

EIA offers a high quality education, embedded in Islamic values, to enable students to become  
**RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SUCCESSFUL**  
leaders and contributors to society.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٍ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ  
لِعَدِّهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ  
[سورة الحشر ١٨]

O believers! Be mindful of Allah and let every soul look to what  
'deeds' it has sent forth for tomorrow. And fear Allah, 'for'  
certainly Allah is All-Aware of what you do

[Surah Alhashr: 18]

## GRADE 8 | NEWSLETTER

April 22 - April 26, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EIA HERITAGE FAIR

**April 24, 2024**

Please be advised that EIA's Heritage Fair is on Wednesday, April 24th.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**April 22 - April 26**

Please be advised that the Scholastic Book Fair is on Monday, April 22nd - Friday, April 26th in the school library between 8AM and 4PM. There will also be an Islamic Book Fair.

#### UNIFORM POLICY

##### **Junior High Girls:**

Girls are required to wear a gray school abaya and a royal blue school hijab. The blue hijab is available for purchase in the main office. Please note that a black hijab is not permitted. **Cultural clothing and other styles of abayas are NOT allowed at this moment.**

##### **Junior High Boys:**

Boys are to wear their black uniform pants and grey uniform polo shirt (long or short sleeve). On Fridays, boys are to wear the blue uniform dress shirt and school tie or black tie. **Thobes or similar forms of cultural clothing are NOT allowed at this moment.**

##### **Junior High Sweaters:**

If students want to wear an extra layer, a school hoodie with the school logo purchased from McCarthy Uniforms is the only sweater permitted.

## ATHLETICS

You are now able to view upcoming Junior High games and practice times using this [link](#), and receive weekly updates by joining the Junior High Athletics remind page using the code **28e68d**

# MESSAGE FOR THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

At the Edmonton Islamic Academy, we recognize that our student's success depends on effective collaboration between parents and school staff. We all play an important role in a child's academic success. With that being said, we would like to outline our expectations for parents and identify some strategies that can be implemented to support your child in their areas of growth:

## General Strategies:

- Monitor that your child **completes their homework daily by checking the remind app** for assigned homework.
- Set a daily **scheduled time for homework and studying** (e.g., from 6-8 pm daily) and remove all distractions during this period such as cellphones and iPads.
- Ensure that they are **on task during this time**. You may utilize your child's **siblings as support**.
- **Help Sessions:** We have multiple help sessions running during the school day to support students who may be struggling in each subject. **Please ask your child's teacher for the timings of these sessions and ensure your child attends.**
- **Attend parent-teacher meetings:** Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers to understand which areas they need support in.

## Language Arts:

- **Reading:** Please ensure your child reads daily. Students are encouraged to sign books out of our school library, the public library, or read online (ask your child's teacher for recommendations for online reading platforms).
- **Understanding:** Ask comprehension questions about what they read or meanings of higher level vocabulary (ask them to use a manual dictionary to look up the word and define it in their own words),
- **Writing:** You may also ask them to summarize the text in a short written paragraph for you. Review the paragraph to ensure proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

## Math

- **Complete practice problems:** Have your child practice solving a few questions daily for the unit they are on (review questions from the child's notes and math textbook).

## Science & Social Studies

- Review notes and textbook readings.
- Ask your child to explain concepts to you and encourage them to connect these to concepts previously known.

Lastly, reach out to your child's teacher to discuss any questions or concerns. Our children are an Amanah from Allah and we pray that our continued collaboration will help support them to achieve an optimal education.

JazakAllahu Khairan!  
Secondary Team

# CORE CLASSES

## UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS (TEST/ QUIZ)

Subject	Monday Apr 22	Tuesday Apr 23	Wednesday Apr 24	Thursday Apr 25	Friday Apr 26
Social Studies			Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz	Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz (8A)	
Science			Topic 3 and 4 Quiz		
Math					Chapter 5 Test
Language Arts				Mid Novel Test Chapter 1-6	
Arabic	Vocabulary and Reading Quiz Level 4  Vocabulary & Reading Quiz Level 2  Spelling Quiz Level 3				
Islamic Studies					
Quran					

## ISLAMIC STUDIES 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

Imran Qureshi // [imran.qureshi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:imran.qureshi@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS: UNIT 4 - New Beginnings, New Community - Early Madani Seerah

- Week 3 (Completed) - Building Madina - Yathrib to Madina
  - ◆ Assignment - Designing a school and its constitution based on the arrangement of Madina (brotherhood, peace, collaboration, etc.
- Week 4 (Upcoming) - Three major battle in early Madina
  - ◆ Battle of Badr
  - ◆ Battle of Uhud
  - ◆ Battle of Khandaq

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Tuesday, April 30*: Quiz / Review
- ❖ *Tuesday, May 7*: Unit 4 Exam

### RESOURCES

- ★ Reminder Code: @4dg7cf4
- ★ Google classroom link: k5itlxf

## QURAN STUDIES

Sheikh Nazih Yafi // [nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca)

### TOPICS

- Please practice memorizing Surat Al-Haqqah, verses 40- 48.

### IMPORTANT DATES

❖ None

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @quran-8
- ★ Google Classroom Code: cq3dunv

## ARABIC STUDIES

Sheikh Nazih Yafi // nazih.yafi@islamicacademy.ca

### Level 4: TOPICS

- Practice reading lesson 12 وسائل النقل in Al-Hadiqah textbook.
- Reviewing the vocab words from lesson 12 (posted on Google Classroom).
- Reviewing the grammar, page 58.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Monday, April 22: Vocabulary and Reading Quiz.

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @eia4
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ktyd3gs
- ★ Al-Hadiqah textbook - Level 4.

## ARABIC STUDIES

Karine Kheireddine // karine.kheireddine@islamicacademy.ca

### Level 3: TOPICS

- الإسم المذكر والاسم المؤنث
- Grammar: الجملة الإسمية والجملة الفعلية questions.
- Comprehension Questions أتعلم ديني

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ Monday, April 22: Spelling Quiz page 91 (8A, 8B, 8C)

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: @level3-eia
- ★ Google Classroom Code: omka3k5

## ARABIC STUDIES

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### Level 3: TOPICS

- الإسم المذكر والاسم المؤنث
- Grammar: الجملة الإسمية والجملة الفعلية questions.
- Comprehension Questions أتعلم ديني

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

## RESOURCES

- ★ Al-Hadiqa textbook/workbook
- ★ Remind code: @raghda789
- ★ Google Classroom Code: ihmt4au

## ARABIC STUDIES JUNIOR HIGH

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### Level 2: TOPICS

- New lesson أعمل مهندسة / I Am an Engineer pg. 104-107.
- New vocabulary العبارات الأساسية (blue box) pg. 104.
- Answering questions pgs. 105-107
- Learning about "المهن", "الزمان"/ Time/ Professions- Careers
- Hijri Calendar project.(Due April, 30)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Monday, April 22:* Vocabulary & Reading Quiz

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code: lvl2abir
- ★ Google classroom code: xmfc2zc
- ★ Al Shamil Textbook Level 2
- ★ Revision Booklet/ worksheets/ Quran/ Tajweed booklets
- ★ Arabic Dictionary

## ENGLISH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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## TOPICS:

- Novel Study
- *The Outsiders* by S.E.Hinton
  - ◆ Chapter 5-6 ([Audio book](#))

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Thursday, April 25:* *The Outsiders* Novel Test (Chapters 1-6 )

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind Codes for parents and/or students to join:
  - 8A @779266d
  - 8B @fdff9323
  - 8C @8cenglishm
  - 8D @8dengli
  - 8E @8eenglis
- ★ Google Classroom code for students to join:
  - Google classroom link
  - Link: aczdmod

## SOCIAL STUDIES 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

Kassia Zahoui // [kassia.zahoui@islamicacademy.ca](mailto:kassia.zahoui@islamicacademy.ca)

## TOPICS

- Unit 3: How did the Beliefs, Values, and Knowledge Shape the Worldview in Japan Between 1600-1900?
- Chapter 4: What Were the Effects of Japan's Policies of Isolation During the Edo Period?

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Wednesday, April 24:* Chapter 4 Vocabulary Quiz

## RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom code: mr1o3w2
- ★ Remind code: ss8zahoui

## MATH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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## TOPICS

- Chapters 5: Surface Area

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *Friday, April 26:* Chapter 5 test

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8A: @eia8amath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8B: @eia8bmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8C: @eia8cmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8D: @eia8dmath
- ★ Remind Code for Grade 8E: @eia8emath
- ★ Google Classroom Codes: To join Google classroom, click on the link that corresponds with your classroom: 8 (A,B,C,D,E): [Grade 8 Google Classroom](#)

## SCIENCE 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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### TOPICS

- Topic 3: Complete watersheds and freshwater systems
- Topic 4: Water quality and testing

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

### RESOURCES

- ★ **Help sessions: Monday & Tuesday (3:30PM - 4:15PM)**
- ★ Google Classroom: (8A: i77u262)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8B: 2qxxyo)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8C: m2hs3ek)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8D: kv43g3h)
- ★ Google Classroom: (8E: synndqf)
- ★ Remind (all science 8): @haysci8

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION GIRLS

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### TOPICS

- Floor Hockey
  - ◆ Team play
  - ◆ Hand eye coordination
  - ◆ Passing and receiving
  - ◆ Shooting
  - ◆ Leadership
  - ◆ Teamwork
  - ◆ Positive interaction

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

### RESOURCES

- ★ Google Classroom

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION BOYS

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### TOPICS

- Flag Football: leadership, teamwork, cooperation and positive interactions

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *None*

### RESOURCES

- ★ Remind PE: @8eiape

## HEALTH 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E

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### TOPICS

- **Body Image:** Identify and apply positive health strategies to deal with issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, and eating disorders.
- Examine media influence(s) on self-image and behaviour.
- Investigate the impact and importance of active healthy lifestyle practices on mental-emotional health issues.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ *TBA:* Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSADS)

## RESOURCES

- ★ Remind code:
- ★ All grade 8 Health : allgrade8h

## SPORT HISTORY

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### TOPICS

- Rugby

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

- ★ None

## FOODS

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### TOPICS

- Learn Kitchen Basics
- Cook and Bake
- Brownies

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

- ★ Given to students at Options Class

## FILM

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### TOPIC

- **Remember the Titans** : In 1971 Virginia high school football was everything to the people of Alexandria. But when the school board was forced to integrate an all-black school with an all-white one, the very foundation of football's tradition was put to the test

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

- ★ None

## DRAMA

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### TOPICS

- Improvisation

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ None

### RESOURCES

- ★ None

## STEAM

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### TOPICS

- 3D printing

## IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

## RESOURCES

★ Google Classroom: ts2q5r7

## ART

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## TOPICS

→ Students will be drawing faces inspired by picasso.

## IMPORTANT DATES

❖ *None*

## RESOURCES

★ Remind code: ch899

# ISLAM AWARDS CRITERIA

The 10th Annual ISLAM Awards will be held on **Friday, October 4th, 2024 (tentative)**. To be eligible to receive an award, you must be a Junior High or High School student, and you must have **no more than one discipline report and all your grades must be above 60%**.

**You must attend the ceremony to get your award.**

## **Quran recitation Award:**

### *Criteria for Junior High:*

This award will be given to the three most successful students from each grade.

The students must meet the following criteria to receive the award:

- Students should properly memorize the Surahs, from that grade curriculum, with the tajweed rules.
- Students should know the basic provisions of tajweed.
- Students should read with correct pronunciation of the words.

### *Criteria for Senior High:*

This award will be given to the most successful six students from High School.

The students must meet the following criteria to receive the award:

- Students should be able to recite Surat Yassin (سورة ياسين) with the tajweed rules.
- Students should know the basic provisions of tajweed.
- Students should read with correct pronunciation of the words.

## **Islamic Studies Award:**

This award will be given to the top three achievers from each grade in Junior High (Total 9) and the top three achievers from each grade in High School. (Total of 9)

## **Al Muathen, Bilal Ibn Rabah Award (Boys only):**

This will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High and top three achievers from High School. (Total of 6)

## **Khatib/Speech Award:**

This will be given to the top three achievers from Junior High and top three achievers from High School. (Total of 6)

## **Arabic Language:**

This award will be given to the top three achievers from each grade in Junior High (Total of 9) and to one from each High School Arabic course (Total of 3).

## **Academic:**

This award will be given to the students who achieve the following:

### *Criteria for Junior High:*

- **Honorable Mention:** requires (74.5% - 79.4%) based on an average of the 4 core subjects.
- **Honors:** requires (79.5% - 89.4%) based on an average of the 4 core subjects.
- **Honors with Distinction:** requires 89.5% or higher based on an average of the 4 core subjects.

These awards will be based on the students' grades encompassing **Y1 results**.

### *Criteria for High School:*

- **Honorable Mention:** requires (74.5% - 79.4%) based on an average of 4 core subjects.
- **Honors:** requires (79.5% - 89.4%) based on an average of 4 core subjects.
- **Honors with Distinction:** requires 89.5% or higher based on an average of 4 core subjects.

These awards will be based on the students' grades from the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester results**.

Any course taken outside the Academy will not be considered for this Award.

## **Diploma & AP Stars:**

- The student must achieve 80% and above on the diploma exam or four and above on the AP test.
- Any diploma course taken outside the Academy will not be considered for this Award.

## **Top Academic:**

This award will be given to the top student from each grade. One from all of grade 7, one from all of grade 8, one from all of grade 9, one from grade 10, one from grade 11, and one from grade 12 (Total of 6). The students' average will be calculated based on the four core subjects for Junior High and top four core subjects for High School.

**Leadership as an Active Citizen:**

This award will be given to the most successful three students from Junior High and the most successful three students from High School. (Total of 6)

**Athlete of the Year Award:**

This award will be given to the most successful boy and the most successful girl from Junior High (Total of 2) and the most successful boy and girl from High School (Total of 2).

**EIA Profile Award:**

This award will be given to a student from grade 12. The criteria for this award is found in the Student's Handbook on page 5.

**Alumni Award:**

The student who achieves this award must demonstrate the following:

- Giving back to the school.
- Giving back to the Muslim community.
- Giving back to the Edmonton community.
- Graduated from EIA from either Grade 9 or Grade 12.
- Volunteer minimum 50 hours