

September 2023



Here We Go Again!

Surrey Muslim School is Waking Up

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.



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. Please note that the school does not provide food for students.

Our "Safe Welcome" program involves cameras installed, and door visitors buzz.

Parents and visitors access must be by pre-approval from administration and by appointment only.



Please pick-up your children at 3:30 P.M the latest.

Our legal liability to care for your children starts at 8:00AM and ends at 3:45PM.

If you are unable to personally pick-up your child, please arrange for either a sibling who must be minimum 18 years old, and or a friend or family member whom you grant written authorization to pick-up your child to the school you haven't already done so.

If you need to pick up your 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.



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



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



Call the front office to request an appointment

Please remember to phone the school office before 8:30 a.m. whenever your child is absent or if you have change in address or phone number. Please mention your child's name, grade and the reason of his/her absence.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Assalamo Alaikum

Respected SMS Families

I am happy and honored to welcome you all to the beginning of a new academic year. I look forward to making 2023-24 a successful school year with your support, InshaAllah.

We are very excited to see fresh faces of our kids after long summer break. Once again, SMS rooms and hallways are filled with their presence and cheerful smiles. Our students' enthusiasm for learning and excitement motivates us to love them and remain more connected with them.

It would be my utmost effort to provide our students a conducive environment of learning filled with religious and academic education. Love of Allah Subhan Wa Taala and His messenger will provide these budding scholars strong social, emotional, and spiritual stability. Moreover, it will accelerate their learning in general areas of education by developing them as successful members of the society.

I strongly believe that education is a partnership between the school, parents, and students. Together, we can create a support I've and empowering learning community. Your valuable participation and feedback will help us to improve our teaching and learning process. Let us work together to ensure a successful educational journey for our students.

The first two weeks will be spent to engage the students in positive activities like learning the school rules, responsibilities, and personal and social codes of conduct. These skills will help in grooming the students and building strong relationships with their peers and teachers.

The monthly newsletter will provide necessary information regarding school activities. The teachers will be in touch with you via school app and emails. Do check the school App daily to remain connected with your child's teacher.

I assure you that I will serve this great school, its talented students, staff, and supportive community with the best of my abilities, InshaAllah.

With prayers and Duas

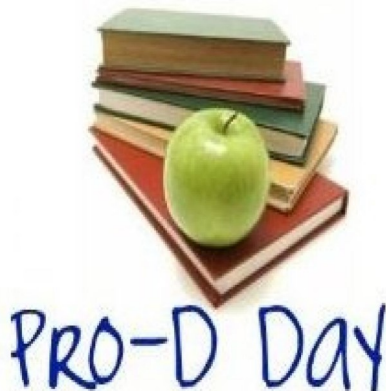
Shagufta Ansari

Principal



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 KG Orientation	2
3	4 Public Holiday 	5 School Reopen! 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 MEET the TEACHER	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  PRO-D DAY	26	27	28	29 	30



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NATIONAL DAY OF
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

on

September 15, 2023

More information will be shared shortly

Stay Tuned



Monday, September 18th

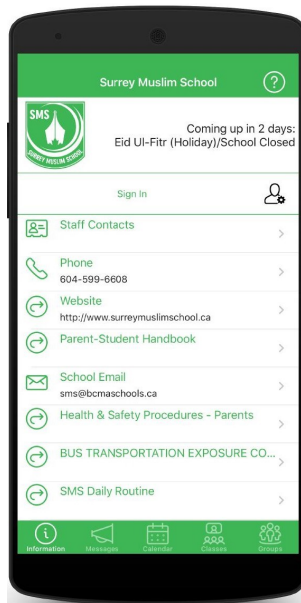
Surrey Muslim School is pleased to be holding our annual Terry Fox Run event. This is the day our school will be showing our commitment to fight against cancer.

All staff and students are encouraged to take part, as we look to build on the participation level of last year's event.

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SMS APP Flyer For PARENTS



Download “Surrey Muslim School” App

- ♦ to get all the desired notifications in one place



- ♦ to stay organized by managing your own calendars and setting up your own reminders



- ♦ To get quick and easy access to all the school information, which is always up-to-date



“Surrey Muslim School”



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free “Surrey Muslim School” app, or visit sms.appazur.com/go.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap **Sign In** (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen. Enter your school email address if you have one.

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

sms.appazur.com

Parents: Please contact the school for the access code.

Access Code: 12345

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

Choose the **Classes** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the **Groups** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.



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Note:

For our previous parents, all users have been signed out of their accounts, please sign in again.
In case you forgot your password, please use SET NEW PASSWORD.



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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Every parent is automatically a member of the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** and is invited to attend and take part in the meetings held throughout the school year. Please join PAC meeting on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 4:00PM for finalizing PAC executive members.

PAC DESIGNATED POSITIONS:

Chairperson	Chairs all meetings, sets up agenda, and ensures the order of the meeting
Vice Chair	Works with the chair and can perform the same duties if the chair is not available
Secretary	Records the meeting minutes and publishes them
Treasurer	Handles all financial transactions for the PAC, arranges for audited statements each year
Volunteers	Organizes the school program in cooperation with the parents and teaching staff
Coordinator	Assist parents in accessing the system and to advocate on behalf of parents and students

PAC OBJECTIVES:

- To promote the welfare of students.
- To support the school's unique programs, both with time and financial resources.
- To facilitate the involvement of parents with the school through coordination of volunteer opportunities.
- To offer advice and make recommendations to the school principal and administration team.



The PAC has supported the school in numerous ways including:

- ◇ hot lunches/ Bake Sale
- ◇ sports events/ Field Trips
- ◇ School clubs
- ◇ Graduation



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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Why Does Attendance Matter?

Every school day counts in a child's academic life...

We would like to kindly remind all students, parents and guardians that school starts at 8:00 A.M., and our morning Duaa will begin at 8:10 am Insha'Allah. One of the best ways of making the most of your child's educational experience as well as the blessings of group morning Duaa is to ensure they arrive to school on time Insha'Allah.

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. In this era of increased accountability for states, districts, and schools, the connection between student attendance and learning is being studied more than ever before. As a result, education agencies are asked with increasing frequency to report attendance data in a standard manner to allow comparisons across organizations and jurisdictions.

The primary rationale for high-quality attendance data is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Teacher effectiveness is the strongest school-related determinant of student success, but chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.



SURREY MUSLIM SCHOOL BUS RULES

We are pleased to announce the continuation of our bus services to all the families that have requested it. Our school sincerely prioritizes your child's safety within the school as well as in the school bus. If your child does commute to school by school bus, kindly remind them to adhere to bus safety protocols given to them by our designated bus drivers. For their safety, children in the school bus must not eat or drink, or throw and or pass items to other students, remain seated, and practice good social etiquette towards the bus driver and other students in the bus. All the school buses at SMS are equipped with security cameras which record all activity within the bus to ensure student safety.





First Day of School Tips: **PREP THE DAY BEFORE**



- Pack lunches & snacks.
- Lay out clothes & shoes.
- This should eliminate any arguments about what to wear the morning of school.
- Pack backpacks & leave them by the door.
- Take those precious "First Day of School" pictures the day before so you're not stressed out the morning of...no one will ever know the difference!



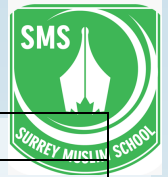
MORNING ROUTINE



- Create a consistent morning routine.
- Include things such as:
 - Eating breakfast
 - Brushing teeth
 - Getting dressed
 - Using the bathroom
 - Making the bed
- Visual schedules are great to help with this.



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