



# Ilm Academy

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



## **Assalam Alaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuhu**

We wish the Ilm Academy community Ramadan Kareem! We pray that Allah (SWT) accepts all of our ibadah, Ameen! In this blessed month we continue to remind our students about making the most of this month by maximizing on their good deeds and being proactive about making a positive impact around us.

### **Month of Ramadan**

In this holy month of Ramadan, we want to remind our students of the virtues of this special time. We encourage all our students to strive for excellence in their studies, demonstrate kindness and generosity towards others, and embrace the spirit of self-reflection and spiritual growth. As per the Ramadan alternate schedule:

Students must be in school by 8:30 am. They will be considered tardy by 8:35 am. Departure is at 2:15. They must get picked up by 2:20 pm ( Mon - Thu) and by 12:45 ( Friday)

Parents are requested to drop of students punctually to ensure they do not miss out on instruction that begins at 8:30 am sharp. Fri). After pickup time the late pickup fee will be charged.

### **Spring and Eid break**

The School will close for Spring and Eid break from March 24th - April 3rd, 2025

### **Eid Festival**

Ilm Academy will be having its Eid Fair on April 4th. It will be a free dress day and a cultural food festival day. Please coordinate with the homeroom teacher to organize to bring a cultural treat to share with the class.

### **WASC visit updates**

We are thrilled to share that the WASC Committee not only expressed their sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by the entire ILM Academy community—our parents, students, teachers, and staff—but also highlighted the remarkable academic growth and the impressive levels of achievement demonstrated by our students. In addition, they noted the strong spiritual connections and vibrant community spirit that define our school.

Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we are proud to announce that we received an exceptional "A" rating from the committee. We eagerly await their final accreditation status report in the coming months and look forward to celebrating this achievement with all of you.

### **SAT college board exam for High School**

Our high school students as well as our alumni recently took the SAT exams, and we remain committed to supporting them even as they transition to college. Our goal is to provide ongoing guidance and resources to help them succeed in their academic pursuits and future endeavors.

### **SAT Exams K-7 update:**

To ensure that we can effectively complete the curriculum across all subjects, we have made the decision not to administer SAT exams for grades K-7 this year. This change will help us maximize instructional time during the spring trimester, which has been impacted by both Ramadan/Spring break.

The month of April will be essential in ensuring that the curriculum is completed and that students are well-prepared for their final exams in May. We strongly encourage parents to avoid scheduling time off during these crucial final months of the school year, as missing school during this period can significantly impact students' learning and preparation.

### **PSAT 8/9 Exams**

PSAT exams for 8th and 9th grade students will be administered on the March 19th and March 20th. PSATs are college preparatory exams and helps to familiarize students with the format of the SAT and ACT tests. The PSAT scores can also qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship.

### **Student council Events-**

The student council has been doing an outstanding job in fostering school spirit and spreading positivity. Recently, they organized a wonderful Ramadan potluck, where students came together to share delicious food and enjoy each other's company.

The student council has also organized a special gift exchange, scheduled for March 21st. We are excited for the students to participate in this meaningful event. To ensure its success, we kindly ask for your support in guiding your child to follow the gift exchange guidelines and be mindful of the thoughtful purpose behind this exchange - an opportunity to share kindness and joy, InshaAllah.

### Debate Club

We're incredibly excited about the upcoming debate featuring the high school boys, who will be tackling the thought-provoking topic of 'Consumerism' and 'AI Development'. It's sure to spark insightful discussions and showcase their critical thinking skills!

### ILMA Seeds :

ILMA Academy students are truly leading the way in giving during this blessed month of Ramadan. We are so proud of our ILMA Seeds team for their hard work, which has led to an amazing harvest of radishes and peas. We're also excited to see the cabbages and more peas continuing to grow.

Alhumdulillah, they were able to donate this produce to the Barakah Project held on the first day of Ramadan. May Allah (SWT) accept from them, Ameen!



### Leadership Legacy Projects:

The 9th graders, through their Leadership Legacy Project, have been making a profound and meaningful impact on the community. Here are some of the successful initiatives they've launched, all of which are creating positive change:

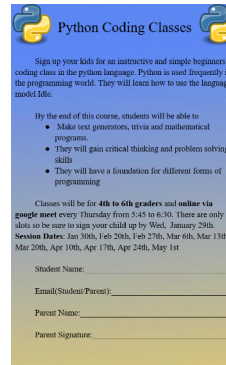
**ILMA Tutors:** Academic support for students.

**Programming Club:** Exploring coding and tech skills.

**Cleaning Club:** Maintaining clean bathroom for boys.

**Book Club:** Fostering a love for reading and discussion.

**Crochet Club:** Teaching creative crafting.



### **Important Dates**

**March 19th -20th PSAT exams**

**March 24- April 3 Spring/Eid Break**

**April 4 Eid Festival**