



SURREY MUSLIM SCHOOL

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Director of Islamic Studies' Message



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**Please mention your
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A Message from the Vice Principal/Director of Islamic Studies

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh Dear Community Members:

Last year, we all experienced a (hopefully!) once-in-a-lifetime Ramadan. A Ramadan without the Masjid, or commuting to work, or our beloved iftar parties. As tough as it was, for many of us, it was a unique opportunity to experience a more meaningful Ramadan focussed on our relationship with Allah SWT as opposed to the traditional socially-intense Ramadan experience that makes us feel spiritually-socially engaged, yet busy and overwhelmed.

As many communities plan a more traditional Ramadan with social-distancing and reduced operations, another opportunity emerges: defining a “new normal” for Ramadan for ourselves, one focused on *being* more instead of simply *doing* more: a **Mindful Ramadan**. One of the purposes of Ramadan is to emerge more mindful and aware of Allah SWT. Allah (SWT) says in *Surat Al-Baqara*:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

“O, believers! Fasting is prescribed for you—as it was for those before you—so perhaps you will become Mindful of God.” [2:183]

A Mindful Ramadan is about more than doing a lot in Ramadan and then returning to our past selves afterwards. Instead, it is about utilizing Ramadan to go beyond all the incredible blessings and rewards of the month and transform into a better version of ourselves. It is about finding our focus on who we want to become and aligning everything we do to fuel that transformation.

Thus, Mindful Ramadan is about being present and intentional. If we think about Fasting, the primary obligation of Ramadan, it is more an act of *refraining* from certain things than it is one of apparent, outward worship. Fasting in its very nature is an act of the heart, as we cultivate our soul even when no one is watching. This mindfulness of Allah SWT is the very foundation of Mindful Ramadan and its reward. Allah SWT says:

الصِّيَامُ لِي وَأَنَا أَجْزِي بِهِ

“Fasting is for me, and I (personally) give its reward. [Bukhari 1795]

The scholars of Hadith opined that one meaning of Allah SWT giving the reward is that Allah Himself will be the reward. The reward of a Mindful Ramadan is nothing short of the presence and proximity of Allah SWT and His pleasure on the day of judgment and in Jannah. What better reward and joy is there than the privilege of meeting our creator favourably on that day?

This Ramadan, as we try to present to Allah SWT our best selves, let us remember that Allah SWT looks at our hearts most of all.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورَتِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ.

“Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, Rather He looks at your hearts and actions.” [Muslim 2564].

Jazakumullahu Khairan,

**Mohamed Bush
Vice Principal
Director of Islamic Studies
BCMS/SMS**



Assalamu Alaykum Dear SMS Parents,

The virtue of charity and generosity is one of our fundamental tenets in Islam. We want to inculcate these values in our children from a very early age. For this reason, we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the Muslim Food Bank in time for Eid al Fitr, Insha'Allah. The Muslim Food Bank is in urgent need of canned foods such as chickpeas, fava beans, and pasta.

Starting March 29th, 2022, we want every child to participate in this blessed, and honoured tradition of giving Sadaqat. The Food drive will continue until April 20th, 2022. Please teach your children by having them purchase or collect the food items themselves and deliver them to the school.

Food Items

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| • Canned beans/chickpeas | • Flour |
| • Dry beans/other legumes | • Oil |
| • Peanut butter/other nut butters | • Rice |
| • Rolled oats | • Nuts and seed |
| • Applesauce | • Cereal (Hot or Cold) |
| • Canned soups | • Cookies and crackers |
| • Macaroni and cheese | • Pancake mix |
| • Canned fish | • Instant mashed potatoes |
| • Canned fruit or vegetable | • Jams/jelly |
| • Pasta and pasta sauce | • Condiments like ketchup and salad dressing |
| | • Granola Bars |

May Allah (SWT) open the doors of His Mercy and Forgiveness for us and accept our deeds. Ameen. Jazakum Allah Khairan for your help and your support.

Mohammed Hussain
Principal





8 Tips to help Parents make Ramadan fun for kids

1) Fast Together As A Family

- Remind one another of the glad tidings for those who fast.
- Children see their parents as role models and imitate them in their actions, knowingly and unknowingly.



2) Play Through Acting

- Taking on role plays on topics that center around Ramadan and Islam.

3) Keep A Ramadan Journal

- Making a list for all the good deeds children can carry out and the naughty deeds to avoid.

4) Read Children's Books on Ramadan

For the experience to be lively, everyone should turns reading, or everyone takes on a character of preference in the story.



5) Hold Ramadan Competitions for Children

It would be a good way of instilling Islamic education in the young minds of your children, and cultivating good habits and characters from a very tender age.

6) Take a Nap Together

Even just twenty minutes can have a profound, positive, productive effect.

8) Pray Taraweeh Together

Children do enjoy praying Taraweeh with their parents.

7) Break Fast Together

Let children be the timekeepers of the house in the month of Ramadan. Let them make sure that you break your fast on time. Since many families all over the world, cook special meals for iftar, partaking in the kitchen work does leave a lasting impression on the children who love to be their mother's helpers. Their faces glow with joy and they feel energized to prepare for the next fasting days ahead of them.



Quran Recitation Challenge

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents,

Ramadan is the month of Quran. The CORE Department is happy to reintroduce the Quran Recitation Challenge during this month. Students from grade 1 to grade 8 are welcome to join in this challenge. This activity is optional; however, we highly encourage all students to participate.

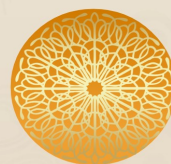
The participants must practice reciting 10 Ayat of any Surah they wish, imitating a reciter of their choice from the following list:

- * Abdulbasit Abdussamad <https://youtu.be/WxJgB67ZEYM>
- * Muhammad Siddiq Al- Minshawi https://youtu.be/he_5BtBqK7o
- * Muhammad Al- Tablawi <https://youtu.be/UQtfnBmY2Js>
- * Mahmoud Khalil Al-hussary <https://youtu.be/DuSwheWOtq8>
- * Ali Bin Abdurrahman Al-Huzaifi <https://youtu.be/wst24hMpqlQ>
- * Abdul Rahman Al- Saudis <https://youtu.be/VfVeiSJLtvI>
- * Saad El Ghamdi <https://youtu.be/Xklm6Pi-xHc>
- * Ahmed Bin Ali Al Ajmi <https://youtu.be/IvWF-gtZA0M>
- * Saud Al- Shuraim: <https://youtu.be/Zqfcov7Ste4>
- * Maher Al Muaiqly <https://youtu.be/dxAcXDUeu1Q>

Your help and encouragement for your child will be greatly appreciated!

Jazakumullahu khairan

Core Teachers



School Closed



Friday, April 15, 2022 }
Monday, April 18, 2022 } **Public Holidays**

Friday, April 22, 2022 } **P/T Interview**
Academic

Monday, April 25, 2022 }
To Friday, April 29, 2022 } **Spring Break**

Monday, May 2nd, 2022 }
Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 } **Eid Ul-Fitr**

Interim Report Card

Interim Report Card will be given out
on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.





Surrey Muslim School

Parent Teacher Interviews
15 minutes



April 21

< > April 2022

Select staff (optional)

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Anyone

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The Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted in person. They will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2022 and Friday, April 22, 2022.**

- **Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Core and French Teachers Interviews will be held at Muslim Youth Center.

Muslim Youth Center address: #208 -7750 128th Street, Surrey, V3W 0R6

- **Friday, April 22, 2022 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Homeroom Teachers Interviews will be held at Surrey Muslim School.

Surrey Muslim School address: #119 -7475 135 Street, Surrey, V3W 0M8

The Booking App information will be sent on **Thursday, April 14, 2022.** Please Stay Tuned!!!

Add your details

Name

Email

Address (optional)

Phone number

Please let us know if you have any special requests.
Thank you.

Notes (optional)

Book

Coming Soon

SMS Year Book 2021-2022

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Online at
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Allah (SWT) mentions in the Holy Quran “Indeed, Allah is with those who endure patiently” -Al Quran (8:46)

In order to be patient and be of those that Allah loves, we must have Tawakkul (trust) in Allah. If we have trust in Allah, then we can be patient, knowing that he has ultimate control of all situations. Sabr (patience) is seen numerous times in the Holy Quran. This life is full of challenges, and being patient during those times and throughout one’s interactions brings reward upon the believer in the eyes of Allah.

“Indeed, he who fears Allah and is patient, then indeed, Allah does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good.” [Yusuf: 90]



Islam guides us through all stages of life and brings us back to the bigger picture and the reality of this life. Having a strong belief in Allah and remaining patient during stressful and difficult situations brings rewards without limitations. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: “Whoever persists in being patient, Allah will make him patient. Nobody can be given a blessing better and greater than patience.” (Al-Bukhari) .Remaining patient in these times and always, will only bring you closer to Allah SWT and make us stronger. Allah promises the highest level of Jannah to the believer who stays persistent and patient.

Some questions to ask your child(ren)

- The Prophet (SAW) demonstrated patience throughout his life. Can you give an example of one case?
- What does patience mean?
- Was there a time it was hard for you to be patient? What happened?
- Give examples of the types of patience

Patience at School

- ♦ Be patient with your friends and classmates.
- ♦ Wait patiently and follow your teacher’s instructions.
- ♦ Be patient in waiting for your turn when it comes to games or sharing objects.
- ♦ Be patient with those who require your help.



Spring Break

Starts on Friday, April 22nd, 2022 and school reopens on
Wednesday, May 4th, 2022

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Ramadan Begins (Tentative)	4	5	6 Quran Competition Final	7	8 Ramadan Door Challenge Final	9
10	11	12	13 Grade 3 Field Trip	14 Door Decoration Winners / Boys' Club Iftar (Gr. 7 & 8)	15 Public Holiday (School Closed)	16
17	18 Public Holiday (School Closed)	19 Interim Report Card Out/ Assembly	20 Quran Recitation Challenge / Food Bank Final Day	21 P/T Interviews Core /French Teachers	22 P/T Interviews Academic Teachers (School Closed)	23
24	25 Spring Break/ Gr.6 Boys Iftar	26	27	28	29	30
May 1st	May 2nd Eid Ul-Fitr School Closed	May 3rd Eid Ul-Fitr School Closed	May 4th In-School Eid Celebration			