



DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY
BY THE HARVEST YOU
REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS
THAT YOU PLANT

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Dates to Remember

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Set your clocks back one hour
- 8 Birth of Imam Moussa al-Kaazim (AS)
- 11 Remembrance Day
Progress Report cards go home
- 18 Parent-teacher interviews
No school for students
Martyrdom of Imam Ali al-Rida (AS)
- 20 40th Day of Imam Hussain Martyrdom
Anniversary (أربعين الإمام الحسين)
- 29 Martyrdom of our holy Prophet Mohammad
Peace & prayers be upon him & his Ahlul-Bayt

Imam Zayn-ul-Abideen, the 4th apostolic Imam of Ahlul-Bayt (as), spent the first 2 years of his infancy in the lap of his grandfather, Imam Ali, and then for 12 years had the gracious patronage of his uncle, Imam Hassan.

In 61 AH, he was present in Karbala, at the time of the gruesome tragedy of the wholesale massacre of his father, his uncles, brothers, cousins and all the godly comrades of his father. He, then, suffered a heartless captivity and imprisonment at the hands of Yazeed.

In Ashura, Imam Zayn-ul-Abideen, who had been very sick since his childhood, was semi-conscious in his sickbed and hence escaped the massacre in Karbala'.

Imam Hussein could only manage a very brief talk with the inmates of his camp and departed declaring his sick son as Imam.

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Student Referral Initiative Receive \$200 for every new referred student!

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.

Contact the office for details.

Please spread the good word about your school.

Masjid Trip for Grades 5 - 8

Students of grades 5 to 8 will be visiting Abu Thar Mosque on select Fridays, as per the following schedule.

Grades 5, 6: November 25,
January 27, March 24, May 19

Grades 7, 8: October 28,
December 16, February 17, April 21

The purpose of these trips is to teach students the simple rules of etiquettes of visiting mosques, get them accustomed to mosques, and have them perform jama3a (group) prayers there.

A Day of Remembrance .. Why Remember?



Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honor those who fought for Canada in both world wars and the Korean War, as well as those who have served since then.

More than 1.5 million Canadians served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.

Poppies are worn as the symbol of remembrance, a reminder of the blood-red flower that still grows on the former battlefield of France and Belgium.

One day every year, we pay special homage to those who died in service to their country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage and their devotion to ideals. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies, and visit memorials. For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day of the year.



Thank you ...

Shawarma Byte (Haj Ali Hussein) for generous donations to support the school.
Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun for picking up the hot lunch for the school children.

We would also like to thank ...

Mrs. Abir Issa, Mrs. Mariam Zeineddin, Mrs. Salwa Zeitoun & Mrs. Fatima Zeitoun for volunteering in school field trips. ABIS is lucky to have such a dedicated, enthusiastic group of volunteers!
Mrs. Bouchra Lamnabhi for donating the bus cost for the masjid trip.

Donations are always welcome ...

If you like to sponsor a class for treats or gifts for upcoming Islamic celebrations, please contact Mrs. Haidoura.

Your continued support of our children and school is greatly appreciated.

Imam Zayn-ul-Abideen (cont'd from page 1)

Imam Zayn-ul-Abideen, for the almost 34 years that he lived after his father, he spent it in prayers and supplication to Allah (swt), in remembrance of his martyred father, and teaching people about Karbala and the Imamat. It is for his ever being in prayerful prostration, that he was popularly called "Sajjad".

The knowledge and piety of this Holy Imam was matchless. He was so mindful of Allah that whenever he sat for ablution for prayers, the complexion of his face would change and when he stood at prayer his body was seen trembling. When asked why this was, he replied, "Don't you know before whom I stand in prayer, and with whom I hold discourse?"

His charity was unassuming and hidden. After his passing away, the people said that hidden charity ended with the departure of this Holy Imam. Like his grandfather, Imam Ali, he used to carry on his own back at night bags of flour and bread for the poor and needy families in Medina and he so maintained hundred of poor families in the city.

Imam Zayn-ul-Abideen was not given the time to offer his prayers peacefully, nor could he deliver any sermons. He, therefore, adopted a third course which proved to be very beneficial to his followers. This was in compiling supplication prayers for the daily use of man in his endeavour to approach the Almighty Lord.

The invaluable collection of his edited prayers are known as as-Sahifah as-Sajjadiyyah. The collection is a treasury of wonderfully effective supplications to the Lord in inimitably beautiful language. Only those who have ever come across those supplications would know the excellence and the beneficial effect of these prayers. Through these prayers, the Imam gave all the necessary guidance to the faithful during his seclusion.

On the 25th of Muharram 95 AH, when he was in Medina, al-Walid, the then ruler had this Holy Imam poisoned. The funeral prayers were conducted by his son, the 5th apostolic Imam, Muhammad al-Baqir (as) and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery of Jannat-ul-Baqi in Medina.



Cooler Weather Inside & Outside

With cooler weather on its way, we need to encourage the children to come to school with a coat/jacket.

Our playground can be quite cool, due to the wind.

Students are expected to be outdoors for recess. Generally speaking, a child who is too sick to go out at recess is too sick to be attending school. We do not have indoor supervision for students at recess time.

Parent requests for a child to stay in at recess need to be accompanied by a doctor's note, indicating the reason and length of time. If the weather is extremely cold, stormy or rainy, an indoor routine is followed.

Please remember to label your child's items in the event that they may go missing. It's easier to track them in the "Lost and Found" when this happens!

CHEO Gift & Toy Drive For the love of Prophet Mohammad



Our school has taken the initiative of collecting gifts and toys for sick children at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). **We will be collecting gifts and toys until mid-December, which coincides with the blessed birthdate of our holy Prophet Mohammad (peace & prayers be upon him & his Ahlul-Bayt).**

We invite and encourage parents to contribute to this worthy charitable cause for the love of Prophet Mohamad (PPBUHAHAB).

Directions from CHEO's coordination office about donation preferences:

- Non-violent
- New in original packaging
- Smaller size
- Washable toys are good to kept in hospital (like wooden puzzles, .., etc)
- Cardboard toys are good as a gift (given to a family to take home)
- No small pieces, if for younger kids
- Consider different ages/sexes (younger to older kids, boys and girls)

Things that are always well received:

- Board games, activity books, search and find, Melissa and Doug puzzles
- Single-use pencil crayons/markers, craft kits
- DVD's (especially Disney), xBox 360 games

CHEO would gladly accept monetary donation and offer a tax receipt for gifts of 20\$ or more (please send contact information for that).

Another great option would be gift cards in small denominations (\$10 - \$30) from places like Winners, Michaels, Shoppers Drug Mart, Dollar Store, Wal-Mart etc. Bus tickets are also always needed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity



School Lockdown

Safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Ahlul-Bayt Islamic School. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

One of the procedures our school will be practicing is a lockdown drill.

During a lockdown drill:

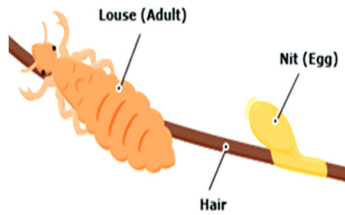
- Classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities.
- All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.
- Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate.

Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to fire drills, they also need to learn proper response during a lockdown drill.

These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Resource Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills.

Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.



Head Lice

are common in school-aged Children, but anyone can get them. These small insects can crawl from person to person by direct head to head contact and most commonly cause itching.

Parents should check their children's hair weekly for head lice. Look for nits (eggs) of head lice.

Nits look like dandruff, but they cannot be shaken or flicked off the hair. They are found on the hair very close to the scalp.

If you see lice or nits, notify the school and treat your child. Ottawa Public Health recommends that the first of the two treatments be done before your child returns to school.

Teach your child to protect him/herself from getting head lice:

- Avoid sharing combs, brushes, hair accessories, hats or helmets
- Tie back long hair in a braid or ponytail
- Keep hats, mittens and scarves in the sleeve of your child's coat

For more information on the prevention and treatment of head lice, call the Ottawa Public Health information line at 613-580-6744 or www.ottawa.ca/health.



A Healthy Note

We all agree that healthy children learn better. To prevent the spread of germs at school, we ask that you keep your child home from school if he/she is ill.

Should your child become ill while at school, you will be asked to take him/her home until they are feeling better.

Children should be at home if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 38° C or above: your child should remain at home until the fever is below 38° C, without medication for 24 hours.
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- Unusual drowsiness or tiredness
- Sore throat/ strep throat: your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school
- Viral cold: your child should stay home for the first few days when your child is most uncomfortable
- Persistent cough
- Red, inflamed eyes with a discharge/ conjunctivitis: your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school
- Any sore oozing fluid or pus
- Any rash that has not been diagnosed
- Head or body lice that has not been treated
- Earache/ ear infection
- Any other symptoms which are suggestive of illness.

Please ALERT the school if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness, (Strep throat, Conjunctivitis, head lice, Scabies, Fifths Disease, chicken pox, impetigo, meningitis, whooping cough, etc.).

Most Valuable Prayer

is awarded weekly to students who consistently show excellent performance during their daily prayers at school.

Gr. 3: Zaynab Hussein
Gr. 4: Zahra Al-Husseini
Gr. 5: Nerjes Kmaiha
Gr. 6: Jafar Abdullah
Gr. 7: Mohamad Ali Matar
Jawad El-Cheikh

Gr. 8: Mohamad Ali Diab



Achieving Students

JK: Ali Kahil, Hamzah Almisbaa
SK: Malak Alansari, Jasen Rao
Gr. 1: Mena Ridha, Fatma Motlak
Gr. 2: Jawad Hojeij, Saja Salami
Gr. 3: Elyes Said, Zehra Motlak
Gr. 4: Saad Mahmoud Saadane
Gr. 5: Zeinab Awada, Ali El-Hadi Zeidan
Gr. 6: Hawraa Jomaa
Gr. 7: Ebrahim Moosavi Karimi
Gr. 8: Aya Bakir

Progress Report Cards will be sent home Friday, Nov. 11th.

Provincial progress report for grades 1-8 do not have letter grades, rather the focus is on comments that highlight strengths and areas to improve.

Formal evaluations will be completed at the end of the first term in January, at which time provincial report card that will contain letter grades for grades 1-6 and marks for grades 7-8.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 between 8:00 & 11:45 and between 1:00 & 2:45.

- Each conference is scheduled for a 10-minute time span.
- Only one conference time will be scheduled for each child.

Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher.

There will be no classes for students on Friday, November 18.

Congratulations .. Cooperation Award Winners

JK: Ali Kazan	SK: Mira Mobarak	Gr. 1: Jenaan Jaber
Gr. 2: Adem Bougherra	Gr. 3: Hassan El-Cheikh	Gr. 4: Shada Zeitoun
Gr. 5: Malaak Fayad	Gr. 6: Hadi Almisbaa	Gr. 7: Ryan Shirazi
Gr. 8: Amasi Hamed		



November's Character Trait is Citizenship

What are ways you can show good citizenship?

1. Follow the rules and obey laws at school, home and in your community.
2. Respect authority, e. g., parents, teachers, police officers and other community helpers.
3. Participate in activities to improve your community and the environment e.g. pick up litter, recycle, and plant trees and flowers.
4. Be a good neighbor and volunteer to help others.
5. Donate food or clothing to help someone in need.
6. Use kind words and good manners in all situations.

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- ✓ Full-day JK & SK programs
- ✓ Individual attention for each child
- ✓ Arabic Language taught by native speakers
- ✓ Weekly group prayer (salaat Jama3a)
- ✓ Continuous monitoring of student progress
- ✓ Innovative holistic education programs
- ✓ High academic performance standards
- ✓ Ongoing academic monitoring and assessment via ministry and other standardized exams
- ✓ Ontario academic curriculum that starts at JK and covers Junior high school
- ✓ Islamic environment promoting good morals & behavior
- ✓ Islamic Studies including Quran & Fiqh (Jurisprudence)
- ✓ Small class sizes for all grades
- ✓ Private school discipline and work ethics
- ✓ French as a second language starting from JK
- ✓ Enrichment & remediation as field trips
- ✓ A variety of activities & learning experiences
- ✓ Qualified, dedicated, & caring teachers

Please check our website, or call us, for more information.

We are happy to provide a guided tour of our school. Call us for an appointment.