

WELCOME

to the 2024 - 2025 School Year!



Forward from the Education Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 (1446 - 1447) academic year of the ISK's Evening & Weekend School! Our primary goal is to provide students education in the Qur'an and Islamic Studies (*ta'leem* or religious instruction). Additionally, we strive to support you on the other two important aspects of raising children: *tarbiyyah* (religious development) and *tahdheeb* (religious discipline, proper manners).

Abu Hurairah (RAA) reported that the Messenger of Allah 🕮 said:

"Seven are (the persons) whom Allah would give protection with His Shade on the Day when there would be no shade but His: ...a youth who grew up with the worship of Allah; a person whose heart is attached to the mosque..." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

As Muslims in a predominantly non-Muslim environment, we must actively learn & practise our *Deen*. We must make an effort to instill the principles that Allah (SWT) gave us, through Prophet Muhammad , to the younger generation. By enrolling your child in Islamic School, you will instill a love for & strong attachment to the *masjid*. As well, this will create a strong bond with other Muslims. Insha Allah, this will lead your child to grow up with the worship of Allah (SWT) & loving their Brothers/Sisters for His sake, earning His Shade. Attending Islamic School will forge a strong Muslim identity that will help your child make wise decisions when they face new challenges, strengthening their connection to Allah (SWT), *Insha Allah*.

Please read this complete Welcome Package with your child. Please contact me (education@kingstonmuslims.ca), Sr. Eram Butt (Education Facilitator, isk.school.edu@gmail.com), or Imam Abubakar Mulla (imam@kingstonmuslims.ca), if you have any questions, Insha Allah. On behalf of the ISK Education Committee, administration, and teachers: welcome to the 2024 - 2025 school year! May Allah (SWT) make this a beneficial year for students, parents, and teachers alike, Ameen.

Your Sister in Islam,

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ISK Education Coordinator



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Overview

Islamic Studies

Islamic Studies classes are on Saturdays for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 in a group setting of up to 20 students per teacher. The classes are taught using the "Weekend Learning Islamic Studies series" (please see www.weekendlearning.com for more details). This series contains Islamic concepts based on the Qur'an and authentic Hadith that are tailored for each age & grade level with continuity, expanding on concepts from previous years. Thus, students will be placed at their appropriate level and not based on the convenience of class time.

Qur'an

There are 3 sets of Qur'an classes running:

Monday - Thursday	5:30 - 7:30 PM	complete beginners to	
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:30 PM	youth proficient in tajweed	
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 PM	Adult sisters'	

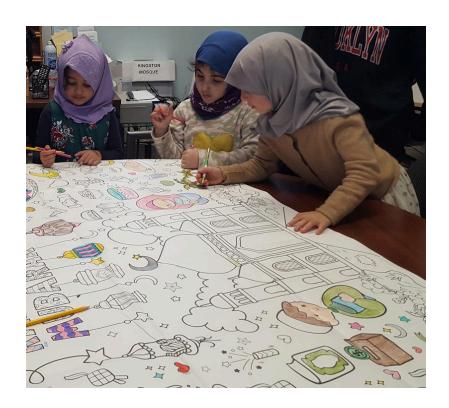
New students are placed at an appropriate level **based on their proficiency**, which will be determined by placement tests held September 9th - 10th, during the first week of classes. Returning students will remain at their level unless otherwise specified. The Quran levels are listed below, each having proficiencies that must be demonstrated before students advance to the next level:

Al-Qalam	learning the form and joining of letters
Al-Kitaab	basic tajweed and learning duas
An-Noor	recitation of Juz 30 with tajweed
Al-Furqan	recitation of rest of Qur'an with tajweed, memorization of selected surahs
Hifz	selected students recite & memorize Qur'an with the Imam
Sisters'	learn to read Quran with proper tajweed and ahkam

Class timings

<u>Class</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	
	JK, SK, 1, 2, 3		2:00 - 3:30 PM	
Islamic Studies	4, 5, 6	Saturday	3:30 - 5:00 PM	
	7, 8, 9, 10, 11/12		11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	
Qur'an	All levels*	Monday - Thursday	5:30 - 7:30 PM	
	All levels	Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:30 PM	
	Sisters'	Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 - 7:00 PM	

^{*}During Ramadan Qur'an classes will end at 7:00 PM



School Calendar

The schedule is based on the <u>Limestone District School Board School Year Calendar</u>. There will be **NO CLASSES** on:

- 1. Islamic holidays
- 2. Statutory holidays
- 3. March break (NOTE: will have class on Saturday, March 8th)

Please note, however, that there may be classes on PA days.

Printable calendar available via: 2024-2025 ISK School Calendar

2024 - 2025 Important Dates

Friday, August 30th	Registration closes. Tuition due.	
Saturday, September 7th	Islamic Studies classes begin	
September 9th - 10th	Qur'an classes begin. Placement tests	
Sunday, September 15th	Parent orientation	
October 12th & 14th	NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving)	
Thursday, October 31st	Movie night	
December 7th, 9th - 12th	Semester 1 Assessments	
December 23rd - January 5th	NO CLASSES (Winter Break)	
February 15th & 17th	NO CLASSES (Family Day)	
March 3rd - 6th, 8th	Semester 2 Assessments	
March 10th - 16th	March Break	
Friday, March 21st	School Iftar	
March 26th - April 1st	Ramadan/Eid ul Fitr	
April 19th & 21st	NO CLASSES (Good Friday & Easter)	
May 17th & May 19th	NO CLASSES (Victoria Day)	
Sunday, June 1st	Hajj simulation	
June 6th - 9th	NO CLASSES (Eid al-Adha)	
June 21st, 23rd - 26th	Semester 3 Assessments	
Saturday, June 28th	Graduation 🗱 🎉	

Registration & Admission

All students, returning or new, must be registered by <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 30th</u>, <u>2024</u>. Those registered after this date will be charged a <u>\$25 late fee</u>. Please register through the <u>Google form link</u>. For the adult sisters' Qur'an class please register through the <u>Sisters' Quran Class Registration Form</u>. **Class sizes are limited** so please register early. Students registered late may not be admitted due to limited class size. **All outstanding fees (fees owing from previous school years) must be paid before a student can be registered**. Please see the "<u>Payment Options</u>" section of this package for further details.

Tuition

2024 - 2025 ISK Evening and Weekend School tuition fees:

		Monthly	/ tuition				
<u>Option</u>	<u>Islamic</u>		<u>Qur'an</u>		Monthly Total	<u>Books</u>	<u>Yearly</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>Studies</u>	x2	x4	Sisters'	<u> 1000.</u>		
1	30				30	25	325
2		50			50	10*	510*
3			90		90	10*	910*
4				40	40	10	410
5	30	50			80	35*	835*
6	30		90		120	35*	1235*

^{*}For Al-Qalam & At-Kitaab there will be an additional one time \$10 charge for a Qur'anic workbook for your child

For monthly payments, the first payment must be made by the **first day of classes** on **Saturday, September 7th** <u>for Islamic Studies</u> **OR Monday/Tuesday, September 9th/10th** <u>for Qur'an only students</u>. For following months, the payment must be made by the **1st day of that month**.

Yearly payments must be made by the **first day of classes**.

Book fees must be paid by the first day of classes. Books will be distributed on the first day of classes, Saturday, September 7th, 2024 for Islamic studies and Monday - Tuesday, September 9th - 10th, 2023 for Qur'an. If the student is unable to pick-up their books at that time, email isk.school.edu@gmail.com to schedule an alternative time slot for pickup. Please note, students may bring their own copy of the Qur'an provided it can be marked in and is approved by their teacher. Copies of the Qur'an may be purchased from the Islamic Society of Kingston, please email isk.school.edu@gmail.com for more details. If books are lost or damaged, students are responsible for purchasing replacements.

Payment Options

The first tuition payment must be made by the first day of classes (September 7th or September 9th - 10th (for Qur'an only students). If making monthly payments, subsequent tuition payments must be made by the 1st day of that month. Options to pay tuition include:

- 1. Online: through the ISK school website
- 2. Cash: in-person by scheduling a time slot with isk.school.edu@gmail.com
- 3. <u>Post-dated cheques:</u> made payable to "The Islamic Society of Kingston" in a sealed envelope with:
 - 1) the name(s) of your child(ren)
 - 2) your name; and
 - 3) your phone number

Please give the envelope to the Education Facilitator.

A receipt will be given to you to acknowledge payment.

Financial Assistance

Tuition fees help cover the costs of operating the school. However, we understand that some may find it difficult to make payments. If you need financial assistance, please fill out the following form: ISK School Financial Assistance Request. If you have any questions or trouble filling out the form, please contact the Education Coordinator at: education@kingstonmuslims.ca

School Events

Class events





Graduation































Students' Code of Conduct

- 1. Students must come to class on time & prepared with school supplies, books and completed assignments/activities (if any).
- 2. Electronic devices are not permitted in class unless given permission by the assigned teacher for classwork.
- 3. Students should treat others (teachers, peers) with respect.
- 4. Students should ask and wait for permission before speaking.
- 5. Students should make no disruptive noise or gestures.
- 6. Students should not leave their seats or their classroom without their assigned teacher's permission
- 7. Students must keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
- 8. Students must follow the directions of their assigned teacher while at class.
- 9. The school expects the cooperation of the parents.
- 10. In case of absence, the student is expected to contact the teacher to follow up on missed subjects/activities and for arranging possible make-ups.
- 11. All students are expected to dress modestly and are encouraged to apply the Islamic dress code. The school dress code is:
 - a. Half/full-sleeved shirts for boys
 - Kufis are recommended for boys
 - c. Only full-sleeved shirts only for girls
 - d. No shorts
 - e. Hijab is mandatory for girls and must be worn **before** classes begin
- 12. Running, shouting, or noise will not be tolerated during class time.
- 13. Students will not bully others. There is ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying. All reported instances of bullying will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken, which may include expulsion and/or referral for counselling. To report bullying, please speak to the Principal.

Teachers' Code of Conduct

Goals

To be fair & professional

To act as a role model for students

To be kind, respectful, & encouraging to students

To, when required, discipline students without compromising their wellbeing

Physical Contact

Teachers shall NOT:

Subject students to painful body posture

Threaten students with harm

Subject students to, or encourage other students to subject a student to, torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, including any cultural practice that dehumanizes or is injurious to the physical and mental well-being of the student.

Psychological Aggression

Teachers shall NOT:

Act in a way that has a negative psychological effect on a student, such as intimidation, insulting, teasing, harassing, threatening, snubing, or discrimination

Use physical or cultural challenges of children to intimidate or ridicule them

Deliberately ignore a student

Send students out of class for absenteeism or lateness

Teachers shall:

Be considerate toward the feelings & circumstances of students

Control their speech so as not to demean students

Intervene to stop a student from bullying others

Intervene to stop a fellow teacher bullying others

Non-Discrimination

Teachers shall NOT:

Discriminate against a student on the grounds of gender, race, age, disability, health status, custom, ethnic origin, background, socio-economic status, or due to a misunderstanding with a parent/guardian.

Favor, or act in ways that suggest they are favoring, a student for any reason other than one based on merit

Disciplining

Teachers will NOT discipline students just to vent anger or embarrass students.

The goal of disciplining students will be to:

Address the root cause of the undesirable activity or behaviour

Remind students of the rules and show them the consequences of their actions

Educate students on why an activity or behaviour is unacceptable and how to act more appropriately in the future

Privacy

Teachers must never discuss or disclose the performance or behaviour of a student to anyone except school staff or the child's parents/guardians.

Conflict Resolution

In case of disagreements or disputes with students or their parents, teachers should refer to the Imam or the Principal.

Projects and Multimedia

Teachers must ensure that all projects and materials used in class conform to generally accepted Islamic guidelines, such as those regarding modesty and music. All material to be shown in class must be planned beforehand.