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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السَّلَامِ كَافَّةً
Oh you who believe! Enter into Islam all together
Holy Qur'an 2:208

Monthly Newsletter

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Introducing Israa Initiative

Mission

Israa Academy endeavors to nurture students into adults through the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saw) and his Pure Family (as). We believe to accomplish this, it is necessary to take on a holistic approach to the development of the student, taking into account their spirituality, education, family, community, and the society around them.

Objective

To develop the community such that members will:

- Have a holistic understanding of Islam and submit to its teachings.
- Develop a strong Islamic identity rooted in the rich tradition of Islam.
- Be morally and ethically upright individuals within the Islamic community.
- Achieve strong intellectual capacity and use that for the advancement of the community.
- Represent Islam through their positive actions and contributions to society.
- Help pave the way for the return of the final Imam, Imam Mahdi (atjf).



For any questions or more information, please feel free to email us at: info@israa.org

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Update from Head of School

What we have accomplished thus far.

In the past few months, with the help of the community, we have come a long way. We have been able to secure 11 teachers for the 2024-2025 academic year. Additionally, we have onboarded our administrative team consisting of seven professionals to assist in areas such as curriculum development, school operations, faculty training and development. The various teams and their members are noted on the next page.

With the help of our team, we have selected and secured the curriculum and obtained enough funds to start the school year. Our location at 3672 Oak Street has been under renovation in preparation for the upcoming school year and, insha'Allah, will be completed before the start of classes on September 3, 2024.

What is happening now?

As of now, we are still working on completing minor renovations to the property. The final step is preparing the barn to be used for the school as a multi-purpose building. The barn will be able to function as an assembly hall, prayer hall, classroom, and cafeteria.

We are expecting to have approximately 15 students spread across 5 grade levels: pre-k, kindergarten, second, fourth, and sixth grade.

What do we need immediately?

There are still many needs to fulfill for the upcoming school year. We are working on securing critical supplies and equipment such as teaching materials, furniture, and projectors/televisions, etc.

We are always looking for passionate and willing teachers, be it in a full-time, part-time or substitute capacity. If you are interested, please inquire with me or members of our school administration.

Our operations team is actively working to procure funds and contractors to complete the final renovations to the barn, ensuring a safe and climate controlled facility that can be used as the common space for various school activities.



The Future

There have been many inquiries on what our long-term goals are. On a high-level, we want to hold firm to the stated mission and objectives stated above, by the grace and *tawfiq* of Allah (s.w.t.)

More specifically on a school level, we are looking to develop our teachers from within our community to ensure a strong value-based foundation. We will accomplish this through providing professional and educational development along with competitive compensation and benefits. Additionally, we plan to seek official recognition and accreditation as a private school. The specific timelines and milestones for these will insha'Allah be developed and shared with the larger community as we move ahead.

As has been stated previously, our goal is not just to develop a school. A school is an essential component of an Islamic community. This component has specific physical needs. While our primary focus is on initially cultivating human connections and relationships, we also have longer-term plans to acquire a larger space. This space will enable us to better serve and accommodate the needs and growth of the Islamic community. We expect this space to host the school as it grows, a *masjid*, Islamic library, community program halls, sports facilities, and more.

With Prayers,

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Sis. Arman Raza
Sis. Zainab Razvi
Sis. Zainab Salah

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Sis. Fatima Naqvi
Sis. Khadija Hyder

Lower Middle Sis. Sumiya Baqri
Sis. Fatima Hasnain
Sis. Hibah Jafri
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Administration

Head of School Sayyid Hasan Naqvi

School Administration Sis. Sumiya Baqri
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Sis. Zainab Razvi



Support

Operations & Marketing Br. Qasim Kazmi
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Core Curricula

The curriculum for the various classes that will be taught has been selected. We're working closely with other muslim educational institutions to expand and enhance the content of these curricula.

Math Singapore Math
English/Language Arts Wit & Wisdom
Social Studies TCI
Sciences CK Science
Electives Art, Technology, Foreign Language
Islamic Studies Qur'an, Islamic Law, Ethics, Beliefs



Fundraising

Progress We have raised a total of **\$155,370** bringing us to **55%** to our 3-year fundraising target of **\$275,000**.

To begin work on our Phase 2 of facilities improvement, we are looking to raise **\$25,000** by the end of **May 2024**. If you or other well-wishers are looking to contribute, please see the information below.

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