



**SURREY MUSLIM
SCHOOL**

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Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Assalamu alaikum wa-rahmutullahi wa-brakatuhu,

The first month of school flew by so quickly! Students are settled, and everyone is excited about the year ahead. We are continuing to fortify our strong commitment to academic achievement by providing our students with a meaningful and challenging educational experience. We at Surrey Muslim School will continue to strive to ensure that our students develop the skills which will assist them in working cooperatively as responsible individuals, who are aware of their role in their community.

I want to thank our parent partners for helping their child(ren) settle into their new classroom routines, for sending students to school with a full uniform, and for keeping sick kids home.

The staff at SMS continues to appreciate the outstanding level of support received from parents. Together we can work toward providing the best educational program for your children, by the challenges we face by not having our own playground and field for our students to play.

Wet Weather –due to Fall rain and leaves. Please help your child be prepared for the elements by ensuring your children have warm, water resistant coats and hoods or hats to keep dry. Thank you in advance for your help in planning ahead for the weather. We know that purchasing wet weather gear for your child is the easy part – convincing your children to wear it is more challenging!

Lunch Reminders – Just a reminder to pack all utensils needed for your child's lunch. There are no forks and spoons available at school for student use.

Litter-less snacks: To keep our grounds clean and to be kind to the environment, we are encouraging students to bring litter-less snacks. Veggies and fruit packed in reusable containers or items such as granola bars that have wrappers that can be removed before the students leave the class (and taken home for appropriate recycling) are good choices that are healthy for our students, as well as for the environment.



*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*



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

Principal's Message

Medical Forms (Anaphylaxis) were sent home on September 8th. Please review them carefully to ensure we have accurate information for your child. Make the necessary changes and sign and date the form and return it by October 3rd. Thank you very much for helping us ensure that we have accurate information.

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) – Each year, students in Grades 4 and 7 in BC take part in the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), an assessment of reading comprehension, writing and numeracy. The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts and schools track how well students are learning core academic skills. The information is used at the Ministry, District, and school level to set goals for improving student learning. This year, the FSA's will be administered in October and November.

Parents contacting teachers – We all recognize that parent/teacher communication and teamwork are essential to student success. As such, we want to be accessible to parents to deal with concerns or questions that may arise. We want to ensure that parents and teachers can have a focused conversation that is not hindered either because the children are in class or because the teacher may have a prior commitment. The best way to ensure that your concerns are heard and given the attention they deserve is to contact your child's teacher by e-mail to make an appointment at a time that works for both of you. Parents it is important to sign up/sign In for the **SMS APP** and check it regularly to know what your child is learning and to be on the same page.

Traffic Safety Concerns – Congestion and parking are frustrating issues at most schools. Together, we can ensure the safety of all our students by taking a little extra time and exercising caution and common sense. Please adhere to school zone speed limits, as well as parking rules. If you are stopping to drop off or pick up your child, please **park and walk** your child to their teacher. Parking is limited, so arrive early, please kindly avoid backing up when you drop off your child(ren) always avoid parking near the bus. This will help us to maximize safety and reduce frustration.

My door is always open, and I look forward to the opportunity in continuing to build relationships with each one of you as we embark on a new school year filled with great plans and amazing possibilities for our faculty, staff, students, and community. If I may ever be of any assistance, please feel free to contact the office to book an appointment.

Sincerely,

Mohamed Bush
Principal



Picture Day

Tuesday, October 19th, 2022
is Photo Day



Students will be having individual and class photo.
Students are expected to wear correct school uniform, clean and pressed.



Starts

The Foundation Skills Assessment will begin on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 - November 10, 2022. The FSA is an annual province wide assessment of all B.C. students. It tests academic skills in grades 4 and 7.

Results provide parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

May ALLAH help our students do well.

AAMEEN.

Cold and Flu Season

With the change in weather, we have been noticing an increase in students with cold and flu symptoms. Please be reminded to self-assess your child (ren) every morning before sending them to school.

If they have any symptoms such as: sneezing, sore throat, runny nose, cough or fever, please DO NOT send them to school, and phone the office to inform us of the absence. If your child develops symptoms while at school, the office will be contacting parents to pick them up.



Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards will be issued on October 31st, 2022. Interims help parents stay on top of their child's progress in each subject, and because they're usually issued halfway through a grading period, they also give families a chance to correct any academic problems that exist.

For example, a teacher might indicate that your student is having trouble paying attention in class, or that your child is courteous, responsible, and helpful to others. Sometimes interim reports also request a parent/teacher conference, especially if there are academic or social problems involving the student.



Pay close attention to the teacher's comments. This information provides key insights into what your child needs to change or improve on as well as what they are doing well.

NO SCHOOL DAYS



Friday, September 30th, 2022

Truth & Reconciliation Day (School Closed)

Monday, October 10th, 2022



Public Holiday (School Closed)



Friday, October 21st, 2022

Pro-D Day (School Closed for Students)

How Can I Help My Child Be Successful in School?

1. Read EVERYDAY! You can read to your child or have your child read to you...either way...READ!
2. Create a consistent after-school routine. Help your child study and complete their homework.
3. Be POSITIVE! Always speak positively about school, learning, and your child's teacher.
4. Encourage! Give your child the opportunity to excel in all areas of their academics.
5. Be sure that your child is getting plenty of rest each night and is ready for school each day.
6. Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and to take pride in all they do!
7. Stay INVOLVED! Make it a point to ask your child about their day.
8. Communicate...Please know you can contact Teacher with any questions or concerns.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Lunch

Kindly remember to pack enough food and a refillable water bottle for your child so they are nourished, hydrated and are able to make the most of their day at school Incha'Allah. It is important to remember that the school does not provide food for students and are able to provide a small snack in case a child has spilled and or forgotten their food for the day.



Early Dismissal

If parents need to pick up their child for an appointment, please call the office ahead of time and pick up your child BEFORE 2:30 pm.

Please note: We are not permitted to release a child to someone other than the parent or guardian without permission.



Late Student

Your child is officially late at 8:25 am and must come to the office for late Slip.



Check For Symptoms

Please make sure to check your child for any symptoms before sending them to school.



Not Taking Bus

Please call the office **by 2:30 p.m. the latest** whenever your child is not taking the bus in the afternoon.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parent Information

Please remember to inform the school office if you have a change of address, phone number or other documents, please send an email to: **sms@bcmaschools.ca**

Middle School Contact

Middle School Coordinator:

[Br. Ata Ullah](#)

Office phone number:

[604-270-2550 Ext. 101](#)

Email Address:

aullah@bcmaschools.ca

Safe School Notice

Safety and security are important at our school. Our “Safe Welcome” program involves cameras installed, and door visitors buzz.

Parents/guardians and visitors must not enter the school unless otherwise authorized by the administration.

All parents are reminded to call the front office to kindly request a meeting with the principle instead of dropping-in. Any parents or guardians dropping in will be asked to make an appointment and return at a later time.

Nutrition

Parents are requested to send their children to school each day with nutritious food that provide health and energy that leads to increase academic performances.

Foods which contain large amounts of sugar may affect behaviour adversely. Studies show that students who have sufficient nutrition in their diets perform better at school. Drinking water throughout the day significantly enhances student performance.

Our School is **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please refrain from bringing food that contains nuts.



Anaphylaxis

In cases where a student is anaphylactic, parents/guardians are expected to provide the school with EPI-Pen(s) for their child.

Parents/Guardians must also work with the school to develop an Individual Medical Management Plan that outlines emergency procedures for their child. Letter will be sent to parents early September.

The school must administer an EPI-Pen when a student is suspected of suffering an anaphylactic reaction even if no Individual Medical Management Plan exists.

PAC Information

What is PAC?

PAC stands for Parent Advisory Council.

Who can join PAC?

Any parent of an SMS student can join.

What is the purpose of PAC?

PAC allows parents to be informed about the school, as well as it permits parents to discuss concerns and aspirations towards their school.

What does PAC do?

PAC organizes events & activities such as Hot Lunch, Bake Sales, Eid Celebrations, Graduation Ceremonies and much more.

Support your school!
Attend our meeting on Monday
October 3rd at 8:30am (in the
school)

Join our fun PAC team!

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



What are Muslims taught about Respect in Islam?

Respect is defined as a positive feeling towards people. One should be respectful to everybody. There is a great significance of Adab (Good Manners) and respect in Islam. The Prophet (PBUH) is a great source of inspiration for us in this matter. He was kind and courteous towards everyone. Therefore, this should be applied to ourselves too. We need to learn about his lifestyle and how he presented himself to the world.

Allah mentions in the Quran ***“And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.”*** [21:107]

It is our religious and moral duty as well to be good mannered towards other people of society regardless of race and religion.

Message of Peace

Good manners mean carrying out positive tasks with courtesy. It can consist of the practice to revive broken relationships to stopping two people from fighting. Good manners are about respecting parents, elders, neighbors, spouse, [non-muslims](#) and everyone we meet in our daily lives. To have peace in the world, people must be kind to each other. You can show kindness and show people that you are always obliged to have them.

The Prophet (PBUH) mentioned about good manners in one of His Hadith in these words:
“ NOTHING IS WEIGHTIER ON THE SCALE OF DEEDS THAN ONE’S GOOD MANNERS” (SAHIH BU-KHARI)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) also reminded us about manners in another Hadith:
“ THE MOST BELOVED OF ALLAH’S SERVANTS TO ALLAH ARE THOSE WITH THE BEST MANNERS.” (AL-BUKHARI)

We need to ask ourselves on a daily basis ‘Am I the best possible person that I could be?’. The answer will be No as there is always room for improvement. The most perfect of Allah’s creation was the Prophet (PBUH) and we should try to adopt his teachings and the good manner in our lives.

Parent Guidance - Social Media Awareness

Here are some opportunities for students and parents to do some training regarding Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints, and Cyberbullying.

Training Offering	Dates	Delivery	Registration Link
Student Sessions with Parents (after school hours) - Social Media Awareness - Social Media Awareness, Digital Footprints and Cyberbullying	November 15, 2022 6:30pm to 7:30pm	online	https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentParentsNov152022/
	November 30, 2022 6:30pm to 7:30pm	online	https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentParentsNov302022/

October 2022

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2	3 - FSA Starts - Anaphylaxis Forms Due to the	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Public Holiday (School Closed)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Photo Day (Individual)	20	21 Pro-D Day (School Closed)	22
23	24 Immunization for Gr. 6	25	26	27 Assembly	28	29
30	31 -Interim Report Card out/ -English/ Arabic Spelling Bee Starts					