



Ilm Academy

SEPTEMBER 2023-2024



Asalaam Alaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuh,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Ilm Academy! We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we embark on a new academic journey, we wanted to share some important updates and information to ensure a smooth start to the year.

New Faces, Same Dedication:

We are thrilled to introduce some new additions to our teaching staff who bring fresh perspectives and enthusiasm to our school community. Rest assured, our commitment to providing high-quality education remains unwavering.

Khala Seena Almahan, Director of Arabic Language Program (KG- HS). Khala Seena has been teaching Arabic for 16 years. She is currently serving as the Bay Area Arabic Academy program director. We are very happy to have her as the director of the Arabic / Deeniyaat program.

Curriculum Highlights:

This year, we are excited to introduce several enhancements to our curriculum, designed to engage and challenge our students. We are excited to announce the introduction of the Arabic Language Program at Ilm Academy for the upcoming school year. This initiative reflects our commitment to providing a comprehensive education that embraces diverse languages and cultures.

Starting from Kindergarten through 11th grade, our Arabic Language Program will offer students the opportunity to learn and engage with the Arabic language and culture. The program is designed to enhance linguistic skills, cultural awareness, and global perspectives as well as help our Middle schoolers and high schoolers get proficient in Arabic Language. The Arabic program will also give our High School students the required credits for their second language credit completion.

Administration Staff

Director of Language Arts- Irum Sarfaraz

Director of Arabic Program- Seena Almahan

Director of School- Reshma Farooqui

Kindergarten Coordinator- Shehnaila Vaid

School Accounting- Wahida Lambe

Meet the Teachers:

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **orientations scheduled for Sept 27th - 29th on zoom**. Parents will get information about class routines, expectations and information about the curriculum.

- Dismissal on Sept 27th and 28th will be at 12:00 .
- KG-4th grade orientation on Sept 27th, 1:50-3:00 pm.
- 5th -8th grades orientation on Sept 28th, 1:50-3:00 pm.

Parent-Teacher Conference:

Parents will receive google forms for individual parent teacher meetings. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher, find out how your child has been progressing thus far, and ask any questions you may have.

Alhumdulillah, almost all of our teachers are returning teachers and many of them have been at Ilm Academy for over 7 years. We are blessed to have teachers who go above and beyond to support their students.

Ilm Academy Teaching Staff:

Deeniyat - Hafida Fajrelidrisi

Deeniyat - Molina Faizy

Arabic Teacher - Seena Almahan

Kindergarten - Uzma Majeed & Shahinda Patel

First Grade Homeroom - Tahira Aftab & Farheen Basheer

Second Grade Homeroom - Mahnaz Azadzoi

Third Grade Homeroom - Amina Noor

Fourth Grade Homeroom - Rukayya Attarwala

Fifth Grade Homeroom, MS Math & History - Meher Farozan

Sixth Grade Homeroom, MS ELA - Saira Jabeen

Seventh Grade Homeroom, MS Science - Firdoes Syeda

Eighth Grade Homeroom - Husna Mohiduddin

Ninth Grade Homeroom - Janet Rozenberg

Tenth Grade Homeroom - Mahwash Riaz

Eleventh Grade Homeroom - Irum Sarfaraz

Open Door Policy:

Communication between home and school is crucial. Our teachers and administration have an open-door policy, and we encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Stay Connected:

Stay up to date with school news, announcements, and upcoming events by reading the school emails, Newsletters, and following us on our social media platforms:

<https://www.facebook.com/theilmacademy>

We are excited to embark on this journey with you and your child. Let's work together to make this school year a memorable and successful one. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, don't hesitate to reach out to our front office at 510-936-1572

Here's to a fantastic year ahead InshaAllah!

Best Regards,

Khala Bokharey

Head of School

principal@theilmacademy.com

Important Date

Sept 13th Practice PSAT exams

Sept 27th Dismissal at 12:00

KG - 4th grade orientation on zoom 1:50-3:00

Sept 28th Dismissal at 12:00

5th - 8th grade orientation on zoom 1:50 -3:00

Sept 29th: Students off, 9th -10th Parent & Student zoom meeting at 10:00 am

School Hours:

School starts at 7:50 am and ends at 2:30 pm. Please ensure your child arrives on time, ready for a day of learning.

Drop-Off and Pick-up:

We want to thank all parents who have been patient during drop off and pick up times and following directions from the staff. In order for the safety of all during arrival and departure please follow the following guidelines:

Drop Off:

- Parents must drive into the parking area from the main entrance of the complex.
- Parents must drop off their children no earlier than 7:40 am.

Pick Up:

- Parents are required to display the student Departure Card clearly on the car window. No student will be released without the Departure Card.
- Parents must drive through for pick up.
- If parents wish to walk to pick up their child, we request that they park near the playground area and walk into the gym from the back gate.

Health and Safety First:

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families continue to be our top priority. Please do a wellness check of your child regularly. We will maintain rigorous cleaning protocols, encourage regular hand washing. We request that parents follow our sickness policy in case your child is unwell.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA):

Our PTA plays a pivotal role in fostering a strong school community. We encourage all parents to get involved. Looking out for information about our volunteering opportunities for any upcoming events and ways to contribute, we especially need volunteers for our Lunch Shifts. We deeply appreciate the support of our school parents.

WELCOME BACK!!

