kahf, verses 42-52.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Wednesday, January 10: Vocabulary and Reading Quiz.*

## RESOURCES

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

# ARABIC STUDIES

Karine Kheireddine // [karine.kheireddine@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:karine.kheireddine@islamicacademy.ca)

## 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

- New Lesson محل الأثاث pg.114-117.
- New vocabulary : home furniture (words in blue pg.114)
- Answering book questions pgs. 115-117.
- Learning about the relative pronouns/الذي-التي : اسم الموصول المفرد المذكر و المؤنث
- Practice reading Ayahs 1-30 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

Hoda Tarrabain // [hoda.tarrabain@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:hoda.tarrabain@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS:

- A Handful of Dates By: Tayeb Salih
- Charles by: Shirley Jackson

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

### 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

Kassia Zahoui // [kassia.zahoui@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:kassia.zahoui@islamicacademy.ca)

### 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

- ❖ *None*

### RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code: mrio3w2
- ★ Remind code: ss8zahoui

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

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### TOPICS

- Chapters 9: FLinear Relations

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Wednesday, January 17: 9.1-9.2 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

Majd Haymour // [majd.haymour@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:majd.haymour@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS

- 3.1-3.2 - Digestive and Respiratory system

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

### 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

Shanya Shwetz // shanya.shwetz@islamicacademy.ca

### TOPICS

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOYS

Billal Hajji // billal.hajji@islamicacademy.ca

### 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

- Insha'Allah, may 2024 be a year full of health and safety for everyone around the world. Have a wonderful break :)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

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

## SPORT HISTORY

Majd Haymour // majd.haymour@islamicacademy.ca

### 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

Yahia Dalloul // yahia.dalloul@islamicacademy.ca

### 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

Nadine Kassab // nadine.kassab@islamicacademy.ca

### 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*

### RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom: 4hnloac

## ART

Christelle Agahozo // christelle.agahozo@islamicacademy.ca

### TOPICS

- Students will be creating their masks using a variety of mixed media.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*



RESOURCES

★ Remind code: ch899g