

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Islamic Theme of the Month- **“Courage”**

Courage is in holding patience for a short while – Imam Ali (alaihee assalam)



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Salaam Alaikum

Spring has arrived and with it comes the warm weather, the children playing outside and hope of new life and rebirth.

Let us start the spring with a true spring clean-up. We are going to put out all the winter clothing that was in the lost and found bin from April 4-6. Please reclaim all lost articles. All items not reclaimed by April 6 will be donated to a local charity. On April 22 we will also have a school make over as the children will go outside to give the grounds a spring clean-up also.

The PTA in collaboration with the As-Sadiq Staff will be holding a Health and Fitness Day on April 13. Students will be participating in outdoor and indoor activities and games which promotes healthy active living.

April is also Public Speaking Month. A letter went home explaining the process. This year we will have 2 candidates from each class who will go down to the gym to present their speeches in front of their peers. Parents are welcome to attend.

We are also going to give the newsletter a new look. We will only publish new items to give it a streamline look with less pages and very little repeated material. I hope you enjoy the new look.

Kind regards,

Mr. M. D'Agostino

Upcoming Events

April 2 - York Regional Science Fair – York University (Vari Hall)

April 5 – Grade 8's to Toronto Heschel Jewish Academy
– Grade 7's to Living Arts Centre

April 6 – Deadline to return Registration Form for 2016-17 school year.

April 13 – Health and Fitness Day

April 20 – Grandparent's Day
– Grades 3-9 – Mathematica Contest

April 22 – **Earth Day** - 20 Minute Make Over

April 27 – V.I.P. Program (YRP) – Grades 6 & 8

April 28 – Public Speaking – School Wide

Please Note:

Due to the Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Iman Ali (a.s.)

June 27th will now be a PD Day – no school.

June 30 will now be a regular school day – it was originally a PD Day

These changes are contingent on the sighting of the moon on June 6th.



YOUR PTA EXECUTIVE

Sabira Jaffer & Zainab Hasan - Co-chairs
Samar Alibhai - Vice chair,
Seema Zaidi & Lubna Zaidi – Treasurer & Vice-treasurer
Salim Daya - Secretary

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The PTA and Sweetopia Services regret to inform you that due to low enrolment, the Hot Lunch program has been cancelled for the remainder of this school year.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact us at assadiqpta@gmail.com.

THE MILK PROGRAM - continues to May 31st.



PIZZA DAYS – April 1st & April 29 this month



HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY - Wednesday April 13, 2016



To keep up to date with all the latest school news; friend us on Facebook: As-Sadiq PTA!



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFO

MORNING ASSEMBLY, LATES AND ATTENDANCE

I would like to thank parents and students for truly making an effort to get to school on time and for fully participating in our morning assemblies. We have noticed a considerable improvement in this regard and we ask that you continue to arrive on time. The gym doors will open at 8:20 a.m. to receive students and the opening exercises will begin at 8:30 a.m.



On Fridays morning assembly will be extended to allow for presentations, and the awarding of Math Passports and MVP honours.

Punctuality and regular attendance is an important learning skill and work habit your child needs to develop.

Students arriving after 8:30 will be marked late and the late will be recorded on the Provincial Report Card. Please avoid this blemish on your child's record and get your child to school on time.

Kindly report all student absences. If you know that your child will be absent the next day or will be late because of a doctor's appointment, please leave a message on the school answering machine.

SCHOOL SAFETY

"The safety of our children must always remain our first priority."

PARKING & PICK-UP GUIDELINES



- Drop off and pick up is working out very well.
- Thank you parents for your cooperation.
- Please continue to not stop on the fire routes.
- If you must stop – park your car in the parking lot where it is safe.
- Remain in your cars if you are in the student drop off area.
- Do not leave your car unattended in this area.
- If you are coming into the building at any time, park in the parking lot.
- Please follow the directions of all staff.



AFTER SCHOOL PLAY AND THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- As the weather gets warmer students will be wanting to play outside for longer periods of time.
- We wish to remind parents that outside school supervision will be from 3:40 -3:55 only. Teachers and staff will be on supervision, as a courtesy, for the first 15 minutes after school to allow time for you to pick up your children.
- At 3:55 all students are to go home or to The After School Program.
- We can not allow children to remain outside after 3:55 (with or without parent supervision). It is not safe.
- Please help us in enforcing these rules.

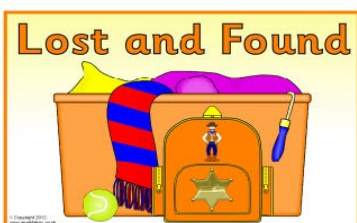


SPRING WEATHER AND DRESS

- Now that the spring is upon us I ask that you please dress your children appropriately.
- They should have some rain wear and a light jacket and rain boots for those cool or rainy days.



LOST AND FOUND



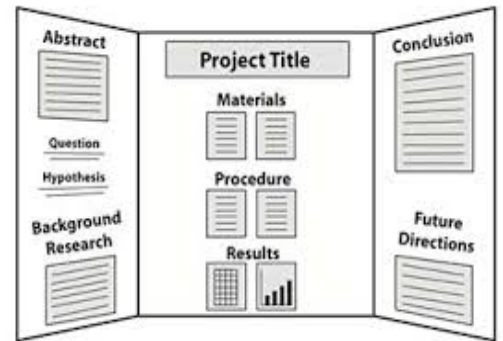
- Our Lost and Found Box will be on display in the front foyer from April 4-6. Please reclaim any lost articles. We will donate all unclaimed items to a local charity.
- Please continue to put your children's names on all clothing and articles.

STUDENT CLUBS ORGANIZATIONS

CLUB	TEACHERS	GRADES	DATES/TIMES	STATUS
Student Council	Ms. Habibullah/ Mr. Jamal/ Ms. Siqueira	4-9	On-going	Started - Ongoing
Newspaper Club	Ms. Vazir	7-9	Mondays 4:00-5:00 – ongoing.	Started - Ongoing
Art Club	Ms. Nouredine, Mrs. Lauria-Parnis, Ms. Habibullah	6-9	Wednesdays -4:00-5:00	Started - ongoing
Photography & Media Club	Br. Abbasali	7-9	Thursdays after school 4:00 – 5:00	Started - Ongoing
Nasheed Club	Mrs. Chowdhury. Mrs. Dhalla, Mrs. Moosavi	3-6	Wednesdays – 3 rd recess and some after school- TBA	Started – Ongoing
Eco Club	Mrs. Khan/Mrs. FitzGerald	Whole School	On-going	Started- Ongoing
MVP	Ms. Rasool	Whole School	Fridays Awards – Medals, Pins and Tim Horton's Gift Cards	Started - Ongoing
Skipping Club	Mrs. FitzGerald, Mrs. Dhalla, Mrs. Khan.	3-6 Boys & Girls	Tuesdays – 1 st Recess – Boys Thursday - 1 st recess Girls Games Room	Started - Ongoing
Intra-Mural Spring Sports (Girls)	Ms. Habibullah	TBA	TBA	TBA
Intra-Mural Spring Sports (Boys)	Monsieur, Mr. Maclennan/ Mr. Jamal	TBA	TBA	TBA
Primary iPad/ Computer Club <small>The club will provide students with the opportunity to learn and play using various apps and software programs (e.g., Word, PowerPoint, etc.). This hands-on program will allow students to have fun while enhancing the ability to apply learned skills to classroom and real life situations.</small> Ms. Vitale, Mrs. Siqueira		1 & 2	April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4 – Rm 233	
Reading Theatre Club	Sr. Irum	1-3	April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2	

Primary Doodling Club	Ms. Karim, Ms. Karmali, Ms Vitale	1-3	Mondays – lunch recess	
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SCIENCE FAIR



This year's Science Fair was held on March 1&3.

On March 1st community judges evaluated the grade 5-8 Science Fair projects. The top 12 grade 7 & 8 projects went on to the finals on March 3rd . On that date a group of high school science teachers from James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic High school evaluated the projects and selected 5 projects that will represent our school at the York Regional Science Fair which will be held on Saturday Aril 2nd at York University. The students are:

- ▶ Ahmad Ibrahim 8A
- ▶ Fatemeh Ilkhani 7A
- ▶ Asiya Kazmi 7A
- ▶ Yaseen Abbas 8A
- ▶ Zoha Sojoudi 7A

Let us wish them well as they will be competing against elementary and high school students across schools in York Region. .

PUBLIC SPEAKING



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As a way to promote **Oral Communication** within the Language Arts program, the students from **Prep to Grade 8** will be participating in a **Public Speaking Event**. Each child will be required to write a short speech on a topic of their choice. Students will be required to present their speeches in front of their own peers. The top 2 presenters from each class will be invited to present their speeches in front of the school and parents on April 28th.



In class presentations will take place the week prior.

Length of Speech:

Preps: 1 minute, **Gr. 1:** 1-2 minutes, **Gr. 2 and 3:** 2 -3 minutes

Grade 4 to 6: 3-4 minutes, **Gr. 7 -9:** 4 -5 minutes

TIP TOP TREASURE TRADE

The Eco-Team members have organized a treasure trade on Friday April 1. Students were asked to bring in slightly used articles of clothing or toys that others could then purchase. Proceeds would go to saving the Wolverine Wildlife Project.



WATER PROJECT – HELP BUILD A WELL

The grade 2 classes are working on a Science research assignment about the water situation in Zimbabwe, Africa. This project was meant to integrate the Science sustainability and environmental awareness curriculum with the Social Studies curriculum. It has now inspired the students to help the people of Zimbabwe acquire access to clean and safe water. More information will be sent home shortly.



<https://plancanada.ca/GiftsofHope/products/21-Water/82-Help-build-a-well-for-a-class/?id=82>

SPELLING BEE



As-Sadiq Islamic School hosted the Regional Spelling Bee again this year on March 30th. All the students did well and they are all winners.

Below are the the following students from As-Sadiq who placed in the top 3 in each level.

Primary: 2nd Place – Danya Abood

Junior: 3rd place – Fize Noorani

Intermediate: 3rd place - Abbas Merchant

MATH INITIATIVES

MATHLETICS

Mathletics sponsored a March Madness Competition and our school is currently 30th out of 600 schools across Canada. Well done As-Sadiq.



<http://www.3plearning.com/canada/marchmadness/>

MATHEMATICA COMPETITION

The Math Challenge - Mathematica Centrum

Grades 3 to 9 students will be participating in Math contests on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Students will begin writing the tests in the a.m. The tests comprise of multiple choice questions designed to challenge and promote problem solving skills.

For more information and samples of the tests, please visit their website; www.mathematica.ca

Mathematica Centrum

Grade 3 - Thales

Grade 4 - Byroin Germain

Grade 5 - Fibonacci

Grade 6 - Pythagoras

Grade 7 - Euler

Grade 8 - Lagrange

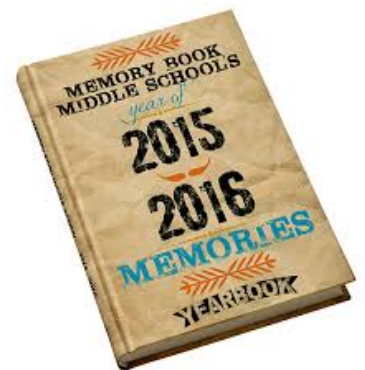


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YEARBOOK - 2015-2016

As-Sadiq is proud to announce that the soon to be printed yearbook is now on sale!

With full colour pages and a glossy hardcover, your children will be able to carry with them a keepsake from this great year at As-Sadiq. This way, years down the road, your child will be able to pick it up and reminisce about their elementary school friends. They will laugh at the funny memories their class candid pictures bring to mind, and smile at the reminders of the wonderful activities and events they participated in.



This year, we have added extra pages to include our new grade nine class!

There is so much more to see! For only \$30, you can get your quality yearbook, that not only has student candids of each class, but also contains sports pages dedicated to athletes, events pages capturing the energy and excitement inside and outside the classrooms, an area for your child's friends and teachers to autograph their yearbook, and much more!

We know you cannot wait to order! Look below for the link that will take you where you need to go. **ORDER ONLINE NOW!** Do not wait until it is too late!

Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID: **12398216**

Cost: **\$30.00 Hardcover**

Deadline for orders: **April 22**

Sponsors Needed!!

We are asking for local and community sponsors and businesses to help offset the cost of the yearbook by sponsoring a business card, half page or full page add.

Please contact the school 905 695-1588 and speak to Sr. Asma if you are interested in being a sponsor.

THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17

Planning for the 2016-2017 school year has begun. You received an email on March 25 with a explanation letter and a Re-Enrollment Form attached. Re-enrollment Forms were also sent home with your child(ren) on March 24th. We would ask that you kindly complete the Re-Enrollment Form and return it to the school by Wednesday April 6th. We need this information on time so we can accurately plan for next year. Please note that we have a wait list in practically all grades and therefore we need to know who is returning so that we can respond to these applicants in a timely manner.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Our High School is expanding and doing very well. We are taking applications for September 2016-17 for grades 9 and 10. Students currently at As-Sadiq may register through the Re-Enrollment Form, Outside applicants are to go online to register at <http://www.as-sadiqschool.com/>

REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2016-17

Kindly note that there has been a slight increase in fees for the school year 2016-2017.
High school fees have not been increased.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are very pleased with the look of the school uniform and student compliance of the policy. We thank the parents for their cooperation and assistance in this matter. We are currently reviewing the policy. We do not anticipate there will be much change in the school uniform or policy for next year. Parents will receive an updated uniform policy for the 2016-17 school year in early May.



Other notes:

- Sizing will take place the weeks of June 6 and June 13.
- The deadline to submit uniform orders will be June 24th
- All students will be expected to be in proper uniform starting on the first day of school in June.

THE SCHOOL AGENDA

- We are currently revamping the the look and format of the School Agenda. We heard your suggestions and we will be incorporating slimmer more student friendly agenda for next year.



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INVITATION FROM TORONTO WALDORF

Gateways 2016

Raising Healthy, Creative & Resilient Children

Friday April 15, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday April 16, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

9100 Bathurst St., Thornhill (north of Hwy 7/407)

Resiliency and the Importance of Play

Sunday April 17, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

901 Rutherford Rd., Vaughan (west of Bathurst St.)



Keynote Speaker: Sharifa Oppenheimer

Author of *Heaven on Earth: A Handbook for Parents of Young Children*

With workshops led by local experts



Friday and Saturday	\$80
Sunday	\$100
Whole Weekend	\$160

daily rates available
(see website for details)
Limited free childcare available



WALDORF
Toronto Waldorf School
since 1968

Register at: www.lifewaysontario.ca

We have received an invitation from our neighbors at Toronto Waldorf. Please see the poster and write up up below. Sounds very informative and useful conference for all parents.

Gateways Conference: Raising Healthy, Creative & Resilient Children

Learn how to support the growing child, and how families and communities contribute to the healthy development of children.

Led by Sharifa Oppenheimer, author of bestseller "Heaven on Earth: A Handbook for Parents of Young Children", experienced Waldorf kindergarten teacher and teacher mentor.

Ideal for parents, educators and caregivers of children ages 0 - 9.

Schedule:

Fri, Apr 15, 7pm - 9pm: Healthy Foundations

Sat, Apr 16, 9am - 2:30pm: Development of Creativity
Sun, Apr 17, 8:30am - 5pm: Resilience & The Importance of Play

Fees:\$30 -160

Limited free childcare on Saturday

[Click here for more details and to register](#)

Presented by Lifeways Ontario and Toronto Waldorf School

Words of Virtue

By Imam Dr. Usama Al-Atar

COURAGE

Courage is in holding patience for a short while - Imam Ali (alaihee assalam)

Courage is a virtue that stems from a spontaneous judgment to doing what is right and responding to the action accordingly. Imam Ali (alaihee assalam) demonstrated his courage many times on battlefields as well as when dealing with people. He (alaihee assalam) describes courage as follows:

Courage is associated and strengthened by three characteristics, each one has its own merit independent of the other: generosity of the self, refusal to be humiliated, and seeking remembrance. If these three merits are fully combined, then you have the hero who is uncontested, and known in his time for his forthcoming. If, however, they are partially present in an individual, then his courage will be showing more on the stronger merit he possesses (of the three characteristics).

Imam Ali (alaihee assalam) describes a courageous person as one who has the "generosity of the self," which means he or she is not afraid of standing up for truth, even if that means he or she may get killed, harassed or imprisoned. Such is the example of Imam Husain (alaihee assalam). In addition, a courageous person refuses to live in humiliation and disgrace, and hence, stands up for what is right. On the Day of "Ashura, Imam Husain (alaihee assalam) said, "The sinner, the son of the sinner," referring to "Ubaydillah ibn Ziyad, "Kept us between two options: either to fight or live in humility; and we refuse to live in humiliation!" He later added, "We prefer to die in dignity than live in humility." Finally, a courageous person seeks remembrance. Some people may seek to be remembered in this world; however, those seeking the pleasure of Allah strive for His remembrance.

Every time we perform our prayers, fast the month of Ramadhan, stand up for justice or do an action that pleases Allah and our Imam, then we are doing an act of courage, because we are seeking the pleasure of Allah and His remembrance. We pray to Allah to make us among the courageous believers who will be the companions of Imam Al-Mahdi (alaihee assalam).