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GRADE 9 NEWSLETTER

March 3rd - March 7th, 2025



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Personal Device Policy

We would like to inform you of a significant 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

CLUBS

THE EMPOWERING FORERUNNERS CLUB

The goal of this club is to inspire and empower young women to be forerunners in embodying the principles of Islam through creating a strong sisterhood. This club is for grade 9 - grade 12 girls, and runs biweekly on Fridays at EIA. For more information, contact Ms. Reem at:

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NEXT MEETING: Friday Feb. 27th, 2025 in Room 73 @ 5pm

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS (TEST/ QUIZ/PROJECTS)

Subject	Monday Mar 3	Tuesday Mar 4	Wednesday Mar 5	Thursday Mar 6	Friday Mar 7
Social Studies		Collective Rights Unit Quiz (9C/D/E) <small>*Quiz was postponed to this week due to Heritage Fair*</small>		Collective Rights Unit Quiz (9A)	Collective Rights Unit Quiz (9B)
Science 9D-9E	Topic 3 Quiz				
Math 9A-9B-9C		Unit 1 Test			
Language Arts					
Arabic Level 3					
Arabic Level 4					
Arabic Level 5					
Islamic Studies		Aqeedah Unit Final (9DE)	Aqeedah Unit Final (9ABC)		
Quran					



UPCOMING TOPICS

SUBJECTS	CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Goal #1: Students will prepare for the Collective Rights Unit Quiz this week. • Learning Goal #2: Students will complete the Heritage Fair Research Project.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit B - Chemistry • Introduction to Chemistry • Topics 4-6 • Naming ionic and molecular compounds
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 - Patterns and Relations (Chapter 5) • Understanding the language of mathematics (algebra). • Equivalent Expressions. • Adding and subtracting polynomials.
Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Stories Unit Continued • Writing a Narrative Hook • Incorporating Dialogue & Quotation Marks Usage Rules
Arabic Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start lesson أتعلم ديني p 108 • Daily reading and discussion • Worksheet from textbooks pages 109-115 • Grammar work on الاسم المذكر والاسم المؤنث • <u>Vocab test next week March 10th!</u>
Arabic Level 4	<p>9A/ 9B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice reading Lesson 10: Niagara Falls/شلالات نياجرا pages 48 - 51 • Review the vocab words from Lesson 10 • Daily reading in class. • Answer comprehension questions. • Vocab + Reading Quiz <p>9C, 9D, 9E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lesson 9 شلالات نياجرا + reading and vocab word bank • lesson 9 شلالات نياجرا + exercise booklet and grammar
Arabic Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start the new reading lesson رياضات عالمية • Present the new vocabulary • Answer comprehension questions • Daily reading in class • Short story project is due on March 10
Islamic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiqh Unit Introduction - Ramadan • Aqeedah Unit Final Project Presentation
Quran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surah Jinn (72:1-4) - Recitation and Tafseer



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
Digital Creations	Digital Creations	Digital Creations	Digital Creations
Model UN	Model UN	Model UN	Model UN
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
Islamic Leadership	Islamic Leadership	Islamic Leadership	Islamic Leadership



WELCOME TO GRADE 9

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GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

Math **cvkvwje**

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Social

9A: **ciepd45**

9B: **4b7aa5g**

9C: **gjnwo6o**

9D: **j4iyn3o**

9E: **r3vkvxu**

Science **tv4z5kc**

Arabic Level 3 **skwojj2**

Arabic Level 4 (9A, 9B) **2tsvevw**

Arabic Level 4 (9C, 9D, 9E) **4c54xxo**

Arabic Level 5 **wfemhku**

Islamic/Quran **z33b3ds**



REMIND CODES



Math

9A: Mad9A

9B: Mad9B

9c: Mad 9C

English

missb9d

Social

social9mrg

Science

Shaheen9de

Arabic Level 4 (9A, 9B)

arabicl44

Arabic Level 4 (9C, 9D, 9E)

arabic9L4

Arabic Level 5

raghda5

Islamic and Quran

Islamic9s

Health

g8k7ah6