School Newsletter

Ilm Academy

October 2026

Grand Opening of New Classrooms!

Asslalam Alaikum Warahmatulahi Wabarakatuh
We are incredibly excited and deeply grateful to share the wonderful news with our Ilm Academy community of five brand-new classrooms at Ilm Academy campus! This is a very special milestone for our school and a beautiful sign of the continued growth of our community. What began as a vision for providing our children with a nurturing environment rooted in knowledge, faith, and character continues to grow, Alhamdulillah.

First and foremost, we thank Allah SWT for making this possible as every achievement and every opportunity is His blessing. We are immensely grateful for His continued blessings upon Ilm Academy. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the ICF Masjid Board for their tremendous support and commitment, and their willingness to invest in the education and future of our children. This has played an important role in making this expansion possible.

A very special Jazakum Allahu Khairan goes to Brother Haider for his dedication, support, and efforts in helping bring this vision to reality. We are truly grateful for the time, energy, and commitment that went into making these additional classrooms possible. And, of course, we thank our wonderful Ilm Academy parents and families whose encouragement, prayers, and continued support are an essential part of our journey. These new classrooms represent more opportunities for our children to learn, grow, build friendships, and develop into confident young Muslims who will serve their communities. We are growing—and we are just getting started!

Let's make this year as great as every year at Ilm Academy!
Administration

Parent Teacher Conferences

We hope that all parents availed the opportunity to visit their child's class and meet one on one with the teacher. Parents who missed meeting teachers during this week are still welcome to schedule a conference with the teachers. Conferences are great opportunities to discuss your child's progress and ask questions. We encourage timely communication with school admin and teachers to address any issues. At home, please
continue to monitor your child's progress and encourage them to take ownership of their learning. In particular, check that they are completing assignments on time and setting aside time to study for quizzes.

Mufti Shadman Tarbiyah Presention

Mufti Shadman Ahmed, resident scholar and Imam at Masjid Zakariya has graciously consented to hold a special tarbiyah session with Ilm Academy's boys, grades 3-11. Ilm Academy places critical imporantance on the tarbiyah aspect of its curricula. Insha Allah starting with this first session, Ilm Academy plans to hold these sesssion periodically with ICF scholars. The session with Mufti Shadman will be held in October and parents will be notifed as soon as the date is finalized.

Student Council Elections

The Student Council elections have been rescheduled to October 13th. K–4 classes are currently nominating class ambassadors, while MS/HS students are selecting candidates for Student Council positions: President, Vice President, General Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates must demonstrate responsibility and academic excellence and submit a short speech explaining why they are suited for the role. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to test their leadership mettle.

Speech Contest

We are excited to announce our Annual Speech Presentation, taking place on October 28-29. Students across all grade levels will be given a theme or topic to prepare and present. This annual event provides our students with a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence, strengthen their public-speaking skills, and express their ideas clearly and effectively. Students will be assessed on their presentations and will receive certificates of participation.

Bakesale for Nepal Flood Relief

On October 30th, Ilm Academy students will host a bake sale to support families affected by the devastating floods and landslides that recently struck Nepal. This disaster has caused tremendous loss of life and widespread destruction, leaving many families in urgent need of assistance. We invite our school community to come together in the spirit of compassion and generosity to sup-

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port those affected. Every purchase and every contribution can make a difference. May Allah SWT bless our students for turning their concern for others into meaningful action.

First Trimester Final Exams

First Trimester final exams are scheduled for the first and second weeks of November. It is mandatory for students to take the exams in person. Please ensure that your child does not miss these important exam days.

Nov. 3–6 — Deeniyat Finals

Nov. 10–13 — First Trimester Finals

Please do not schedule important appointments, trips, or other commitments during these dates, as students will not be permitted to take makeup exams if they miss an exam.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Consistent studying throughout the year is recommended.

Weather Appropriate Clothing Reminder

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that students come to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. Warm jackets, hats, gloves, and proper footwear are essential to keep them comfortable and protected during outdoor activities.

Hot Lunch Program Begins

Inshallah, we will be starting the lunch program from October 9th. Lunch order forms will be sent home a few days before. Please sign and return the forms by the due date. We are very appreciative of the efforts of the PTA to bring the Hot Lunch program for our students.

Uniform Policies

Ilm Academy requests the support of all parents to ensure that students adhere to the school's uniform policies.

Detailed information about uniform guidelines can be found on the school website.

Kufi and Hijab: Parents must inform their student about the guidelines for kufi and hijab. Girls are required to have a specific hijab, the link for which is posted on the school website.

Uniforms for grades TK-4th grade stay the same and are available from Merry Mart at:

https://www.merrymartuniforms.com/ilm-academy.com

Uniforms for middle school and high school grades are available from East Essence at:

https://eastessence.com/collections/ilm-academy

Footwear for all Grade Levels

Ilm Academy requires all students to wear athletic shoes (sneakers) in solid black or solid white while on campus. Boots, clogs, Crocs, dress shoes, sandals, and other specialty footwear are not permitted.

Smart Devices Policy

Parents must ensure their child does not bring any Smart devices to campus including Smart watches, Fitbit devices, laptops, or tablets to school unless specifically allowed by teachers. If student is found in possession of these, the item will be confiscated and released only to parent.

Attendance Policy

Students are not allowed more than 18 days of absences (excused or unexcused) for the academic year.

Attendance is a graduation requirement. Any student failing to fulfill the attendance requirement, is likely to be retained. Attendance will be taken into account from FIRST DAY (AUGUST 21, 2026) of school till the LAST DAY (June 8, 2027). Excessive tardies or absences will cause loss of participation privilage in extra-curricular activities including school field trips.

Health and Safety First

The health and safety of all students, staff, and families continue to be Ilm Academy's top priority. Parents are requested to conduct wellness checks of their children regularly. The school will maintain rigorous cleaning protocols and encourage regular hand washing. Parents must follow the sickness policy in case student is unwell, retain them at home if needed, and inform the office of the absence. Detailed health and safety policy is also provided with the First Day Packets.

Drop-off Guidelines

As the new academic year starts off, parentst are kindly reminded of the following important drop-off and pick-up procedures. These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families:

- Enough buffer time must be allowed in the morning so as to conveniently follow the school zone speed limits for everyone's safety.
- All drivers must stay within designated lane during arrival and
- All cars need to complete the full loop even if there are no other vehicles to maintain order. During morning drop-off, only five cars should unload at a time.
- Parents must make sure students are ready to exit the car with hijabs and kufis on before reaching the unloading zone.
- No car must enter through the exit gate at any time.
- No student must be dropped off on foot near the cars as this is highy unsafe. Walkers must enter safely through the walking designated areas only.

Important Dates

October 5-9: Parent Teacher Conferences

October 9: Teacher in Service - Students Off

October 13: Student Council Elections

October 28-29: Speech Contest

October 30: Bake Sale for Nepal Relief

November 3-6: 1st Trimester Deeiniyat Finals

November 10-13: 1st Trimester Finals