

Farmington Valley American Muslim Center

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Principal's Email to the Community

Dear FVAMC Academy Families - Asalamu Alaikum,

I hope my communication finds you well, refreshed and ready for the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to welcome the new academic year 23/24 and look forward to working with you as we continue to enhance our programs. It is a privilege to be part of your child's Islamic education journey.

Our first day of school will be SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2023, In Sha Allah!

We have been busy at FVAMC this summer. We are in the midst of building the long-awaited and much needed men's bathroom (yay!). We are also renovating the three adjacent classrooms. These enhancements will allow us to better serve you and meet the needs of our growing community. In addition to the physical plant, we have significant, positive changes this that we are introducing into our program this year, which include:

- Adding a new grade for preschoolers. This grade is accepting students four years of age, and who are independent. Curriculum is play-based and taught by two capable teachers. For specific details, please refer to the <u>Student/Parent Handbook</u>.
- Moving our Arabic session from the afternoon to the morning (9:50 10:50 am), followed by the regular Islamic Studies / Quran session, when remains unchanged. Assessments for placement in the appropriate Arabic level will be done on the first day of school (8/27). School dismissal for everyone will be 1:15, following Dhuhur prayer.
- 3. We have adopted a nut-free environment, as some of our students are severely allergic to nuts. Please ensure to avoid bringing nutty snacks and food items at FVAMC.
- To better accommodate parents' schedules, Friday night classes will be held 6:00 8:00 PM.
- 5. We will have "Parent-Teacher conferences, "whereby parents will be afforded the opportunity to discuss their children's progress and overall performance in the academy. The conferences will be held at the end of November / beginning of December. Stay tuned for more details.

The safety of our children remains paramount. To ensure the safety of everyone, our traffic police are available at check-in, pick-up, and while classes are in session to direct traffic and



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PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF / PICK UP FROM THE DRIVE LANE IN FRONT OF THE ENRANCE. THIS PUTS YOU AND OTHERS IN DANGER AND IMPEDES A SAFE AND SMOOTH DROP OFF / PICKUP

Please note that parents of PreK - third grade students must sign in and out their children.

Important Dates:

- Sunday, August 20th 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM is the open house; students will meet and greet their teachers and pick up their text & worksheet books.
- Sunday, August 27th the first day of school for PreK4 to 8th Grade (Please see below the daily schedule).
- Friday, August 25th is the first day of school for grade 9 to 12.
- Sunday, September 3rd NO SCHOOL in observance of LABOR DAY.
- Sunday, September 10th, school resumes

The mission of the FVAMC Academy is to develop an enriched learning community that promotes academic achievement, leadership, and Islamic values. I am proud to be a member of this great community and can't wait to see what we will achieve together. I look forward to working with you all this year!

Please don't hesitate to email me or call me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at <u>amazib@hotmail.com</u> or, 860-839-9300.

Sincerely, Amina Azib Ramdani Principal



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A DAY AT FVAMC ACADEMY

PreK – Grade 8* (Sundays):

- 1. 9:45 Arabic Teachers Check-in
- 2. 9:50 AM Students Check in (Arabic Session)
- 3. 09:55 AM Arabic Classes Start
- 4. 10:55 AM Arabic Classes End
- 5. 11:00 AM Islamic Studies Students Check-in
- 6. 11:10 AM Islamic Studies Classes Start^{*} (includes a brief in-class snack break)
- 7. 12:40 PM Instructional Prayers in Musalla (Kindergarten-Third Grade)
- 8. 12:50 PM Recess (All other levels)
- 9. 1:00 PM Dhuhur (Midday) Congregational Prayer
- 10. 1:15 PM Dismissal (PreK- Garde3 pick up from classroom)
- 11. 1:30 PM Teachers Staff meeting

* Classes will consist of one (1) hour of instruction in Islamic Studies by the homeroom teacher and a half-hour of Quran memorization and proper pronunciation by dedicated the Quran/Arabic teachers.

Grade 9 – Grade 12 (Fridays):

- 1. 6:00PM 7:00 PM Instructions in a classroom setting
- 2. 7:00PM 8:00 PM Youth Group (combines FVAMC Academy and Ijaza students)

Important Links:

- 2023-2024 FVAMC Academy registration: <u>http://www.fvamc.org/academy-registration/</u>
- FVAMC 23-24 School Calendar: <u>https://www.fvamc.org/wp-</u> content/uploads/2023/05/23-24-FVAMC-Academy-Calendar.pdf
- FVAMC Parent Handbook: <u>http://www.fvamc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Parent-Handbook-ver-8-13-2023.pdf</u>