

Welcome back to school letter

Principals 'message to the community 2024-2025

Dear FVAMC Academy Families – Asalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatu Allahi Wa Brakatuh,

I hope this communication finds you refreshed and ready for the 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to welcoming all students for a fantastic school year!

Our first day of school for Friday classes will be **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**, and our first day of Sunday school will be **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024** In Sha Allah! We ask all the parents and students to gather in the Mussalla area on the first day of school.

The FVAMC Academy team has been working hard this summer to make this upcoming year your best year yet. We have some significant positive changes that we are introducing to our program this year which include:

- 1. Grade 7 & Grade 8 classes (regular Islamic Studies / Quran session) will be offered Friday night instead of Sunday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please note that grade 9 to 12 classes will continue to be offered Friday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the same schedule as the previous year.
- 2. Arabic classes will be offered on Fridays from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Assessments for placement in the appropriate Arabic level will be done on the first day of school (9/6) and (9/8). Please note that no changes have been made to the Sunday Arabic program schedule.
- 3. Sunday classes' schedule will remain the same with no changes.
- 5. The FVAMC Academy, in collaboration with Saint Joseph University, will provide four professional development sessions for FVAMC Academy teachers and staff.
- 6. The FVAMC Academy will continue to offer the 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.



- 7. We will continue to adopt 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.
- 8. 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.

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

- 9. Parents of PreK third grade students must sign in and out their children.
- 10. For more information about the Academy, please visit: https://www.fvamc.org/fvamc-academy/

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 amazib@hotmail.com or, 860-839-9300.

Sincerely, Amina Azib Ramdani



PreK - Grade 6 Schedule (Sundays):

9:45 Arabic Teachers Check-in

9:50 AM Students Check-in (Arabic Session)

9:55 AM Arabic Classes Start

10:55 AM Arabic Classes End

11:00 AM Islamic Studies Students Check-in

11:10 AM Islamic Studies Classes Start* (includes a brief in-class snack break)

12:40 PM Instructional Prayers in Musalla (Kindergarten-Third Grade)

12:50 PM Recess (All other levels)

1:00 PM Dhuhr Prayer (Midday) Congregational Prayer

1:15 PM Dismissal (PreK-Garde3 pick up from classroom)

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 Quran/Arabic teachers.

Grades 7 & 8 Schedule (Friday):

4:55 PM Arabic session Check-in

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Arabic Session

6:00 PM - 6:10 PM Islamic studies students Check-in

6:10 - 8: 00 PM Islamic Studies & Quran Session (Students get a 15-minute break between both sessions)

8:00 PM Dismissal



Grade 9 - Grade 12 (Fridays):

4:55 PM Arabic session Check-in

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Arabic session

6:00 PM - 6:10 PM Check-in

6:10PM - 7:10 PM Instructions in a classroom setting

7:10PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group

8:00 PM Dismissal