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GRADE 8 | NEWSLETTER

June 10 - June 14, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Deadline: June 14, 2024

Please be advised that leadership award applications (ISLAM Awards) are now open. Interested students need to pick up an application form from the secondary office and submit it by Friday, June 14th, 2024.

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.

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.

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.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Located at the end of this Weekly Newsletter.

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**

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS DURING EXAMS

As we approach exam week, here are some important student expectations: :

- Students must arrive at school in a proper school uniform.
- No phones or smartwatches are allowed.
- Students have the option to study at home and arrive 30 minutes before their exam OR be at school for the entire day where they will attend a supervised study hall.
- Exams will begin promptly as scheduled. For example, if an exam starts at 1:00, students need to be in their homeroom by 12:30.
- Students must go directly to their homeroom class upon arrival at school as all exams will be written in homeroom except for Arabic.
- Study hall is a quiet place to study and it is expected that you will be in your homeroom studying. It is not a place to socialize with friends in class.
- No students are allowed to roam the halls or study in the hallways.
- Students must come prepared for the exam with everything they may need such as water, pencils, erasers, calculators, tissues, etc.
- During the exam, students will not be allowed to leave the class. It is highly recommended that students bring a book to read or materials to study in case they have finished their exam early.
- Following the exam, no early departures will be permitted as we will gather for our group salat al dhur.
- Return all library books and textbooks to the library.
- Make sure to take all your personal belongings from your locker and clean it out.
- A reminder that even though it's exam week at EIA, all the rules still apply.

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 Jun 10	Tuesday Jun 11	Wednesday Jun 12	Thursday Jun 13	Friday Jun 14
Social Studies			Final Exam		
Science	Final Exam				
Math					Final Exam Part A & B
Language Arts					
Arabic		Final Exam			
Islamic Studies				Final Exam	
Quran					

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

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TOPICS: ALL TOPICS ARE CONCLUDED

- Unit 5: Students are responsible for submitting their Unit 5 Packet which includes their classwork, project, and quiz mark
- Final Exam: Students should review their previous exams and Unit 5 Packet to study for the Final exam

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Thursday, June 13:* Final Exam

RESOURCES

- ★ Reminder Code: @4dg7cf4
- ★ Google classroom link: k5itlxf

QURAN STUDIES

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TOPICS

- Please start reviewing Surat Al-Haqqah.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 4: TOPICS

- All materials are available on google classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, June 11: Final Arabic Exam (1:00 - 3:00).*

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 3: TOPICS

- المكتبة في page 82
- أحب المطالعة Page 90
- أتعلم ديني Page 108
- العمرة Page 116
 - ◆ ظرف الزمان - ظرف المكان
 - ◆ الجملة الاسمية والجملة الفعلية
 - ◆ الفعل الماضي
 - ◆ الجملة المثبتة والجملة المنفية

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, June 11: Final Exam (1:00pm - 3:00pm)*

RESOURCES

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

ARABIC STUDIES

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Level 3: TOPICS

- المكتبة في page 82
- أحب المطالعة Page 90
- أتعلم ديني Page 108
- العمرة Page 116
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IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, June 11: Final Exam (1:00pm - 3:00pm)*

RESOURCES

- ★ Al-Hadiqa textbook/workbook
- ★ Remind code: @raghda789
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ihmt4au

ARABIC STUDIES JUNIOR HIGH

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Level 2: TOPICS

- Review all material for Final Arabic Exam.
- Revision Booklet done in class.
- All material available on GC.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, June 11: Final Arabic Exam (1:00 - 3:00)*

RESOURCES

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

ENGLISH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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TOPICS:

- Continue Graphic Novel: *A Monster Calls*
 - ◆ Chapters 12-26
 - ◆ Work Booklet and novel in class
 - ◆ Digital resources on GC

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

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TOPICS

- Review For Final Exam

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Wednesday, June 12: Final Exam*

RESOURCES

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

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

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TOPICS

- Review chapters 2,4,6,8,9,10,3,5,7,11

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Friday, June 14: Final Exam Part A (mental math) and B (with calculator). Good Luck!*

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

- Review For Final Exam

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Monday, June 10: Final Exam (1:00AM -3:00PM)*

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

- Floor Hockey
 - ◆ Team play
 - ◆ Hand eye coordination
 - ◆ Passing and receiving
 - ◆ Shooting
 - ◆ Leadership
 - ◆ Teamwork
 - ◆ Positive interaction

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:

- **Stereotypes:** students to investigate the concept of stereotypes – how they develop and what kinds of stereotypes students may have – and how perspective may influence the perpetuation of stereotypes
- **Role Models:** Develop a list of qualities that depict positive role models. Identify positive role models in the present time. Research positive role models from the past.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

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

SPORT HISTORY

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TOPICS

→ Rugby

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

RESOURCES

★ *None*

FOODS

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TOPICS

- Learn Kitchen Basics
- Cook and Bake
- Brownies

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

RESOURCES

★ Given to students at Options Class

FILM

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TOPIC

- **Greater:** Told he wasn't good enough to play Division I football, Brandon Burlsworth took a risk and walked on in 1994, and he became the most respected player in the history of the programme.

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

RESOURCES

★ *None*

DRAMA

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TOPICS

- Improvisation

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

RESOURCES

★ *None*

STEAM

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TOPICS

- Last option class celebration

IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

RESOURCES

★ Google Classroom: ts2q5r7

ART

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TOPICS

- ➔ Students will finish the shapes project.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: ch899

Final Exams Schedule 2023-2024

REGULAR EXAM SCHEDULE				
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
<u>Science 7 and 8</u> 1:00 - 3:00	<u>Arabic 7-9</u> 1:00 - 3:00 Level 1 - 1 classes Level 2 - 6 classes Level 3 - 5 classes Level 4 - 3 classes Level 5 - 1 classes	<u>ELA Reading PAT</u> <u>Part B (9)</u> 9:00 - 11:30 <u>Social Studies 7 and 8</u> 1:00 - 3:00	<u>Math PAT Part A</u> <u>(9A/9B/9C)</u> 9:00 - 10:00 <u>Islamic Studies 7-9</u> 11:30 - 1:30	<u>Math Part A 7 and 8</u> 9:00 - 10:00 <u>Math Part B 7 and 8</u> 11:30 - 1:30
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	
EID BREAK	EID BREAK	<u>Social Studies PAT</u> <u>(9D/9E)</u> 9:00 - 11:30 <u>Math PAT Part B</u> <u>(9A/9B/9C)</u> 9:00 - 11:40	<u>Science PAT (9)</u> 9:00 - 11:30	

ISLAM AWARDS CRITERIA

The 10th Annual ISLAM Awards will be held on **Friday, September 27th, 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 and 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.

Alumni Award:

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