



SURREY MUSLIM SCHOOL

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Principal's Message



***Please remember to
phone the school
office before 8:30
a.m. whenever your
child is absent.
Please mention your
child's name, grade
and the reason of
his/her absence.
(604) 599-6608***

Asalaam Alaikum Dear Parents,

Alhamdulillah, by the Grace of Allah, we have completed the month of November without any Covid cases amongst our teachers or students. We ask Allah to protect all of us from harm. I thank all parents who supported our sugar-free initiative in November. I hope that some of you participated as well and were able to reap the benefits.

The BCMA elections will be fully complete by the end of this month. We hope to receive some good news and direction on the expansion of the school. As you are aware, the Board of Education has been lobbying the BCMA over the last three years to find a more extensive, safer building. We have a waiting list in every grade, including Grade 8, and we do not have the space to accommodate any more students. You are also aware that many safety issues are present at our school due to the shared parking lot and the homeless problem. This is and of itself raises the urgency level in locating a proper school site. I have heard your concerns, and I joined the Surrey Muslim School to improve the school and move it to a suitable location. We currently do have a supportive Board and supportive parents, but as we stand now, the Board will have to help us restructure our students, in line with the demands of the coming year, until we find that much-needed new building.

We always have room to improve, and we have more work to do to reach the next level. However, overall, the school improved in the quality of our staff, administration, Islamic vision, and our overall professionalism. May Allah give us continuous growth and progress!

In conclusion, I am asking for your dua and your efforts to lobby your local masjid Imams and community leaders. Without a doubt, there is a strong need for more Muslim schools, and I believe the BC Muslim community needs to put its money, time, and efforts into opening more Muslim schools, including high schools.

May Allah reward you all and grant us, Jannah!

Mohammed Hussain
Principal - Surrey Muslim School



***If you have a
change of
address and
phone number
please inform
the secretary.***

Absent & Late Students

Reminder to call or email the school when your child will be late or absent.

The safety and well-being of your child is an important concern for us and making sure your child arrives to school safely is a responsibility we take very seriously.

Parents and guardians have a responsibility to contact the school by **8:30 am** or the child will be marked late or absent. You have two ways to contact the school:

- Call Us – We can be reached at **604-599-6608**. Mention the name of your child, grade and reason for absence.

Or;

- Email us – You can send an email to **sms@bcmaschools.ca** and include the following information:

Subject Line: Absence **or** Late

Body of Email: Student's name, grade, the reason for the absence or late and your name.

Select the option that is most convenient for you. Both options are available 24/7.



contact us



Emergency Unscheduled Closures

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind parents/guardians of the School's winter weather procedures and announcements. In the event of an unscheduled school closure caused by snow, emergency, or extraordinary circumstances, the school closure will be decided by 6:15 a.m. at the latest, and will be announced through SMS App and the media (Global TV, CBC TV, CKWX News AM 1130 radio). As house calls will not be made we urge parents to join SMS App as soon as possible. Families are encouraged to establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, school's start time is delayed, or students are dismissed early. This is a reminder that all students need to dress warmly and appropriately for winter weather conditions.



Poetry Presentation

Poetry/Spoken Word:

Our young poets will be writing and presenting their pieces this December. Students will have an opportunity to learn how to create and deliver various forms of poetry in their classes. The higher grades will focus on preparing Spoken Word, which is an elevated form of poetry, where students will require to choose a topic that is meaningful to them. We encourage students to find a topic they can make deep connections with and something they are truly passionate about. On December 16, the top three poets from each class will come to present their piece in Assembly in front of their peers. We look forward to hearing some creative poetry!



Gr. 8 Field Trip to Victoria



Alhamdulillah, we had a wonderful time in Victoria. Despite the heavy rain, the weather cleared up and the sun came out once we arrived on the Island. We made our way to downtown Victoria where we started our trip with a tour of the beautiful University of Victoria before heading to Masjid Al-Iman for Maghrib prayer. We hope this will inspire our youth to pursue higher education in the future. On the second day, we attended a tour of the Parliament Building where our kids learned about BC governance and history. Then, we made our way to the Bug Zoo where students got to see many varieties of crawling critters. What perhaps was the highlight of the trip was the shawarma and ice cream that our kids had on the way back to the ferry. Overall, we thank Allah that our trip was smooth, safe, and successful!



Student Tips

Successful Students

- ☐ COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY
- ☐ PAY ATTENTION
- ☐ LISTEN TO DIRECTIONS
- ☐ ASK ON-TOPIC QUESTIONS
- ☐ TRY YOUR BEST
- ☐ WORK QUIETLY
- ☐ LOOK FOR MISTAKES
- ☐ MAKE CORRECTIONS
- ☐ HAVE SUPPLIES READY AND ORGANIZED
- ☐ FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES
- ☐ HELP OTHERS
- ☐ Read or listen to the chapter of a book
- ☐ RESPECT THE TEACHER, THE CLASSROOM, OTHER STUDENTS

Virtue of the Month:

Honesty

Islam orders the Muslim to be honest to himself and others. This order repeatedly comes in the Noble Quran and the sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Islam orders the Muslim to tell the truth even if it is against his own interest, and orders him not to cheat or deceive other people. A Muslim is ordered by Allah to be honest in his words and deeds, privately and publicly alike.

Building Honesty

The important question to be asked, however, is this: How does Islam build honesty in the Muslim?

Islam builds ethical qualities in general and honesty in particular in several ways:

1. Instructions. Allah orders the Muslim to be honest in all cases, in all deeds and words, to himself and others.
2. Reason. Allah shows the Muslim rationally that honesty is the best policy, even on utilitarian bases.
3. Reward. Allah promises the honest person generous rewards in the first life and in the second life.
4. Punishment. Allah threatens the dishonest person with severe punishment for his dishonest behavior.
5. Practice. Allah develops the habit of honesty in the Muslim through actual practice, i.e., through fasting and prayer.

Thus Islam builds the habit of honesty in the Muslim through direct instructions, through rational arguments, through the reward and punishment principles, and through practice.

The Practice of Honesty

Taking fasting as an example, when a Muslim fasts, he should abstain from any kind of food or drink from dawn until sunset. This means that a fasting Muslim should not eat or drink for several continuous hours, including not engaging in sexual intercourse with one's spouse.

The important thing here is that a fasting Muslim does not allow a drop of water to go into his mouth from dawn until sunset in spite of his thirst, because he has learned to be honest, i.e., internally honest. The only observer of a fasting person is Allah and the person himself. Here is an actual and real practice of honesty exercised during the whole month of Ramadan.

Of course, one of the components of honesty is refusing to submit to temptations and desires. In Ramadan, the Muslim is thirsty, but he does not drink; he is hungry, but he does not eat. In Ramadan, water is spatially near but psychologically far from the Muslim; water is near to the Muslim but far from his desire. This is a practical exercise of self-control and internal honesty.

So, Islam instructs the Muslim to be honest and trains him to be so. The outcome is a healthy self and a healthy social atmosphere that leads to the happiness of both the individual and the group.

Have a great winter break!

School Closes Monday, December 20th, 2021

School Opens Monday, January 3th, 2022



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Spoken Word/ Poetry	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Poetry Presentation / Assembly	17 Pancake Breakfast	18
19	20 Winter Break Starts	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	