



SESSION 2024-2025
NEWSLETTER
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Assalamo Alaikum.

On behalf of the SMS team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new parents and students for the upcoming academic year 2024-25. We are committed to offering our full support and guidance to ensure a successful academic journey for your children.

As we commence the new academic year, our initial focus will be on establishing routines for the students and fostering connections with their teachers and peers. This will enable the students to share experiences, develop strong relationships, and build trust and confidence with their colleagues and instructors.

We have equipped our institution with the necessary resources to prepare for the new academic year. A new computer lab equipped with 20 Chromebooks has been established to enhance advanced learning skills. Additionally, new resources are added in English Language Arts (ELA) to improve our students' reading and writing skills.

We firmly believe that collaboration between the school staff and parents is crucial for the academic success of our students. Therefore, we encourage a strong partnership to support your child's educational journey. We are dedicated to playing our part and seek your full support and participation in your child's growth and development. We urge you to review the Parents Handbook, available online, to familiarize yourself with the school's policies and regulations. As the students are returning after the long summer break, we kindly request your assistance in helping them establish routines, limit screen time, and ensure they receive adequate rest for a fresh and productive start to their day.

To assist your child in acclimating to the new academic year and to foster confidence and success, we offer the following reminders:

- 1) Ensure regular and punctual attendance.
- 2) Utilize the school App to stay informed about homework assignments and provide any necessary assistance.
- 3) Encourage daily reading to cultivate a passion for literacy and to improve literacy skills.
- 4) Encourage open communication with your child to stay informed about their school experiences.
- 5) Arrange appointments with teachers as needed to address any concerns.

We are delighted to inform you that we will host a "Meet the Teacher's Night" on September 20th, 2024. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and familiarize yourself with the classroom environment.

Once again, we wish you a highly successful school year and pray for the guidance of Allah Subhan Wa tala to enable us to instill strong Islamic values and contribute to the success of our students as responsible individuals. This, indeed, is the primary goal of Surrey Muslim School.

Jazakallah Khair
Shagufta Ansari
Principal



Call the front office to request an appointment



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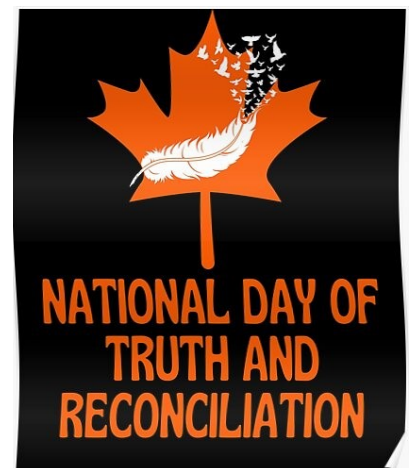
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (School Closed)	3 SCHOOL OPENS	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 Fire Drill	13 Earthquake Kit Due
16	17	18	19	20 MEET THE TEACHER'S NIGHT 6:00-7:30PM
23	24	25 Bus Evacuation Drill	26 Terry Fox Run	27 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
30 Truth & Reconciliation Day (School Closed)				



PRO-D DAY

27

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**MEET THE
TEACHER NIGHT**
on
Friday, September 20, 2024



Monday, September 26th

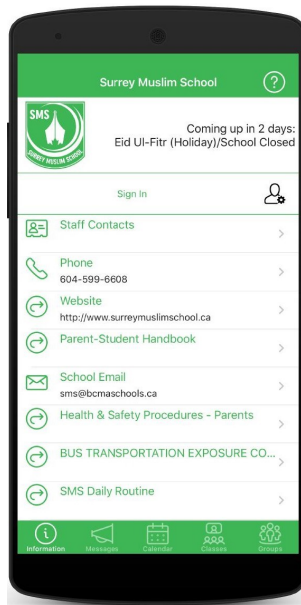
Surrey Muslim School is pleased to be holding our annual Terry Fox Run event. This is the day our school will be showing our commitment to fight against cancer.

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.
- iPhone users might face difficulty in using our App on iPhones. We are in process of fixing it and will update you once its done.



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NO PARENTS ALLOWED INSIDE THE SCHOOL

Please pick and drop your child at the school door. Only Staff and Students are permitted inside the school.



FLOW OF TRAFFIC OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

To ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic during drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly ask that all vehicles enter the school premises from the **north side** and exit from the **south side** of the school.

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.

LUNCH & SNACKS

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 remember to email the school 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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LATE

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



NOT TAKING BUS

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



LABEL EVERYTHING

Write your kid's names and grades on their

- Bags
- Lunch Boxes
- Jackets

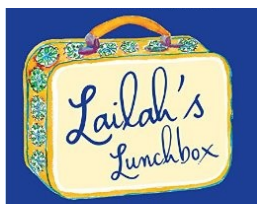
so they don't lose them.

PICK UP TIME

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.





FRIDAY ATTIRE

As part of our weekly tradition, every Friday we allow students to wear attire of their choice, provided it adheres to Islamic standards.



Girls can wear long shirts or dresses, while boys are encouraged to wear Jubba or Shalwar Qameez. **Please note that half sleeves, shorts and tights are strictly not allowed.**



EARLY DISMISSAL

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.

ANAPHYLACTIC FORMS

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. Due date to fill is September 27, 2024



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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 13, 2023 at 8:30AM at SMS for finalizing PAC executive members.

PAC DESIGNATED POSITIONS:

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| 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 begins 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. 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.

