

Meezan School

Meezan School is a non-profit, private school founded by the Muslim Society of Guelph. Our school endeavours to help build a community of life-long learners that meaningfully contribute to positive social change.

As its mission, Meezan School is committed to each student's learning needs and well-being as it furthers an inclusive, respectful, and diverse place to promote creativity, critical thinking, and social responsibility. Our school adheres to core values of honesty, inclusivity, respect, creativity, compassion, and integrity.

At our school, we offer a comprehensive education from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students and teachers learn together through the Ontario Curriculum in the various subjects taught, (such as Language, Math, Science, Social Studies and French). Students also take specialized courses that help them each approach Islam through the learning of the Quran, principals of Islam and basics of Arabic language.

Visit us at www.meezanschool.com

Evening and Weekends Programs Arabic, Quran, and Islamic Education

**MSOG has programs for our youth and children...
seven days a week!**

Quran Classes, by Imam Ibrahim Gangat
Monday to Thursday, from 6 pm to 8 pm (5-7 pm during winter)

Islamic Studies, by Hafiz Mohammad Mubeen Butt
Friday evenings, from 6 pm to 8 pm (5-7 pm during winter)

IQRA, Journey to Quran, and Quran 101, by Shamsa Malik
Sat/Sun morning, from 10 am to 2:30 pm (except holidays)

Arabic Language Learning Class, managed by Tamer Gamel
Sunday afternoon, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (except holidays)

For more information about each program please visit us online:
www.msogf.org and click on "Education"

Monthly Operational Expenses of Muslim Society of Guelph and Meezan School

- Banking Charges / Fees
- Utilities (Hydro, Union Gas, Phone, Internet)
- Insurance
- Cleaning Services
- Cleaning Supplies
- Wages/Compensations
- Meezan School Financial Support

Total Monthly Expenses of MSOG **\$11,180.81+**

Community BBQ Day

Open for all the Muslims in Guelph. Please mark your calendars! BBQ is on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 286 Water Street, Guelph at 2-6pm (Lunch 2-4pm). Bring your family and friends. Lots of activities for both kids and adults.

Did you know...

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. Even though Islam is treated badly and some nasty things are said about Islam, it is still the fastest growing religion in the world.

Many people study Islam and see that it is from Allah. For this reason it has become the fastest growing religion in all parts of the world.

"Even though I am a very open minded and well educated person, I was a bit wary about the increasing population of Muslims in the world, as Islam is the fastest growing religion. However, after attending the Dinner on Sunday, December 20, 2015, organized by Muslim Society of Guelph, I am at ease if Muslims take over the world, this world will be in safe hands and would be a lot better place."

An attendee of the Annual Appreciation Dinner by MSOG

Give your share to show you care!

Important Dates

Ramadan Begin Date Monday, June 6, 2016
Eid-ul-Fitr Wednesday July 6, 2016
Hajj Date Saturday September 10, 2016
Eid-ul-Adha Sunday, September 11, 2016
Milad un Nabi, Sunday, December 11, 2016

Marriage Certificate

"There are three Licensed Marriage Counselors in our Community. Ask the Executive Committee if you would like to conduct Nikah/Marriage Ceremony."

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Muslim Society of Guelph



The Guide

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The new monthly newsletter from the Muslim Society of Guelph

We are very excited to present the Muslim Society of Guelph's monthly newsletter to our community. This is your window to news and information about the Guelph Muslim community. Our goal is to keep you informed about community activities and important issues. Whether you are new to our community or an old member living in Guelph (or surrounding area), our hope is to help make our communities strong by bringing you useful information, sharing ideas, and important Islamic topics.

Throughout the year, we will send stories and insights from our staff and community members as well as provide important is-

sues relevant to the community, such as upcoming events, financial records, related news.

Our goal is to interact with everyone and, especially, the next generation of youth and children by providing various interesting topics and Islamic activities. We hope you will enjoy navigating information through this issue and upcoming issues, inshaAllah, and benefit from all included materials. We ask you all for duaa and may Allah accept all our good deeds. Ameen

Do you frequently ask why you are occasionally confused and not well-grounded or focused on what really matters in life?

Living in a fast paced environment—where we wake up, rush to get our selves to work, our children to school, and after a long days work (and a tiring day at school for our children) we finally make it home—before we know it, we are fast asleep from an exhausting day. The birds start to chirp and roosters crow, or us, our smart phones and tablets start to buzz and ring, come to figure, morning has begun and we start this journey all over again. Sometimes we could get carried away and try to pursue contentment, tranquility, ease of heart and peace from sources, which we have been told about time and time again, with complete evidence, reference and conviction, will not yield anything other than more frustration. Allah (God, almighty) says in the Qur'an "Verily with the remembrance of Allah [God, almighty] do hearts gain contentment"(RAAD28). Let us all come together and make a covenant to try and remember our creator for a few minutes a day and in turn be blessed with ease of heart.

Important Contacts

Guelph Police Department 519.824.1212
Guelph General Hospital 519.822.5350
Guelph Fire Department 519.824.6590 (911)
Union Gas 519.885.7400
Guelph Hydro 519.822.3010
City Hall Administration 519.837.5602

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Islam is very particular about the value of youth and their ability to change the world. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) emphasized the merit of a youth who spends his or her life in the worship of Allah. Imam Bukhari (629) and Imam Muslim (1031) narrate, that the messenger of Allah said “A youth who spends his [or her] time in the servitude of Allah will be under the shade of Allah on the Day of Judgment.” If you are young and have ideas to share, submit (via email) articles and/or questions. We will publish, inshaAllah, your work in the next issues to come. We ask Allah to strengthen our youth! Ameen

Our website: www.msofg.org

Highlights of 2015 at MSOG

- * Successfully completed the first academic year of Meezan School. A private elementary School by MSOG;
- * Held a fundraising dinner for Meezan School and Gymnasium in March, 2015, raising \$125,000;
- * Started the Dollar-A-Day campaign during Ramadan 2015 with great success;
- * Annual BBQ event brought over 400 people including Mayor, Police Chief, MP and multi-faith community groups;
- * Invited Dr. Khalid Zaheer from Pakistan, during summer of 2015, to help promote education and training;
- * Hosted educational sessions by Allama Javed Ahmed Ghamidi (MSOG in collaboration with AlMawrid Canada);
- * Multiple Ramadan Dinners were organized by MSOG for the non-muslim community;
- * “Ramadan 101” initiative was started for all the neighbors by distributing sweets and information about Ramadan;
- * Started a Facebook page and twitter account of MSOG with over 300 members;
- * First ever Community Appreciation Dinner was held on Sunday, December 20, 2016 with a 500+ turn out.

List of Community Events and Services

Weekly Halaqas on every Saturday and Sunday after Isha salah

Monthly newsletter with exciting articles, info from MSOG and fun page

An opportunity for youth to submit their own article, which may be published in the next issue

Meezan School Appreciation Dinner on Mar. 12/13, 2016 (TBA)

Doors Open Guelph 2016 Welcoming Non Muslims April 23, 2016 -10AM 4:00PM

MSOG Annual Appreciation Dinner, Dec. 17/18, 2016 (TBA)

Iqama Timing at Jame Masjid, Guelph, for February 2016

"Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!" (2/201)



54.032839 (from North, clockwise)

Kabah is approx. 11,000 km away

Note: Jumma Khutba is fixed at 1:25 pm .

Date	Dawn	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
February 10	5:53	6:30	7:27	1:45	4:00	5:52	7:30
February 20	5:40	6:15	7:13	1:45	4:15	6:05	7:45
February 28	5:28	6:00	7:00	1:45	4:30	6:15	8:00
February 29	5:26	6:00	6:58	1:45	4:30	6:17	8:00

Racism has never had, and will never have, any place in Islam!

We begin with the name of Allah the most beneficent the most merciful.

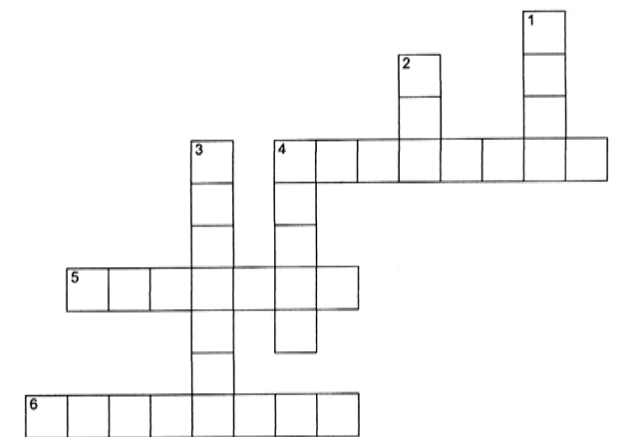
As we all are aware and the world sees, Islam is the fastest growing and spreading religion globally. It sounds like a catchy phrase, although, at the same time it comes with great challenges that include (and are not limited to), radical groups claiming to represent Islam and Muslims. Nevertheless, it does not help when an often-biased media propagates false messages where we, as people, ought to know better and are often too occupied to investigate what is being fed to us day after day. As such, thousands of Muslims are being drawn towards ignorance and un-Islamic, radical groups. A great myth the masses seem to cling to is, Islam created racism, breeds it, teaches it, and they claim it is apparent from the Muslim World’s behavior—which is another reason why we, as Muslims, must get over our cultural divisions and focus on uniting as one nation regardless of race, nationality, skin color, religion, and even language differences.

Islam denounces all forms of division Allah, almighty, says, “Oh people, verily we have create you from a male and female and made you nations and tribes merely for the purpose of recognition for verily the best amongst you in the sight of Allah is the one who is most god conscious and god fearing” (49:13). As we may see, Allah has clarified in the Qur’an that our physical appearances have been made different by God for the purpose of recognition and nothing else. Let us now take Allah’s mercy into consideration, even though we may not be able to encompass it entirely.

Imagine we were all created exactly the same with alike colors, alike nationalities, alike races, alike religions and alike languages. How would we then recognize each other? It would be impossible and boring.

Let us stand together and recognize this as a great blessing from Allah and use this bounty of apparent difference, which is attached to us for recognition, and unite in every aspect of life with respect, dignity and honor, for each other; for verily, in the sight of Allah, piety is only what he will judge us on. So let us try to spend our life perusing piety and, hopefully, Allah will accept it from us; and we pray Allah enables us to look at the greater picture and removes baseless racial divisions from within us. Ameen.

Test you're knowledge on the best of Allah's creation THE PROPHETS



- ACROSS
- 4 The prophet who had wind at his disposal
 - 5 For whom the fire became cold
 - 6 The prophet who split the moon
- DOWN
- 1 The prophet who split the sea
 - 2 The prophet who cured leprosy
 - 3 The prophet for whom stones became elivators
 - 4 The prophet given a she-camel

6A/Mohammad
5A/Ebrahim
4A/Sulaiman
4D/Salih
3D/Ebrahim
2D/Isa
1D/Musa
Answer key

Local Masajid

- Masjid-e-Aisha, 44 Marborough Road, Guelph, 226.486.1143
- Masjid-e-Abu Bakr, 126 Norwich Street, Guelph, 519.826.6739
- Cambridge Islamic Centre, 1550 Dunbar Rd, 519.740.6855
- Cambridge Muslim Society, 282 Elgin St N., 519.623.0568
- Kitchener Masjid, 1017 Victoria St, Kitchener, 519.743.9111
- Waterloo Masjid, 213 Erb St W., Waterloo, 519.886.8470

Halal Food Restaurants & Meat

- Helmand Kabab House 486 Woodlawn Rd E., 519.265.8811
- Butcher Shop & Groceries 219 Silvercreek Pkwy N,
- Olive Halal Meat & Grocery 666 Woolwich St., 519.265.8200
- Pita Hut 35 Harvard Rd., 519.265.7483
- Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen 35 Harvard Rd. 519.265.8313
- Zinger Chick Unit 18, 500 Willow Road, 519.265.8955