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A NEW YEAR, A NEW JOURNEY

GRADE 8 | 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 8A, B, C & D

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 8A, C & D

Dina Saleh // dina.saleh@islamicacademy.ca

It is with great pleasure I introduce myself, Ms. Dina Saleh, as the grade Eight Arabic Studies and Quran teacher. I was born and raised in Ontario, then moved to live in Jordan where I received my Bachelor degree from the Jordan University of Science and Technology. I have 4 years of teaching experience in Jordan, and 6 years in EIA. I feel very fortunate to be part of the EIA family, where I feel a sense of belonging! I have a passion for teaching, and my main focus is students' interaction in the classroom and their wellbeing. Establishing a good relation that is based on mutual respect is key for students' growth and love for any subject. I look forward to working with you and your child.

I have an open door policy if you need to communicate with me when I am not teaching. I can also be reached through e-mail and remind.

For remind communication : class name is > grade 8 Arabic and Quran

Code : @grade8arab

RESOURCES

- ★ Handouts and worksheets
- ★ www.quranexplorer.com

ARABIC & QURAN 8B

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 8B 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 email, 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

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind
- ★ Google classroom
- ★ Handouts and worksheets
- ★ www.quranexplorer.com

MATHEMATICS 8A

Ms. Hiba Azzam // 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: 7gkts, 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

Thank you for your time, involvement, and support

Respectfully,

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

RESOURCES

- ★ Join Remind! Download the app 'Remind101' or go to the website so sign up.
 - **8A:** text @2n830rm to (431) 800-1531 or visit <https://www.remind.com/join/ekcdgg>
- ★ Handouts
- ★ Mathlinks 8 Textbook: see Math 8B, C, &D

MATHEMATICS 8B, C & D

Mr. Husam Charkeih // Husam.Charkeih@islamicacademy.ca

My name is Husam Charkeih. I will be your child's Math teacher for the 2018/2019 school year. This will be my second year with the Edmonton Islamic Academy.

I am a graduate of the University of Alberta, with a major in Mathematics, and minors in Social Studies as well as Physical Education. Aside from teaching, I compete in running and cycling, while enjoying skiing, skating, and more.

For me, teaching mathematics is a challenging but rewarding endeavor. Students enter the classroom with various learning styles, family backgrounds, attitudes, and conceptions. I believe the teacher is responsible for making students feel comfortable to ask questions in class and seek help when needed. Through my teaching style, students will enjoy mathematics, be engaged, and learn to draw connections between what they learn and real-life applications.

In terms of communication, I prefer the application REMIND as the best way to keep in touch. I will attach the instructions alongside this letter to help you get connected. The best time to contact me for general inquiries are during school hours; for extra help you may reach me between 5-6 p.m. on weekdays. You may try to reach me outside these hours, but it will take me longer to respond, or till the next weekday. These hours are subject to change; I will notify you if they do.

To reach my classroom, please dial the school number, (780) 454-4573, ext. #072. Because this is a direct line to my classroom, please use it in urgent situations only, or after school hours.

You are also welcome to reach me by email, which is mentioned below.

With your blessing and support, I believe your children will have a tremendous year.

I am looking forward to meeting you! Feel free to contact me any time at

Husam Charkeih
Husam.Charkeih@Islamicacademy.com

RESOURCES

★ Join Remind! Download the app 'Remind101' or go to the website so sign up.

For **8B**: text @28f4fh to the number (705) 302-3245

For **8C**: text @b4h62h to the number (705) 302-3245

For **8D**: text @7g4922 to the number (705) 302-3245

★ Handouts
★ Mathlinks 8 Textbook: see Math 8A

LANGUAGE ARTS 8A, B, C & D

Mrs. Craig // jeanette.craig@islamicacademy.ca

Alsalam Alikum Wa Rahamat Allah dear parents and guardians,

My name is Mrs. Jeanette Craig and I have the privilege to be teaching your son or daughter Language Arts this year. This will be my fifth year teaching at the Edmonton Islamic Academy, and I am looking forward to getting to know your child and completing another fun filled year.

I graduated from the University of Alberta in June 2014 with a Bachelor of Education with a minor in Educational Psychology. My teaching philosophy is one that closely follows a student centered approach ensuring students feel comfortable and confident in the classroom. My vision is closely aligned with the school mission of building a responsible and respectful learning environment to encourage a successful outcome for all different types of learners. I want to be able to set up all my students for success both inside and outside the classroom.

I will be able to contact and be contacted through the app remind for weekly updates on what's going on in my classroom. I use google classroom as an online resource for students to obtain resources such as: power-points, videos, assignments & rubrics, as well as a place to hand in work online.

Please feel free to contact me via email at Jeanette.craig@islamicacademy.ca or by calling the EIA main office using my extension 173. I look

forward to working together to make this another successful year for everyone.

Kindly,

Jeanette Craig

LANGUAGE ARTS RESOURCES

- ★ Remind
 - 8A: @fhda2k
 - 8B: @8d6k6b
 - 8C: @g37haf
 - 8D: @f876f8

SOCIAL STUDIES 8A, B, C & D

Farah Rizwan // farah.rizwan@islamicacademy.ca

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome your child into my Grade 8 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 8 Social Studies class, enter the code @SS8rizwan. 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).

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Rizwan

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

- ★ Remind: Download the app 'Remind101'. Please write your first and class. Text @ss8rizwan to (289) 809-8739 or go to the Grade 8 Social Studies Remind website
- ★ Nelson Our Worldviews: Explore, Understand, Connect textbook
- ★ Handouts

SCIENCE 8A

Asiya Munshi // 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 KHALIQ”. 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 hope to encourage students to build upon positive traits to succeed within the classroom as well as outside the classroom.

I will be working alongside Ms. Lin Ye. We have an exciting year planned and hope that together we will create a positive learning atmosphere for your child.

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 and schedule an appointment for any meetings required.

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

RESOURCES

- ★ Google classroom code 8A: lttnih2
- ★ Remind code: eiasci8A

SCIENCE 8B, C & D

Lin Ye // lin.ye@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum Dear parents,

My name is Lin Ye. I’m very honored and excited to teach Science 8 this semester. I came from Ontario where I got my degree in geological science at the University of Toronto, after which I came to Edmonton to pursue my passion as a teacher. I have taught high school science with Edmonton public in my practicum and I have ESL teaching experience in China and Japan. Beside academic background in science, I love creative drawing by heart and have been teaching myself since I can remember, I’m thrilled to teach art for grade 9s as well.

I have worked with students of different culture and background and I am grateful to teach your children at EIA. Moving among countries made me highly creative, open-minded and adaptable. It is the most rewarding to see students’ potential stimulated by me and to learn from their creativity as well.

I believe in teaching students by leading them to think, think both in depth and width - thinking deep so that they can master the concept and apply it to real life; thinking wide so that they can apply the knowledge in multiple disciplines and be innovative learners. We will try our best to maximize students potential to succeed at the end of the semester. If there is anything I need to know from you to improve students’ learning experience, please let me know.

I will give students the syllabus which contains course outline, assessment, and supply list in our first class. You can contact me through any method of contact below.

Sincerely,

Lin Ye

SCIENCE RESOURCES

- ★ Email: lin.ye@islamicacademy.ca
- ★ Science 8B:
 - Remind: [@sci8blinye](#) //
 - Google Classroom: [gpwuhzf](#)
- ★ Science 8C:
 - Remind: [@sci8clinye](#) //
 - Google Classroom: [a1i7buy](#)
- ★ Science 8D:
 - Remind: [@sci8dlinye](#) //
 - Google Classroom: [txweo14](#)
- ★ Class handouts and materials; Google classroom for other materials, online quiz and discussion questions; Science Focus 8 textbook

ART

Asiya Munshi // asiya.munshi@islamicacademy.ca

Assalamu Alaikum warahmatullahi wabarkatuhu,

It is my pleasure to be teaching Options Art 8 this year. I majored in Secondary Education at University of Toronto, in Ontario. This is my second year at Edmonton Islamic Academy.

I believe art can be a medium of self expression, communication as well as learning and thinking. I hope through openness, support, and conversation, I can encourage a climate where my students understand they are free to express themselves through their work. I hope through our experience together, Art 8 students and myself can learn from each other and expand our world view through our participation.

I welcome any suggestions or inquiries through my email at asiya.munshi@islamicacademy.ca. I am excited and look forward to an engaging and exciting learning year!

RESOURCES

- ★ Class supply list will be provided in school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION / OUTDOOR EDUCATION / HEALTH

Zakaria.Mahmoudi // zakaria.mahmoudi@islamicacademy.ca

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 // Rania.mohamed@islamicacademy.ca

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 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.