

# Edmonton Islamic Academy

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## GRADE 8 NEWSLETTER

February 24th - February 28th, 2025



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Personal Device Policy

We would like to inform you of a significant February 17th - February 21st, 2025 update that will affect all students in Alberta regarding Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in schools. The Alberta Minister of Education has issued a new Ministerial Order (#014/2024) which states that **all personal electronic devices, including cell phones, smartphones, headphones, smartwatches, and other smart devices, will NO LONGER BE PERMITTED** on the school campus for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12.

This policy aims to create a focused and distraction-free learning environment. In addition, all social media sites have been blocked on the school's internet service to safeguard students.

The only exceptions we will consider will be due to the following reasons:

1. Health and medical reasons (approved by the Principal)
2. After-school activities (i.e. Athletics)

### Uniform Changes

We have updated the school uniforms starting September 2024. The changes we have made for Junior High are the following:

- Boys pants are now casual jogger-style dress pants with stretch waists and tapered ankles.
- Boys dress shirts have changed to grey.
- Girls abayas have been upgraded for improved comfort, fit, and quality. (Gray)
- Girls hijabs have changed to forest green which is a 2 piece hijab only and can be purchased from the main office for \$10.00. Must be worn by Sept 16, 2024.
- Between September 2024 to December 2024, students will be permitted to wear either the old or new uniform.
- **However, as of January 2025, all students must come to school wearing the new uniform.**
- To purchase uniform items please visit the following website:  
<https://mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop/school/7803#allProducts>
- **Due to recent uniform updates, wearing cultural attire on Fridays is temporarily suspended until further notice.**

## ATHLETICS

Please click on the following link for the Junior High Legends athletics Game & Practice Schedule for the upcoming season.

Links: [EIA Athletics Season 2024](#)

To receive weekly updates join the Junior High athletic reminder Page.  
Junior High Code: @fb6f46

# UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS (TEST/ QUIZ/PROJECTS)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Monday Feb 24</b>	<b>Tuesday Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday Feb 26</b>	<b>Thursday Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday Feb 28</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>			Field Trip		
<b>Science</b>			Field Trip	Topic 1 & 2 Quiz	
<b>Math</b>		Unit 2 Exam	Field Trip		
<b>Language Arts</b>			Field Trip		
<b>Arabic Level 2</b>	Unit Test	Unit Test	Field Trip	Arabic Spelling Bee	
<b>Arabic Level 3</b>	Unit Test		Field Trip	Arabic Spelling Bee	
<b>Arabic Level 4</b>	Unit Test		Field Trip	Arabic Spelling Bee	
<b>Islamic Studies</b>			Field Trip		Unit 4 Exam
<b>Quran</b>			Field Trip		



# UPCOMING TOPICS

SUBJECTS	CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit 2: How Does Intercultural Contact Impact the Worldview of Societies?</li> <li>● Chapter 8: How did the Aztec and Spanish ways of Life Reflect Their Worldview?</li> <li>● <b>Monday, February 10: Heritage Fair Source Summary 2 Due</b></li> <li>● <b>Wednesday, February 12: Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz</b></li> <li>● <b>Thursday, February 20: Heritage Fair Source Summary 3 due</b></li> <li>● <b>Friday, February 28: Chapter 8 Exam</b></li> </ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit 3 Topic 2.2, 2.3               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Convex and concave lenses and mirrors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 10: Solving Linear Relations</li> </ul>
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Short Story Unit: Personification and Irony               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Setting, Characters, Conflict, Theme, Plot                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Once Upon a Time</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● By: Nadine Gordimer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Arabic Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Seasons Booklet Project</li> <li>● Ramadan Activities/ Decorations</li> <li>● <b><u>Unit test February 24 /Weather &amp; Climate Unit</u></b></li> <li>● <b><u>Arabic Spelling Bee will be on Thursday Feb.27. Be Ready!</u></b></li> </ul>
Arabic Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ramadan Activities/ Decorations</li> <li>● Fill up University Application Activity</li> <li>● <b><u>Unit test on Feb 24th from pages 74-97</u></b></li> <li>● <b><u>Arabic Spelling Bee will be on Thursday Feb.27. Be Ready!</u></b></li> </ul>
Arabic Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice reading Lesson 9: The Harms of Smoking/أمراضُ العَصْرِ pages 44 - 47</li> <li>● Review the vocab words from Lesson 9</li> <li>● Daily reading in class.</li> <li>● Answer comprehension questions.</li> <li>● Vocab + Reading Quiz</li> </ul>
Islamic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit (5): Adab &amp; Akhlaq               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lesson 1: Respect of the Prophet                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Prophet's great character</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Reading and reflecting on hadith on adab and manners</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Project Ihsan, Community, Good deeds</li> </ul>
Quran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Surah Al-Muzzamil</li> </ul>



# ISLAM AWARDS

## JUNIOR HIGH CRITERIA

The 11th Annual ISLAM Awards will be held in October 2025 (tentatively).

### Academic Awards

These awards will be based on the students' grades encompassing year end (Y1) results.

- **Honors:**

This requires (80% - 89%) based on an average of the 4 core subjects.

- **Honors with Distinction:**

This requires 90% or higher based on an average of the 4 core subjects.

- **PAT Star:**

The student must achieve 90% or above on any of the grade 9 PAT exams.

- **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.

### Special Awards

To be eligible to receive one of the following awards, you must have no more than one discipline report.

- **Quran Recitation Award:**

This award will be given to the Top 3 students in each grade in JH (Total 9).

Students must meet the following criteria to receive the award:

- ★ Recite the Surahs from the curriculum correctly, following tajweed rules:
  - Grade 7 – Surah Al Mursalat and Surah Al Maarej
  - Grade 8 – Surah Al Qiyamah and Surah Al Muzzeml
  - Grade 9 – Surah Al Jin and Surah Nuh
- ★ Students should recite with proper tajweed.
- ★ Students should know the basic provisions of tajweed.
- ★ Students should read with correct pronunciation of the words.



## **Special Awards Continued**

- **Islamic Studies Award:**

This award will be given to the top 3 achievers from each grade (7-8-9) in Junior High (Total 9).

- **Al Muathen, Bilal Ibn Rabah Award (boys only):**

Al Muathen will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High.

- **Khateeb Award:**

The Al Khateeb award will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High.

- **Arabic Language:**

This award will be given to the top 3 achievers from each grade in Junior High (Total 9).

- **Leadership as an Active Citizen:**

This award will be given to the three most successful citizens from Junior High.

- **Athlete of the Year Award:**

This award will be given to the most outstanding male athlete and the most outstanding female athlete from Junior High (Total 2).



# OPTIONS

M1 (Sept 3 - Nov 19)	S1 (Nov 20 - Jan 28)	M2 (Jan 29 - Apr 8)	Y1 (Apr 9 - June 25)
Board Games	Board Games	Board Games	French as a Second Language
Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education
Film Studies	Film Studies	Film Studies	Film Studies
Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
Construction	3D Printing	Basic Coding	Construction
Drawing Fundamentals	Painting Exploration	Sculpture and 3D Art	Film Making and Needle Felting
Foods	Foods	Foods	Foods
Science Fair	Science Fair	Science Showcase	Science Showcase



# WELCOME TO GRADE 8

## TEACHER EMAILS



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## GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES



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**English** fnmez6

**Social** ecnlhi7

**Science**

8A: cw5gifz

8B: gccraws

8C: ktvwurl

8D: kvkru6b

8E: jzc5c4q

Arabic Level 2 st7cb3e (Ms. Rabab)

Arabic Level 3 kytiewa (Ms. Raghda)

Arabic Level 3 r7cljhd (Ms. Abir)

Arabic Level 4 2tsvevw (Ms. Dania)

**Islamic** arfmurx

**Quran** onligao

**Health** elr7uhs

## REMININD CODES



**Math**

8A: eia8amath

8B: eia8bmath

8C: eia8cmath

8D: eia8dmath

8E: eia8emath

**English**

8A: 8aenglishm

8B: 8benglishm

8C: 3982ce

8D: 8dengli

8E: 8aenglishm

**Social Studies**

ss8zahoui

**Science**

eiasc8

**Arabic Level 3**

raghda3

**Arabic Level 4**

arabicl44

**Islamic**

Eia8islam

**Quran**

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