

# Edmonton Islamic Academy

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# WELCOME BACK

A NEW YEAR, A NEW JOURNEY

## GRADE 7 | NEWSLETTER

### Welcome Letters

September 6, 2018

## VICE PRINCIPAL

Bahja Mahmoud //  
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Assalamu Alaikum and welcome to the 2018/19 school year!

My name is Bahja Mahmoud and I am honoured to continue to serve you in the Vice Principal role for the Secondary Department. I look forward to work with Mr. Abougouche, and all our staff to provide a positive learning environment and advance the students' achievement. It is a great pleasure to work with highly qualified teachers who are dedicated to the success of every student.

A little background about myself: I graduated from the University of Alberta in 2007 with a Master degree in Chemistry. I also obtained a bachelor degree in Secondary Education with a major in chemistry and a minor in mathematics from the same university. I am currently pursuing a Master degree in education, which I expect to complete during this coming year insha'Allah.

The students of the Academy are the future, and it takes all of us to be actively involved in their education. Your role as a parent is essential in helping your son/daughter meet and exceed the expectations we have set for him/her.

Please feel free to stop by and say hello. My door is always open. You can also contact me by e-mail

Sincerely yours,

Bahja Mahmoud

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Yahia Dalloul //  
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Asalamu alaykum,

Dear parents and guardians, I'd like to welcome you all into our upcoming school year. My name is Yahia Dalloul (Mr. Dalloul). As I enter my 4th year of teaching at the Edmonton Islamic Academy, it is with great pleasure and excitement to embark on a new journey as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. I look forward to take on these roles and hope to do so with much sincerity and honesty.

A little about me: Much of my life was spent in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a background in Physical Education, and I have been teaching for 8 years (and counting). I spent some time teaching internationally in China, and Qatar. My decision to become an administrator came from a desire to make a positive impact on an entire school, not just my classroom of students.

The students of EIA are the future, and it takes all of us to be actively involved in their education. I encourage you to help our students to meet and exceed the expectations we have set for them. I am very much looking forward to meeting each of you over the course of the school year.

Please know that my door is always open to help support you and focus on what is best for our students. I encourage you all to stop by, as I would love to meet the great families of our school!

Respectfully,

Yahia Dalloul

## ISLAMIC STUDIES

Ustadh Ibrahim J. Long //

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Peace and God's Blessings be Upon You  
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

My name is Ibrahim and it is an honour to be your son or daughter's Islamic Studies teacher. It is both a distinct privilege and responsibility to teach this young generation of Muslims about the beauty and blessing of our faith.

Just to let you know a little bit about who I am and my teaching credentials: I hold several academic degrees in religion including a BA (Hons) in Humanities and Religious Studies, a Graduate Certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy, and a MA in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations. However, I am not only academically-educated. I believe it is important to sit with traditionally-trained ulama (scholars) and have the great fortune of also being able to consult with them regarding my curriculum and teaching approach.

This will be my fifth year teaching at EIA and my seventh year teaching in total. However, my primary specialization is in faith-based counseling (i.e., Muslim chaplaincy). I have a decade of experience providing care and counseling in hospitals, universities, and correctional facilities.

I am a deep believer in the power of relationship. Our Lord did not just send Books, He sent messengers to be with the people. As such, I strongly believe in the importance of educating my students not just through the written word, but through the care and respect that I aspire to show them.

The best way to contact me is via email. However, this year I am also using Google Classroom and Remind which should also provide us with other means to connect. May Allah bless you and your family and make this an enlightening and blessed year.

### RESOURCES

- ★ 7A,B,C,D: *Remind* @kg987h
- ★ 8A,B,C,D: *Remind* @9fkcef
- ★ High School: *Remind* @ology20
- ★ Stay tuned for info about Google Classroom

## ARABIC & QURAN / ART

Mohamad Haymour //

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Assalamu Alaikum W Rahmat Allah dear guardians and parents.

I'm more than honoured to introduce myself as Grade 7 Arabic language & Quran teacher. My name is Mohamad Haymour and it is my 7th year in teaching so far. I hold a bachelor degree in Arabic literature & in Business Management. Graduated from Lebanese International University class of 2012. Worked in Saudi Arabia for 4 years with Dar Jana International School (DJIS) before starting with Edmonton Islamic Academy (EIA) in the spring of (2018).

My primary goal is to provide students with all the knowledge and information that will help them acquire skills to communicate, elaborate, and understand Arabic language. Every student is treated with respect and appreciation. I'll make sure that I push every individual to achieve his highest potential. Together we will set a new standards for learning this magnificent language. Mutual respect and responsibility is a primary aspect that will be emphasized throughout the year.

To ensure coordination I will be communicating with parents via emails, newsletter & Remind. Moreover, students will be using google classroom for activities, assignments & homework.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions or concerns by either phoning the EIA main number at 780-454-4573 or by sending an e-mail message to:

[mohamad.haymour@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:mohamad.haymour@islamicacademy.ca).

### RESOURCES

- ★ Remind
- ★ Google classroom
- ★ Handouts and worksheets
- ★ [www.quranexplorer.com](http://www.quranexplorer.com)

# MATHEMATICS 7A, B, C & D

Ms. Hiba Azzam // [hiba.azzam@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:hiba.azzam@islamicacademy.ca)

Alsalam Alikum Wa Rahamat Allah dear parents and guardians,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as your child's Mathematics Teacher for the Academic Year 2018/2019. My name is Mrs. Hiba Azzam. I hold an Alberta Teaching Certificate and have graduated with a Bachelor of Education (with Distinction) from the University of Alberta (2010). I also hold a Bachelor of Science degree from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (1998). I have been in the teaching profession for over 17 years teaching various subjects to various grades, including Junior high. I feel very fortunate to be part of the EIA family and I am looking forward to a rewarding and exciting year.

Teaching your child is a privilege that I take very seriously. My mission is to provide a loving, safe, and personal learning environment for each student in my classroom. As students enter into my classroom, they will feel welcome, respected, appreciated, and secure. It will be an atmosphere of warmth, support, and genuine care. I would like to instill in my students the love of learning. I want them to become life-long learners, responsible, respectable, and productive citizens of their school and community. I will challenge all students to reach their highest potential and strive for academic excellence.

Working together as a team, we can motivate, encourage and enhance your child's learning experience this year. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you. I will contact parents regularly via emails, Power School, and our newsletter. I would like to use "Remind" as a means of communication outside of school hours. Remind is an app that can be downloaded for free from the App store. Once you download the App: to join Grade 7 math class, enter the code @math7azzam, to join grade 8 math class, enter the code @math8azzam. Please sign up with your first name and class (Ex. Ahmed 7B). I encourage all parents to sign up as I will be sending the daily homework on "Remind". I also have Google Classroom where you find materials posted for the course. The code for

grade 7: 7ggkts, the code for grade for grade 8: 2n830rm.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions or concerns by either phoning the EIA main number at 780-454-4573 or by sending an e-mail message to: [hiba.azzam@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:hiba.azzam@islamicacademy.ca)

Thank you for your time, involvement, and support

Respectfully,  
Hiba R. Azzam, B.Sc., B. Ed.

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind: Download the app 'Remind101'. Please write your first and class. Text @math7azzam to (431) 800-1531 or go to the Math 7 Remind website
- ★ Handouts
- ★ Mathlinks 7 textbook hard copy
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 1](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 2](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 3](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 4](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 5](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 6](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 7](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 8](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 9](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 10](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 11](#)
- ★ Online textbook: [Chapter 12](#)
- ★ [MathLinks 7 book answers](#)

## SOCIAL STUDIES 7A

Ms. Saleh // [Amal.Saleh@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:Amal.Saleh@islamicacademy.ca)

(See above the introduction letter.)

It is my goal to provide all students with an educationally challenging, yet fun, experience in my classroom. Looking forward to learning with the students all there is to learn about Canadian History and its relevance in our lives today in this year's Social Curriculum!

To contact me, to get latest updates on curriculum and announcements, or to receive reminders on HW and assignments please enrol in Remind:

Enter this number: 204 800 9829. Text this message: @mssaleh7a

## SOCIAL STUDIES 7B, C & D

Farah Rizwan // [farah.rizwan@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:farah.rizwan@islamicacademy.ca)

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome your child into my Grade 7 Social Studies class. I am a sixth year teacher at the Edmonton Islamic Academy. I have a Nutrition and Food Science degree and an Education After-Degree from the University of Alberta.

What is most important for you to know about my class is that I have a no bullying policy. I believe a classroom should be a safe place for children to learn and grow both academically and socially. I am here to foster their growth as a whole person and their social well-being is just as important as their academic achievements. I will be working to create a classroom community where students appreciate and respect each other.

I strive to provide an interesting, exciting and engaging learning experience for your child. I believe greatly in the use of technology and will try my best to incorporate the Smart Board into my lessons. I believe that every lesson should have an aspect, which attracts and meets the learning needs of each child. My work and your child's progress will be completely transparent to you and I appreciate any input you can give me. Nobody knows your child better than you and with your help; I can provide your child with the best education possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your involvement in your child's education. I look forward to getting to know you and working together in the best interest of your child this coming school year. I believe that communication is the key to your child's success and I invite you to make an appointment to meet me anytime you have questions or concerns and I will, in turn, do the same. I would like to use "Remind" as a means of communication outside of school hours. Remind is an app that can be downloaded for free from the App store. Once you download the App: to join Grade 7 Social Studies class, enter the code @SS7rizwan. Please sign up with your first name and last name. I encourage all parents to sign up as I will be sending the daily homework on "Remind". If you have any questions throughout the school year,

please contact me by note, phone (780-454-4573) or email ([farah.rizwan@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:farah.rizwan@islamicacademy.ca)).

Insha Allah, we'll have an amazing year together!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Rizwan

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind: Download the app 'Remind101'. Please write your first and class. Text @ss7rizwan to (289) 809-8739 or go to the Grade 7 Social Studies Remind website
- ★ Nelson Our Canada: Origins, Peoples, Perspectives textbook
- ★ Handouts

## ENGLISH 7A, B, C & D

Ms. Saleh // [Amal.Saleh@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:Amal.Saleh@islamicacademy.ca)

My name is Ms. Saleh, and I will have the privilege of being your child's Language Arts teacher Inshallah. I will take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to my classroom this year since working with your child is a collaborative effort between the teacher, the students and the parents.

I graduated from Yarmouk University in Jordan with Honors in English literature and in 2004 completed my Bachelor of Education at Brock University in Ontario. I have since been teaching at various levels and I am looking forward to teaching grade 7 Language Arts. Despite my 16 years of experience in teaching Language Arts, every year is a new year to me because my program is always changing and I am always looking for more engaging and innovating ways to teach the students who ultimately determine my choices. I am an ongoing learner and I am always on the look for new opportunities for growth. "A good teacher cannot begin or continue to inspire learning without being a learner" herself and therefore I have been actively involved in multiple professional development opportunities such as the TKT (teaching knowledge test) which was a two -week's course offered by the British council, and a one week long AP course to enhance my AP English program to name a few but I am always enthusiastic about new opportunities for learning. This is my 8th year at the Academy and I look forward to many more Inshallah. Some of my

main interests are reading, walking and fitness classes. I also love my coffee in the morning!

It is my goal to provide all students with an educationally challenging, yet fun, experience in my classroom.

To contact me, to get latest updates on curriculum and announcements, or to receive reminders on HW and assignments please enroll in Remind::

Enter this number: 204 800 9829.

Text this message: @mssaleh7

## RESOURCES

A Google Classroom will be Set up for resources and notes on the content of the material. Please make sure that your child is enrolled.

## SCIENCE 7A, B, C & D

Asiya Munshi // [asiya.munshi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:asiya.munshi@islamicacademy.ca)

Assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarkatuhu,

(May Allah's Peace, Mercy and Blessings be upon all of you)

My name is Asiya Munshi and I am going to be your child's Science 7 or 8 teacher this year. This will be my second year at Edmonton Islamic Academy and first year teaching Junior High Science. I graduated from University of Toronto with Honors Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience with minor in Chemistry. I majored in Secondary education and have been in the education field for over ten years.

I believe the classroom is a lively community and that everyone, from the principal, to teachers, to the students, to the parents, must contribute in a respectful manner in order to maintain a positive atmosphere. Everyone has multiple roles in this community which are unique to them. My goal in Science is to tap into the distinctive learning styles of my students and to teach using diverse engaging lessons to accommodate for as many students as possible. I encourage student to find learning strategies that allow them to feel comfortable, confident and experience a successful year. If the student needs something more from me or something more specific that they would like to try, I encourage them to come and speak to me directly.

I also believe that acquiring and imparting knowledge are important obligations of every Muslim. Allah (SWT) says in the Quran "IQRA BIISMI RABBIKA ALLAHI KHALQ". Read! In the name of your Lord who created (all that exists). Surah Al'Alaq 96:1. As such I find it a privilege to be able to teach Science to your children at the EIA this year and hope together we can learn and teach in a positive, fulfilling manner.

I believe student success is deeply rooted in active communication. As such, if at any point, you or your child would like to contact me, you may do so via email or through the remind app. This year we will also have a Google Classroom account and Remind app set up which will be sent to you via the class syllabus, and can also be found on future school newsletters. I request that you please provide me atleast a day to reply to your email/inquiry.

I look forward to a fun and successful year, whatever that looks like for each student!

## RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code Science 7 : rnkrv17
- ★ Remind Code Science 7A : eiasci8A
- ★ Remind Code Science 7B: eiasci7B
- ★ Remind Code Science 7C: eiasci7C
- ★ Remind Code Science 7D: eiasci7D

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION / OUTDOOR EDUCATION / HEALTH

Zakaria.Mahmoudi //

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Mr. Mahmoudi is a graduate of the University of Alberta where he earned a degree in Physical Education and French Language. Mr.Mahmoudi originated from Tunisia moved from Manitoba to Alberta four years ago to pursue his study and continue with his passion to work with the outdoor sports activities. Mr.Mahmoudi a Canoe Kayak Instructor and high performance Coach spent many years working at the International Canoe Federation as Technical Expert and Consultant for African and Asian countries and work with Olympian athletes. Mr.Mahmoudi is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys spending his spare time running, hiking, canoeing and biking. Zak brings a wealth of experience to this

program having worked for Greater Edmonton Racing Canoe Kayak Club and the Sport Athletic Fitness programs. Zak has a strong background in the outdoor education; he enjoys the challenge and satisfaction of being the Program Leader in our school.

## CTS

Rania Mohamed //

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Assalaam Alaikum Dear Parents,

My name is Rania Mohamed I am the Technology Coordinator in the school and I will be teaching the following courses during the 2018-2019 academic year:

- Computer Programming optional course for Junior High Students

This is my fifth year in EIA and my ninth year in teaching. I have an engineering degree in electronics and communication. When I discovered my passion for education I started a Bachelor of Education and followed it by a master's degree in Educational Leadership while I was teaching.

I believe that communication between teachers and parents is vital for students' success. Hence, I will be in contact to keep you up-to-date regarding important dates for tests, assignments, as well as your child's achievement and progress. I am also available for meeting on campus whenever needed. Please feel free to email me [rania.mohamed@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:rania.mohamed@islamicacademy.ca) with any questions, comments, and/or suggestions.

I am looking forward to working with your child and you and wish both of you a great and a successful year.

If you would like to receive daily remind messages, please enter this number: 587 801-0984

For the Junior High computer Programming Course: text this message @ jhcode

For your name please provide your relationship and name of child. For Ex. Mother of Aseel this will help me identify you.