



Ilm Academy

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Asalaam Alaikum Wa Rahmatulahi Wa Barakatuhu

Welcome back to what promises to be an incredible school year! As we settle into our routines and begin this new learning adventure, we're excited to share all the wonderful opportunities ahead.

Whether you're a returning student reconnecting with friends or a new student joining our community for the first time, know that you belong here—and we're absolutely thrilled to have you with us.

Let's make this year one to remember!

A heartfelt thank you to all families who have promptly signed and returned our policies acknowledgement forms. Please note that the signed forms are due by Sept 5th, 2025.



Departure time change and Guidelines -As we continue striving to provide the best education while working around construction constraints, we appreciate your support and understanding. The updated departure time allows us to better serve our students. Please follow the pick-up guidelines to ensure a smooth and safe dismissal process. **Mon- Thus, pick-up is from 2:30–2:50 PM. Late pick-ups after 2:50 PM will incur a fee. Please bring your visor card for pick-up.**

Curriculum Updates

New SEL Curriculum We're excited to introduce a new Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum that emphasizes spiritual growth and meaningful connection with the Qur'an. Through guided materials, reflection, and discussion, students will explore ayahs in a way that nurtures both heart and mind.

Data Science Course

High school students will now have the opportunity to enroll in a new afterschool Data Science course. This program offers hands-on learning in a cutting-edge, future-focused field. More information will be shared soon—stay tuned!

New Administration Roles

Ms Irum Sarfaraz has been with Ilm Academy for 10 years. She will continue as the Principal for Elementary School. She is a published writer and brings in her impressive talent to support the comprehensive writing programs and initiatives at Ilm Academy.

Ms Reshma farooqui has been with Ilm Academy for 4 years and will be continuing as the Principal for Secondary school. Her extensive experience in college planning and guiding high school students in their future goals is a valuable asset to the school.

New Teachers Introductions

We are pleased to introduce the new members of our staff this year. We are truly blessed to have such highly qualified and dedicated professionals join our school community.

Ms Alina Abassi has joined us as a first grade teacher. She has earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Ms Uzma Kardame is our returning teacher who has been with us for 6 years and has a Bachelor's in Education.

Ms Shaima Alzendini has a Bachelor's in Business administration and Entrepreneurship. She has joined us as our second grade teacher.

Ms Rabia Ahmed has earned her Bachelor's in Computer Science and Engineering. She will be our third grade teacher.

Ms Sumaiya Shaheen has earned her Masters of Science in Engineering/ Industrial Management. She has joined us as our Fourth grade teacher.

Ms Asma Navaz will be teaching MS Math. She has a Bachelor's in Engineering (Electronics and communications).

Ms Sandani Wijerathne has joined us as our HS/MS Math and Science teacher. She is a passionate STEM educator with a Ph.D. in Microbiology and a B.Sc. in Biomedical Sciences.

Ms Shaista Basheer will be teaching Math for HS. She has earned her Master of Science in Engineering Management, Industrial Systems.

School Activities

Debate Club

We're incredibly proud of our high school Debate Club leaders for their dedication and initiative in guiding the team. Their strong leadership helped students grow in both argumentation and public speaking. We look forward to their continued success this year.

Student Council Elections

Student Council elections will be held on October 8th, Insha Allah. Students in grades 8–10 can run for President or Vice President, while all candidates may apply for General Secretary and Treasurer. Nominees will share their goals before elections, and we look forward to welcoming a dynamic new council.

Wellness and Sick Policy

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. We advise that students are kept home if they are unwell.

Family Engagement

Volunteering

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.

Hot Lunch

One of their much-anticipated initiatives, the hot lunch

program, will be launching soon. These delicious, home-cooked meals are lovingly prepared by parent volunteers. Hot lunch sign-up forms will be sent home as soon as the program resumes.

Newsletters

We share important school-wide and classroom updates through our monthly newsletters, keeping families informed about events, activities, and student learning.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out via email or phone—we value open communication and strong family partnerships.

Stay connected by checking school emails, reading newsletters, and following us on Facebook

Back-to- School Session(Google Meets)

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Back-to school sessions. Parents will get information about class routines, expectations and information about the curriculum. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Sept 17th and Sept 18th.

Sept 17th Whole School Presentation(K-11)- 2:00 -2:30

Sept 17th - 5th grades & up - 2:30 - 3:20

Sept 18th - KG - 4th grades - 2:00 -3:00

Parent-Teacher Conference

Parents will receive Google Forms to sign up for individual in-person parent-teacher meetings. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ask any questions. We encourage timely communication with teachers and admin for any concerns.

Important Dates

September 17th &18th: Back to School informational session, dismissal at 12:00 pm for students

September 19th: Parent Conferences - Students off.

September 22nd - September 26th: Parent Conferences continued.