Edmonton Islamic Academy





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GRADE 9 | NEWSLETTER

March 25 - March 29, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY: NO SCHOOL

March 29, 2024 and April 1, 2024 Please be advised that there will be no school on Friday, March 29th and Monday, April 1st due to the statutory holidays of Good Friday and Easter Monday. Enjoy your 4 day weekend!

UNIFORM POLICY

Junior High Girls:

Girls are required to wear a grey 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.

RAMADAN BASKET

Ongoing

With Ramadan, only a week away, help Muslims less fortunate worldwide ensure that they have a meal to break their fast by donating a Ramadan Food Basket.



ATHLETICS

You are now able to view upcoming Junior High games and practice times using this <u>link</u>, and receive weekly updates by joining the Junior High Athletics remind page using the code **28e68d**

EDMONTON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The Edmonton Regional Science Fair winners are located at the end of this newsletter.

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	<mark>Monday</mark> Mar 25	<mark>Tuesday</mark> Mar 26	<mark>Wednesday</mark> Mar 27	<mark>Thursday</mark> Mar 28	<mark>Friday</mark> Mar 29
Science		Unit Exam (9E)	Unit Exam (9A, 9B,9C,9D)		
Social (9D, E)				Chapter 8 Exam	
Math (9A, B, C)		8.1/8.2 Quiz		Chapter 8 Test	
Language Arts			Business Emails Formal Phrases Quiz		
Arabic		Vocabulary and Reading Quiz Level 4 Vocabulary & Meaning Quiz Level 2		Ramadan cooking project is due	
Islamic Studies					

ISLAMIC STUDIES 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E

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TOPICS: UNIT 3

- → Ramadan Quran Program: Recitation of the Ajzaa' 15 to 21
- → Fiqh Unit: Fiqh A-Zzakat
- → Revision of rules of tajweed: Madd+Gunnah

IMPORTANT DATES

Daily: Recite a half juze every night according to the shared chart for guran recitation

RESOURCES:

- ★ Google Classroom Codes:
 - 9A: v5rcb7a
 - 9B: 6cewqwj
 - 9C: cvkffin

 - 9D: o53tigx
 9E: 43fk57j
- ★ Remind Code: gr9islam
- ★ Quran Explorer
 ★ 40 Hadith book
- ★ Sunnah.com

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 5: TOPICS

→ Continue the Ramadan cooking project.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 28: All project components due

RESOURCES

- ★ Fe hadeqate Allughate Al Arabiya 7
- ★ Arabic Dictionary
- ★ Al-Hadiqa textbook/workbook
 ★ Remind code: @raghda789
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ihmt4au

ARABIC STUDIES

Sheikh Nazih Yafi // nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca

Level 4: TOPICS

- → Practice reading lesson 11 برج إيفل in Al-Hadiqah textbook.
- → Reviewing the vocab words from lesson 11 (posted on Google Classroom).
- \rightarrow Reviewing the grammar, page 54.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 26: Vocabulary 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

- → Adverbs of time + Adverbs of place.
- \rightarrow Eid letters to peers.
- → Forming sentences with کم متى.

IMPORTANT DATES

None

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 2: TOPICS

- → Practice reading تقسيم السنة pg.28
- → Practice vocabulary العبارات الأساسية (blue box) pg. 28.
- \rightarrow Answering questions pgs. 29-31.
- → Learning about /أداة الاستفهام" كم" How Much
- → Learning about اللام الشمسية
- → Hijri Calendar project.(Due April, 30)

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 26: Vocabulary and Meaning Quiz

RESOURCES

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

★ Arabic Dictionary

MATHS 9A, 9B, 9C

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TOPICS: Chapter 8: Solving Linear Equations

- → Chapter 8.1 Solving One-Step Equations
- → Chapter 8.2 Solving Two-Step Equations
- → Chapter 8.3 Solving Multi-Step Equations
- → Chapter 8.4 Applying and Solving Multi-Step Equations

IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday, March 26: 8.1/8.2 Quiz
- Thursday, March 28: Chapter 8 Test
- Wednesday, June 13: PAT Part A (9:00 AM 10:00 AM)
- Wednesday, June 19: PAT Part B (1:00 PM 3:40 AM)

RESOURCES

- ★ MathLinks 9 Textbook
- ★ Remind Code: @mahfouz9
- ★ Google Classroom Code: kgebv7p
- ★ https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-beginalgebra/
- ★ <u>https://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-9</u>
- ★ https://questaplus.alberta.ca/
- ★ <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</u>

ENGLISH 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E

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TOPICS:

- → PAT Prep Part A Continued
- → Functional Writing: Business Emails
- → Formal phrases Quiz
- → Mechanics Usage & Grammar Practice

IMPORTANT DATES

• Wednesday, March 27: Formal Phrases Quiz

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom Codes:
- ★ 9A: 5dpnqoq
- ★ 9B: nytyj2e
- ★ 9C: 2coymyb
- ★ 9D: nb4ufqy
- ★ 9E: wzzrtix
- ★ Remind: msb9d

SOCIAL 9A, 9B, 9C

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TOPICS: Chapter 8

- → To what extent should Canadians support social programs and taxation?
- → social programs
- → government responsibilities in Canada versus the United States

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, March 21: Chapter 8 exam

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom Codes:
- ★ 9D: fr2spvz
- ★ 9E: ssaq27a
- ★ Remind: soceia

SCIENCE 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E

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UNIT D: ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES AND TECHNOLOGIES

→ Unit Exam Review

IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday, March 26: Unit D Exam (9E)
- Wednesday, March 27: Unit D Exam (9A, 9B, 9C, 9D)

RESOURCES

- ★ Science Focus 9 textbook (digital copies on Google Classroom)
- ★ Science Notes Package
- ★ Science Notebook
- ★ Remind Code: @mssci9
- ★ Google Classroom Code: 26j3tj6
- ★ Test Preparation: <u>https://questaplus.alberta.ca/</u>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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TOPICS

- → Badminton
 - Hand eye coordination
 - Proper serving
 - Partner Play

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

★ None

PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOYS

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TOPICS

→ Hockey: leadership, teamwork, cooperation and positive interactions

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind PE: @9eiape
- ★ Remind Athletics: @eiajhsport

HEALTH 9C

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TOPICS: RELATIONAL MANAGEMENT

→ Students will model integrity and honesty in accordance with ethical principles learned and describe and analyze factors that contribute to the development of unhealthy relationships. Students will also learn how to refine personal conflict management skills as well as learn how to set goals..

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind Code: @mshealth9
- ★ Google Classroom Code: oegdcd6

HEALTH 9A, 9D, 9E

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TOPICS

- → Body Image: Identify and apply positive health strategies to deal with issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, and eating disorders.
 → Examine media influence(s) on self-image and behaviour.
- → Investigate the impact and importance of active healthy lifestyle practices on mental-emotional health issues.

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind codes:
 - 9A-9D-9E Code: ch983e

HEALTH 9B

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TOPICS: Healthy Relationships

- \rightarrow How to maintain a healthy relationship among others.
- → Ethical Behaviour.
- → How to show ethical behaviour.
- → Strategy to maintain healthy relationships

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, April 15: Health Project Due (Anxiety & Stress)

RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code: shcol7f
- ★ Remind code: heia9

BOARD GAMES

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TOPICS

- → Board Games Understand the variation and dynamics of the games
- → Students are going to have the opportunity to try one of the 8 different board games. They will have the responsibility to 1) understand the rules of the games and 2) develop different strategies that will allow them to be more efficient in the game.

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

★ None

FOODS

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TOPICS

- → Learn Kitchen Basics
- → Cook and Bake
- → Brownies

IMPORTANT DATES

Every Friday: Please bring tupperware to take your food home.

RESOURCES

★ None

FILM

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TOPIC

→ **Rudy**: It is an account of the life of Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger, who harboured dreams of playing football at the University of Notre Dame despite significant obstacles.

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

★ None

DRAMA

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TOPICS

→ Improvisation

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

★ None

STEAM

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TOPICS

→ Students will start the first unit of STEAM, electronics, learning about the parts of a circuit, series and parallel circuits, and applying what they learned to build a popsicle stick home.

RESOURCES ★ Google Classroom: oxzlbx6

ART

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TOPICS

→ Students will be sketching artwork inspired by Ramadan.

IMPORTANT DATES

✤ None

RESOURCES

★ Remind code: dcf8ab

Edmonton Regional Science Fair Winners

Senior Excellence Awards

Taylor Memorial Senior Chemistry Award Fighting Fire With Fire Student: Muhammad Abdullah Lampa Silver Excellence (\$130) Using Machine Learning and Utilizing Graphite's Conductive Properties to Improve Teacher Instruction Based on Students' Mood **Student: Mohammad Shehadeh** Psychologists' Association of Alberta Behaviour Science Award Winner (\$150) Using Machine Learning and Utilizing Graphite's Conductive Properties to Improve Teacher Instruction Based on Students' Mood **Student: Mohammad Shehadeh** Math & Stats Award - Senior Winner (\$150) Using Machine Learning and Utilizing Graphite's Conductive Properties to Improve Teacher Instruction Based on Students' Mood **Student: Mohammad Shehadeh** Canada Wide Science Fair Team Edmonton 2024 Using Machine Learning and Utilizing Graphite's Conductive Properties to Improve Teacher Instruction Based on Students' Mood **Student: Mohammad Shehadeh**

ISLAM AWARDS CRITERIA

The 10th Annual ISLAM Awards will be held on **Friday**, **October 4th**, **2024 (tentative)**. To be eligible to receive an award, you must be a Junior High or High School student, and you must have **no more than one discipline report and all your grades must be above 60%**.

You must attend the ceremony to get your award.

Quran recitation Award:

Criteria for Junior High:

This award will be given to the three most successful students from each grade.

The students must meet the following criteria to receive the award:

- Students should properly memorize the Surahs, from that grade curriculum, with the tajweed rules.
- Students should know the basic provisions of tajweed.
- Students should read with correct pronunciation of the words.

Criteria for Senior High:

This award will be given to the most successful six students from High School.

- The students must meet the following criteria to receive the award:
 - Students should be able to recite Surat Yassin (سورة ياسين) with the tajweed rules.
 - Students should know the basic provisions of tajweed.
 - Students should read with correct pronunciation of the words.

Islamic Studies Award:

This award will be given to the top three achievers from each grade in Junior High (Total 9) and the top three achievers from each grade in High School. (Total of 9)

Al Muathen, Bilal Ibn Rabah Award (Boys only):

This will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High and top three achievers from High School. (Total of 6)

Khatib/Speech Award:

This will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High and top three achievers from High School. (Total of 6)

Arabic Language:

This award will be given to the top three achievers from each grade in Junior High (Total of 9) and to one from each High School Arabic course (Total of 3).

Academic:

This award will be given to the students who achieve the following:

Criteria for Junior High:

- Honorable Mention: requires (74.5% 79.4%) based on an average of the 4 core subjects.
- Honors: requires (79.5% 89.4%) based on an average of the 4 core subjects.
- Honors with Distinction: requires 89.5% or higher based on an average of the 4 core subjects.

These awards will be based on the students' grades encompassing **Y1 results**.

Criteria for High School:

- Honorable Mention: requires (74.5% 79.4%) based on an average of 4 core subjects.
- Honors: requires (79.5% 89.4%) based on an average of 4 core subjects.
- Honors with Distinction: requires 89.5% or higher based on an average of 4 core subjects.

These awards will be based on the students' grades from the 1st <u>and</u> 2nd semester results. Any course taken outside the Academy will not be considered for this Award.

Diploma & AP Stars:

- The student must achieve 80% and above on the diploma exam or four and above on the AP test.
- Any diploma course taken outside the Academy will not be considered for this Award.

Top Academic:

This award will be given to the top student from each grade. One from all of grade 7, one from all of grade 8, one from all of grade 9, one from grade 10, one from grade 11, and one from grade 12 (Total of 6). The students' average will be calculated based on the four core subjects for Junior High and top four core subjects for High School.

Leadership as an Active Citizen:

This award will be given to the most successful three students from Junior High and the most successful three students from High School. (Total of 6)

Athlete of the Year Award:

This award will be given to the most successful boy and the most successful girl from Junior High (Total of 2) and the most successful boy and girl from High School (Total of 2).

EIA Profile Award:

This award will be given to a student from grade 12. The criteria for this award is found in the Student's Handbook on page 5.

<u>Alumni Award</u>:

The student who achieves this award must demonstrate the following:

- Giving back to the school.
- Giving back to the Muslim community.
- Giving back to the Edmonton community.
- Graduated from EIA from either Grade 9 or Grade 12.
- Volunteer minimum 50 hours.