



Ilm Academy

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Asalaam alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

InshaAllah everyone has had a rejuvenating winter break. We look forward with renewed energy and vigor for the rest of the school year. As we continue to focus on student growth, we want to request that parents help their students by reminding and reinforcing the importance of always doing their best and submitting work on time.

We pray that the New Year brings greatest Afiyah for you and your family, Ameen!

Attendance

We would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that students are not missing learning time and days at school. We have seen first hand how challenging it can be for students to miss instruction and having to catch up on the course material. In addition, we are strictly following CA education department guidelines for attendance. Students missing school for more than 18 days are considered excessively truant and can result in the student being retained.

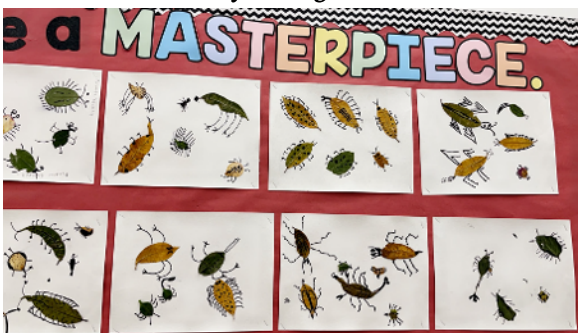
Re enrollments and New enrollments

Enrollment for the academic year 2025-2026 has begun and seats are filling up quickly. Please submit the applications to ensure your child has a spot. New students enrollments for the coming academic year begins on January 10th.

WASC Visit

The WASC committee will be visiting us at the end of February, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to highlight the exceptional achievements of our students, the invaluable contributions of our parents, and the strength of our vibrant community. A thoughtfully crafted comprehensive report has been prepared to showcase our collective progress and accomplishments, and we are excited to move forward into the next phase of growth and development .

Artwork by first graders



Spelling Bee

The annual spelling bee is schedule for January 16th-17th. The rules for the spelling bee will be sent to all parents. Mainly, no lists for the spelling words will be sent home for the elementary grades.

Revision at home should be based on phonics rules and basic spelling strategies such as commonly used words, consonants, prefixes, suffixes etc.

Trimester 2 Final exams 02/10/2025- 02/13/2025

The final exams are scheduled from February 10th to February 13th. The Deeniyaat exams will be from February 4th to 7th. Please support your child by helping them to set aside designated study time. This will ensure that they feel confident about doing well on their exams. It is imperative that you monitor your child's academic progress and reach out to their teacher if you have any concerns. If you have any concerns about student progress, please email teachers to follow up before the exams. **These are mandatory attendance days so please ensure that you do not schedule time off on these days.**

SAT exam (K-7) Schedule change

SAT exams from grades K-7th were scheduled for March 18th - 21st. Since these days fall in Ramadan, we have decided to reschedule them for **April 14th - 17th, InshaAllah** .This adjustment is made in consideration of the month of Ramadan during the original testing week, to facilitate exam administration by the teachers.

SAT exams days will be a full-day schedule which will allow us to fulfill the required instructional minutes across all subjects. **These are mandatory attendance days so please ensure that you do not schedule time off on these days.**

Student-Led Clubs/ Initiatives

Debate Club

The debate club continues to excel in fostering the development of essential skills in students, empowering them with the confidence and tools needed for effective communication and critical thinking. The debate club leads are helping teams prepare for a debate on the 31st in which teams will explore the arguments of sports vs. academics and peer pressure vs. personal development. We will take a break during the month of February for exam preparation and Inshallah continue in March.

Recycling Club

The Recycling Club is dedicated to helping the school reduce its carbon footprint by raising awareness within the school community about the importance of recycling, reducing waste, and reusing materials. The members of the Recycling Club have been doing an exceptional job of raising awareness about maintaining cleanliness in our surroundings. They've also taken the initiative to teach their younger peers the importance of cleaning up after making wudu, as well as ensuring the overall tidiness of the areas they use. Their commitment to promoting a culture of cleanliness is truly commendable!

ILMA Seeds

MashaAllah, our 10th grade ILMA seeds project is thriving and doing exceptionally well. The students successfully identified and resolved the pest issues, and their hard work is being rewarded with a healthy crop. The project is progressing well, and we anticipate a bountiful harvest of vegetables to donate. The team is looking forward to harvesting and donating these in the near future, inshaAllah. We are very proud of their hard work and commitment.

Leadership Legacy Project-

High school students have been actively working on initiatives to create a positive impact within their community. In line with this, they are planning to establish clubs such as a Crochet Club, a Math Tutoring Club, and an Arabic Language Club. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and commitment to making a meaningful difference. The Tutoring Club is already in session, and we can clearly see the positive impact it is making on students' academic growth and confidence.

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Important Dates

01/16 - 01/17 Spelling Bee

01/20 MLK Jr Holiday, No school

02/04 - 02/07 Deeniyaat exam

02/10 - 02/13 Trimester 2 final exam (Dismissal at 12:00 pm)

02/14 Teacher in Service, No school

2/17 No School