



Dates to Remember

3 First day of Muharram

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12 Ashura: Martyrdom of Imam al-Hussein & his Ahlul-Bayt & companions (PBUT)
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27 Martyrdom of Imam Ali Zein al-Aabideen (AS)

What is Ashura?

In the month of Muharram 61 AH (~ 20 October 680 AD), a significant event took place in Iraq at a place known as Karbala, on the Euphrates river banks. A large army, numbered in the tens of thousands, had been mobilised by the Umayyad regime. This army besieged a group of persons numbering less than a hundred and put them under pressure to pay allegiance to the self-proclaimed Caliph of the time and submit to his authority.

The small group resisted and a remarkable battle took place in which they were killed.

It appeared at that time that like hundreds of similar events, this battle would be recorded in history and forgotten in time. However, the events that occurred 1376 years ago, on the 10th day of Muharram in Karbala, were to become a beacon and an inspiration for future generations.

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Get Your Missed Forms Online

All school forms will be available online, including parent volunteering, event sponsorship, pizza forms, field trip forms, hot lunch order forms, .. etc.



If your child did not bring a form home, please download it from the **Forms** section of the school's website and print.

Address/Phone Changes?

It is **extremely** important to provide the school office with your current ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER(S). It's difficult to contact you without them.

Please call us at 613- 526 0774



We would like to thank the following parents for their contributions:

School Field trips

Mrs. Monira Kayhan, Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun,
Mrs. Mariam Zeineddine, Mrs. Hajer Abdullah

Eid Al-Ghadeer treats/cupcakes

Mrs. Fareeba Gheibi, Anonymous parent, and Miss. Hiba Lezzaik



The Importance of Home + School Teamwork

Neither parents nor teachers working alone can do everything to help students learn. But when parents and teachers are on the same team, children win every time.

Here's how you can contribute to the partnership:

- **Establish and enforce firm, fair and consistent rules.** Respect for rules at home will translate to respect for learning.
- **Support your school's policies for attendance, discipline, homework ...**
- **Come to every school event you can**, including teacher conferences.

Do not talk disrespectfully about the school or the teacher. Make sure your child knows that the teacher is in charge in the classroom and requires respect.

Who is Hussein?

The leader of the small band of men who were martyred in Karbala was none other than Hussein ^(AS), son of Ali bin Abi Talib ^(AS) and grandson of the Holy Prophet ^(SAAWW).

Who was Hussein? He was the son of Fatima ^(AS) for whom the Holy Prophet ^(SAAWW) said,

**"Hussein is from me and I am from Hussein.
May God love whoever loves Hussein."**

With the passing away of his brother Imam Hassan ^(AS) in 50 AH, Hussein ^(AS) became the leader of the household of the Holy Prophet ^(SAAWW).

He respected the agreement of peace signed by Hassan ^(AS) and Muawiya, and, despite the urging of his followers, he did not undertake any activity that threatened the political status quo.

Rather, he continued with the responsibility of looking after the religious needs of the people and was recognised for his knowledge, piety and generosity.

On the other hand, we have Yazeed, whose father (Muawiya) and grandfather (Abu Sufyan - the arch-enemy of the Prophet ^(SAAWW)) had always tried to sabotage the mission of the Holy Prophet ^(SAAWW).

Yazeed showed his true colour by stating in a poem **"Bani Hashim had staged a play to obtain kingdom, there was neither any news from God nor any revelation."** He completely denies Islam, describing it as no more than a plot to govern.

Mas'udi writes that Yazeed was a pleasure-seeking person, given to wine drinking and playing with pets, notably monkeys.

When asked to pay allegiance to Yazeed, it is no wonder that Hussein's response to Yazeed's governor was:

"We are the household of the prophethood, the source of messenger-ship, the descending-place of the angels, through us Allah had began (showering His favours) and with us He has perfected (His favours), whereas Yazeed is a sinful person, a drunkard, the killer of innocent people and one who openly indulges in sinful acts.

A person like me can never pledge allegiance to a person like him ..."

The revolution of Hussein ^(AS) was an Islamic movement spearheaded by one of the great leaders of Islam.

The principles and laws of Islam required Imam Hussein ^(AS) to stand in the way of the deviating ruler and to warn the Ummah (nation) of the evil situation which it was in.

Imam Hussein ^(AS) remarked when he left Madina for the last time,

"I am not rising (against Yazeed) as an insolent or an arrogant person, or a mischief-monger or tyrant. I have risen (against Yazeed) seeking to reform the Ummah of my grandfather.

I wish to bid the good and forbid the evil."

Imam Hussein ^(AS) was killed on the battlefield.

His head was separated from his body on the plains of Karbala, mounted on a spear, and paraded through villages and towns in many countries and regions as it was taken to Damascus and presented at the feet of Yazeed.

Why remember Ashura?

Why is Hussein ^(AS) regarded as the "leader of the martyrs"?

Imam Hussein was not just the victim of an ambitious ruler. There is no doubt that the tragedy of Karbala, when ascribed to the killers, is a criminal and terrible act.

When ascribed to Hussein ^(AS) himself, however, it represents a conscious confrontation and a courageous resistance for a sacred cause.

The whole nation had failed to stand up to Yazeed.

They had succumbed to his will, and deviation and regression towards the pre-Islamic ways were increasing.

Passiveness by Hussein ^(AS) in this situation would have meant the end of Islam as we know it. Thus, Imam Hussein ^(AS) took upon himself the responsibility of the whole nation.

The greatest tragedy was that one, who stood up for the noblest of causes, the defence of Islam, was cut down in so cruel a manner.

It is for this reason that the sacrifice of Hussein ^(AS) is commemorated annually, with ever increasing loyalty and passion, throughout the Muslim world.

Our sorrow never abates as we relive the tragedy.

The commemoration of Ashura on the 10th of Muharram every year serves to remind us of the sacrifices of the family of the Prophet ^(SAAW).

It also makes us aware of the people, then and now, who tried to destroy Islam and the family of the Prophet ^(SAAWW) and all that they stood for - as well as those who watched and listened but did nothing.





Meet the Teacher Night

A note of thanks and appreciation to all of the families that took time out of their busy schedules to join us on Wed Sept 14 for our Meet the Teacher Night.

The teachers worked hard to prepare for this evening and we hope that everyone who attended found it to be helpful and informative.



Medication

School staff cannot administer medication of any type, without a medication form.

If you need this form please download it from the school's website. Medications are distributed through the office and kept in a secure location. We have had a number of recent requests to give students Tylenol and we can't do this without a medication form completed and on file at the office.



Labeling

We would like to ask you to label articles sent to school, especially shoes/boots, sweaters, and jackets. Please put your child's name on anything we request from home. This prevents mix-ups and lost articles.



Money to School

Any time you send money/cheques to school with your child (for field trips, hot lunches, special projects, etc.) please put the exact amount in an envelope, seal it, and put the purpose for the money/cheques, the teacher's and child's name on the envelope.



Applause, Applause

- To the **staff** of Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School who worked very hard as a team to make our children feel welcome and excited about the new school year.
- To our **school administrator**, Mrs. Aseel, whose dedicated work in the office was essential in starting the school year smoothly.
- To all **teachers** for preparing and organizing their classrooms.
- To all **staff** for attending and participating in the PA Days prior to the school year.
- To the **School Board** for their continuous support to the school staff, and for their tireless effort and perseverance to provide high quality of education to our students.



Dismissal

Our goal is to keep your child safe, and still make it as convenient as possible for you to pick-up your child. If you are picking your child up after school, the following guidelines would be followed as the construction on Baribeau Street has finished.

- **If you need to pick up your child before 2:00**, for an appointment, please call the school ahead of time and pick up the child through the front door on Baribeau Street.

Dismissal time reminder

Please notify the school when your child:

- Has a new driver
- Has a change in pick up routines at dismissal (for example asking a family friend to pick up your child).

Early Pick Up Procedure

- If a student needs to be released early for appointments, family trips, etc, parents/guardians are asked to notify his/her teacher that morning.
- Parents **MUST** notify the office if someone **other** than the parent/guardian will be picking up a student. This should be written in the note for early release.
- The parent/guardian must meet their student in the office to sign them out at the scheduled time.
- In the **rare** case that you are not able to send a note in the morning for an early pick up, please call at least 1 hour prior to pick-up time.
- The procedure is in place for safety and liability reasons and to help limit disruptions both in the office and in the classroom.

Character Traits

Each month teachers recognize students who display good character traits. Students who demonstrated the character of the month were awarded character awards.

Congratulations .. Punctuality Award Winners

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| JK: Ali Kahil | SK: Iyad Mansour-Bokretache | Gr.1: Jawad Atwi |
| Gr.2: Hadi El Haj Hassan | Gr.3: Malak Kabbout | Gr.4: Zeinab Lezzaik |
| Gr.5: Rokaya Kazan | Gr.6: Hawraa Jomaa | |
| Gr.7: Mustafa Al Sobeai | Gr.8: Siham Srour | |





Cold/Wet Weather

Weather at this time of year is changing.

Please ensure that your children are dressed according to conditions; Layers work best. We do not have the staffing to provide indoor supervision. Students are expected to be outside during breaks.

Eat Breakfast Every Day A day never passes without a student complaining of “not feeling well” and a “headache”.

We ask the student about breakfast and they often say “didn’t have any”, “didn’t want anything”, “wasn’t hungry”, or “running late”.

We encourage all students to eat in the morning, even if in small quantity.

Some children do not prefer traditional breakfast foods but may be happy with a sandwich instead.

Research shows that kids are more successful in school when they eat breakfast.

Breakfast continues to be the important meal of the day.

October’s Character Trait is Cooperation

- Cooperation means working together and getting along.
- Cooperating means to listen, share, take turns, and compromise.
- Cooperation means Assuming positive intentions in others
- Cooperation means Following the rules established by the group
- Cooperation means Respecting the ideas and feelings of others
- Cooperation means Valuing the contributions of others

The benefits of cooperation are part of our everyday lives. Sports teams, families and almost any group will work far better together when they unite and make an effort to get along.

Achieving Students

JK: Hamzah Almisbaa, Layan Bin Atya

SK: Sara Said, Mohamad Hussein Naanoua

Gr. 1: Fatemah Alyousif, Haninne Kabbout

Gr. 2: Leen Aljuzair, Jad Srour

Gr. 3: Malak Kabbout, Mariam Atwi

Gr. 4: Reem Atwi

Gr. 5: Sarah Saadane, Ali Ajaa

Gr. 6: Zahra Farhat

Gr. 7: Dina Bakir



Gr. 8: Batoul Jomaa

Most Valuable Prayer Award

MVP is awarded every week to students of grades 3 - 8 who consistently show excellent performance during their daily prayers at school.

Gr. 3: Hassan El-Cheikh

Gr. 5: Amina Lezzeik, Farah Hayder

Gr. 6: Hadi Almisbaa

Gr. 7: Maryam Al-Umar

Gr. 8: Aya Bakir

Congratulations to our New Student Council!



President & Secretary: **Batoul Jomaa**

Vice President: **Ali Issa**

Treasurer & Grade 8 representative: **Siham Srour**

Grade 8 representative: **Aya Bakir**

Grade 7 representative: **Raneem Zeitoun & Dina Bakir**

Grade 6 representative: **Hawraa Jomaa**

Grade 5 representative: **Rokaya Kazan**

Any family, with students in our school, can receive \$200, in tuition fee discount, for every referred student, when they introduce a new family to our school.

This initiative is subject to the following conditions:

- Referred family must be new to our school; returning families do not qualify.
- Referred students must complete one full school year.
- Referral fee is provided in the form of a tuition fee discount.
- This discount is awarded at the end of the completed school year.
- \$200 in discount is awarded for every referred student.

Please spread the good word about your school.

Help make it better for our community and our children.

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