

Al-Qalam القلم Newsletter

IT'S FINALS TIME

As we end our 1st Semester of school, students in 7th grade thru 10th grade will start their final exams on Monday December 12th. It is 20% of their semester grade, and it is a test for all the concepts studied in the first semester. All electives (P.E., Health, Psychology, Year-book, Art, and Quran) will have no finals. The finals schedule was emailed to parents and also posted on Orbund for both students and parents. December 19th and 20th will be available for any make-up tests that students need to take because they missed it.



Morocco Spirit Runs High at IScGKC

Alhamdulillah, due to Morocco's win for the World Soccer Cup into the semi-finals, students and staff are supporting their victory by wearing Moroccan jerseys and shirts to school on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.



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VISION

Striving to be a premier Islamic progressive and scientific learning Institution.

MISSION

To provide a nurturing environment where students aspire for excellence in education, integrity and leadership skills to better serve humanity.

GOALS

Dedicated to produce Committed Balanced Muslims, Knowledgeable Scholars, Contributing Citizens and Community Builders.

IScGKC Accreditation



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Teachers' Meetings

NOVEMBER TEACHERS' MEETING

* **December 16, 2022** - Teachers continued their training on an application called **ELEOT (Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool)** with Cognia. This is a learner-centric classroom observation tool that comprises 28 items organized in seven environments aligned with the AdvancED Standards and Indicators and based on a review of widely used observation instruments. This observation tool will greatly help us with our next accreditation.



Amal Bayoud	Deb Branson
Amatullah Beamon	Jalila Furqan
Roula Elyousuf	Maisa Jouhari
Fatma Guizani	Fozia Kareen
Regan Kamran	Rose Sammur
Salimah Plenty	Hasan Shatara
Kariman Shamoot	Nisha Shuaib
Hasan Shatara	Wejdan Alshaikh
Najia Tariq	

Previously Certified Staff:

Saba Hamouda
Farzana Jabeen
Diane Ghosheh
Jaime Banyalmarjeh



*"When we look at our students, we see **UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES**"*



IscGKC Bad Weather Closing Policy

School closings or late starts depends a lot on the nearby school closings around us. The following is our policy for closing our school:

If Hickman Mills, Lee's Summit, Independence, Blue Springs, Raytown, etc. close their schools, we will most likely close IScGKC also.

When we close the school for any reason, we try our best to notify everyone through various methods. We will try to give you as much advanced notice as possible. If you have any doubt about if our school will be closed, these are the methods that we use:

- We send text messages to all parents, teachers, and staff. Please make sure that the office has your **current cell phone number** to receive the text messages.
- We send email messages to all parents, teachers, and staff. Please make sure that the office has your **current email address**.
- We post it on our school website, www.iscgkc.org.
- For Android phones, we post it on our school app, "IScGKC School App".
- We post it on Orbund, <http://www.iscgkc.orbund.com>.
- We call it into the local news stations (if we can get through to them quickly enough).

Thank you for your cooperation!



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SICK CHILDREN POLICY

REMINDER: AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE

When my child is ill (has a temperature, diarrhea, vomiting or a communicable disease) it is understood that he/she will not come to school or will be sent home.

Flu seasons are unpredictable. Although widespread flu activity usually occurs every year, the timing, severity, and duration of it depend on many factors, including which flu viruses are spreading, the number of people who are susceptible to the flu viruses that are spreading, and how similar vaccine viruses are to the flu viruses that are causing illness. The timing of flu activity can vary from season to season.

Best Precautions:

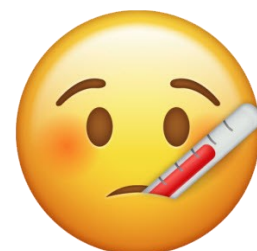
- Wash your hand frequently to avoid spreading germs.
- Sanitize areas around you often.
- Stay home when you have a fever or vomiting.
- Optional: Vaccinations can be preventative.

Reporting Child Sick Days

Please remember to report first thing in the morning if your child is sick and will not be attending school that day.

Also, please do not send sick children to school. Just notify the office by 8:30 a.m., so that we can mark it as an excused absence, NOT in the afternoon or the next day.

Thank you.



BREAKFAST WITH PARENTS FUNDRAISER

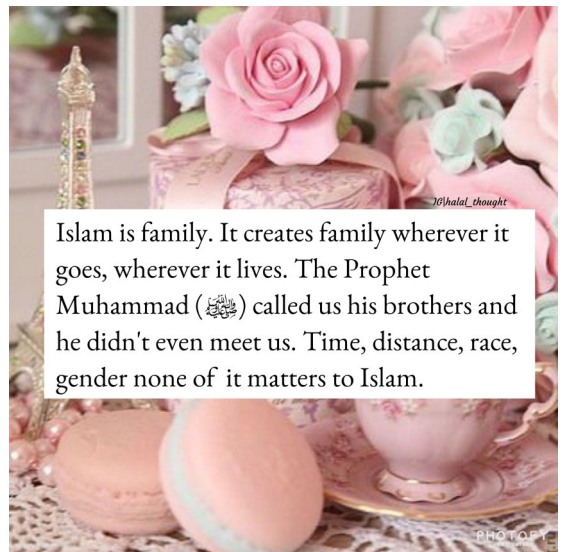
On Tuesday, December 20th, we invited our parents to have breakfast with their children for students in grades 6th-10th. Br. Fadi Banyalmarjeh hosted the breakfast as a fundraiser for our school where funds are needed.



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The Importance of Spending Time Together With Your Child

- It builds children’s self-esteem.
- It strengthens family bonds.
- It develops positive behaviors.
- It encourages communication.
- It can help your child’s academic performance.
- It can help your children be a good friend.



Islam is family. It creates family wherever it goes, wherever it lives. The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) called us his brothers and he didn't even meet us. Time, distance, race, gender none of it matters to Islam.



Students of the 2nd Quarter, 2022

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Students of the 2nd Quarter! These students were selected by their teachers for outstanding academic achievements, excellent Islamic behavior and manners, and meeting all attendance requirements.

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Gouwireya Abdelazim

6th Grade



Sumayyah Mohamed

7thA Grade



Marya Taha

7thB Grade



Widad Del Pozo

8th Grade



Rimas Dalaq

9th Grade



Abdinasir Weli

10th Grade

MANNERS & TRAITS OF A GOOD MUSLIM STUDENT

Work & Study Hard

Respect All Teachers & Staff Members

Be Helpful

Be Punctual

Treat Others How You Would Want to be Treated

Say "Assalamu Alaikum" to Other Muslims in Your School



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Student Council Activities

December 14, 2022 - Jersey Day to support Morocco in the World Cup

December 16, 2022 - FUN Day for 6th-10th Grades

BREAKFAST & GAMES & EVENTS

Jeopardy

UNO

Blooket

Handman

Mafia

Basketball / Gym Sports

Thank you to our Student Council Officers for planning these events:

Sumaya Ahmed, President

Rimas Dalaq, Vice President

Akram Yusuf, Treasurer

Bahja Nur, Secretary

Mulki Ahmed, Community Relations Director

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future student events, please share your ideas with one of these officers.

Jazakallah Khair!

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Student Breakfast Photo Gallery/Fun Day

Sponsored by our IScGKC Student Council

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WONDERSCOPE FIELD TRIP 1ST-2ND-3RD GRADES

On December 1, 2022, our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders went on a field trip to Wonderscope. A place to explore and discover interesting exhibits. Wonderscope is a children's museum dedicated to providing STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – educational experiences for young children.



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CULTURAL FAIR KIDS' MARKET COMING SOON - January 27, 2023 RENT A TABLE

On Friday, January 27, 2023, we will be having a **Cultural Fair Kids' Market** for those interested in selling their products to the community. Check out the details below:

CULTURAL FAIR KIDS' MARKET

We are excited to announce that we will be having an "Cultural Fair Kids' Market" on Friday, January 27, 2023, at IScGKC in the gym after Jummah salah.

Everyone is invited! Come and support our students in this educational learning event! Students in **1st-10th Grade** will be selling many different cultural items. **Don't miss out!**

In addition, we would like to ask all parents if you would be willing to donate to the school one item for the "**Silent Auction**" that we will be having on the same day. We would prefer that the item be new item or a gift card. We thank you in advance for your support and donations.

Parents: Please drop off your donated items to the office by Monday, January 20, 2022.

RULES

- EACH TABLE MUST HAVE A THEME RELATED TO ONE COUNTRY.
- STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR A CULTURAL DRESS TO IDENTIFY WITH THEIR COUNTRY.
- STUDENTS IN 1ST-5TH GRADES MUST HAVE A PARENT WITH THEM AT THEIR TABLE DURING THE SALE.
- ITEMS BEING SOLD, MUST BE APPROVED BY A TEACHER.
- NO EXPIRED OR BROKEN PRODUCTS.
- TABLE RENTED MUST BE CLEANED AFTER THE MARKET TO GET YOUR DEPOSIT MONEY BACK.
- IScGKC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFT OR LOSS OF MONEY AND/OR PRODUCTS NOT BEING SOLD.
- STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WANDER AWAY FROM THEIR TABLE DURING THE MARKET.



FRIDAY
JANUARY
27
STARTS
AFTER JUMMAH
PRAYER

PRICE FOR TABLE
\$15 + \$10 DEPOSIT
(IF RULES ARE FOLLOWED,
\$10 DEPOSIT WILL BE
RETURNED AFTER THE
SALE.)

- ONE FAMILY WITH SIBLINGS CAN RENT ONE TABLE.
- TWO STUDENTS CAN RENT ONE TABLE.
- TEACHERS CAN RENT A TABLE.
- RESERVE A TABLE AND PAY MONEY IN THE OFFICE OR WITH A HOMEROOM TEACHER BY JANUARY 20, 2023.

STUDENTS
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Displaying acts of kindness is a fundamental aspect of our religion. **Islam encourages kindness and compassion towards everyone, no matter, one's religion, status or color.** There is an emphasis in the **Quran** to be kind to one's parents and orphans.

KINDNESS

**"Every Act of Kindness is Charity,
Even If It Is Just A Smile."**
~ Prophet Muhammed ~

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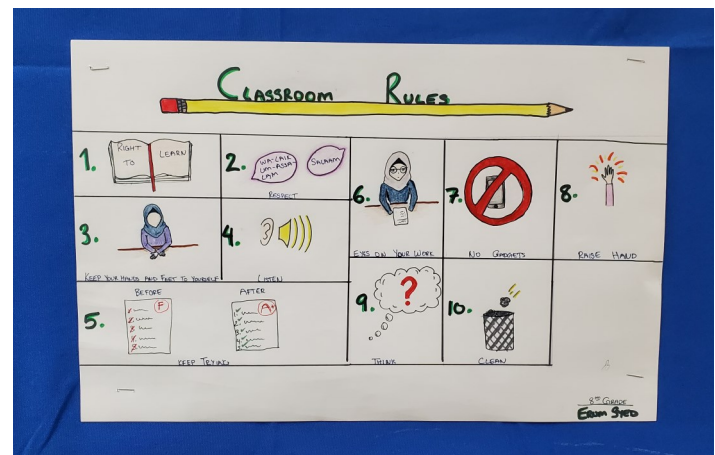
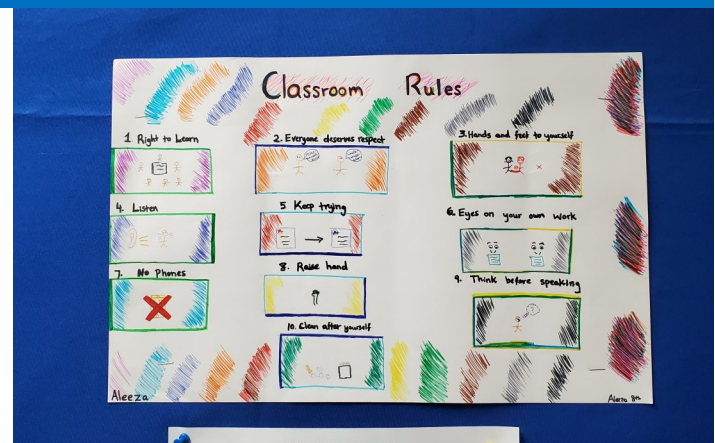
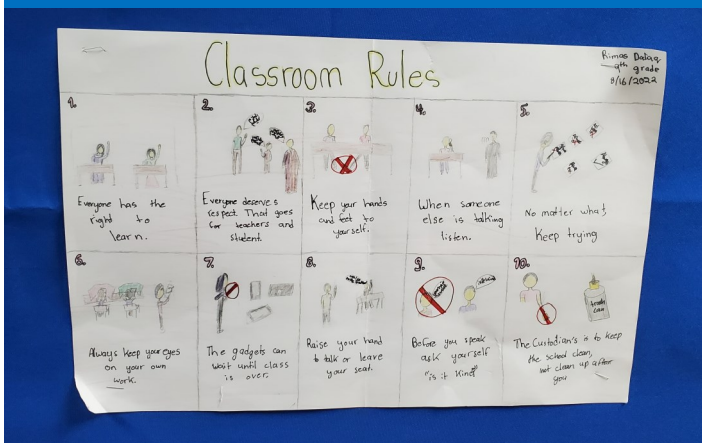
Bulletin Board Knowledge Shared

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“Whoever imparts knowledge will have the reward of whoever acted upon it, without deducting from the reward of one who acted.”**

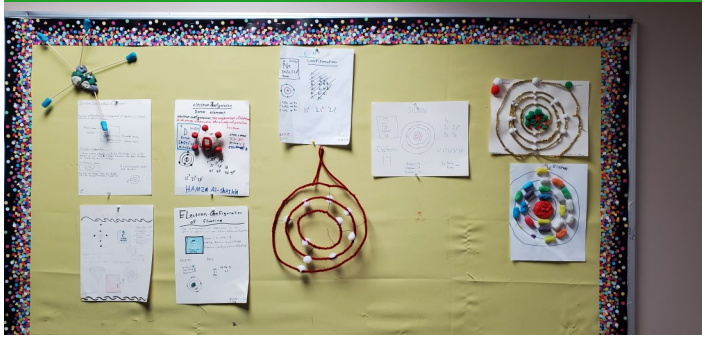


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Visualization of Classroom Rules - Daily Reminders



9th/10th Grade Science Class - Electron Configuration



6th Grade - Language Learning



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec. 14-20	Semester Finals (7th-10th)
December 20	End of 1st Semester (43 Days)
De. 21-20	Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
January 2	First Semester Grades Due
January 16	Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)
January 20	Celebrate Diversity (6th-10th)
January 27	Celebrate Diversity (K-5th)
February 3	Mid-Term 3rd Quarter (24 Days)
February 10	Mid-Term 3rd Quarter Grades Due
February 13-17	Book Fair
February 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
March 10	End of 3rd Quarter
March 13-17	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
March 22	1st Day of Ramadan
March 23	Quran Competition (KG-5th)
March 24	Quran Competition (6th-10th)
March 26	Town Hall Meeting

School Announcements

Just a reminder, we will be making the latest school announcements via these methods:

- Orbund Text Messages
- Orbund Announcements
- Voice Messages
- Email Messages
- www.iscgkc.org (School Website)



If you need to reach the administration office, please email us as follows:

admin@iscgkc.org - Diane Ghosheh, Technical Coordinator
 schooladmin@iscgkc.org - Maryam Haggins, School Administrator
 shamouda@iscgkc.org - Saba Hamouda, Principal
 fjabeen@iscgkc.org - Farzana Jabeen, Vice Principal

We are working at hard to keep the school running efficiently. If you need to reach us immediately, please leave a voice message. We are promptly answering all voicemails and emails.

When at home, take care of your families and be safe.

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Online Payments

Online Payments can be made for school fees, lunches, registrations, yearbooks, etc., on our school website:

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Just select the Payments and choose your selection from the buttons provided. **Thank you.**

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"IF YOU GIVE THANKS, I WILL GIVE YOUR MORE."

Quran 14:7

2ND QUARTER / 1st SEMESTER

Ends on December 20, 2022

Our 2nd Quarter ended on December 20, 2022, completing another 43 days of school. Please make sure you child has all of their homework turned in so that it can be graded before the teachers submit their grades.

Let's make the best of this year and encourage your child to keep up the good work!



Hadith on Plague: Avoid the plague but do not spread it either.

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "If you hear of a plague in a land, then do not go into it. If it happens in land where you are, then do not go out of it."

SAY YOUR DUA'A AND WASH YOUR HANDS.