

Meezan School – Year 3!

Meezan School is about to start its third year on September 6, 2016. After two successful first years, thanks to an incredible team of teachers, parents, students, and community volunteers, we're excited to be continuing to expand and improve the quality of learning.

Meezan School is a non-profit, private school founded by the Muslim community, with the support of many others, in the City of Guelph. Our school is located on Water Street, and 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 committed staff of professionally-trained teachers work hard to create a welcoming and enriching learning environment that encourage your child's intellectual and moral development.

Our goal is to foster strong academic and interpersonal skills, along with a sense of responsibility and positive self-esteem, in all our learners. 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 in Islamic/Quran Studies and Arabic to help them approach Islam through the learning of the Quran.

For more information, please see our website: www.meezanschool.com

Hajj The pilgrimage

A journey of A Lifetime

The journey of Hajj reminds us that in this life we are in a similar journey, we are not here to stay forever, because we will never stay forever, we are here on a temporary basis, we are here to be tested and to fulfil the commands of Allah (S.W.T), we are on a journey moving from one stage to the other, and whether we like it or not we are on a journey, so don't lose track, don't take the side roads, keep yourself on the main road that will take you to your destination, and don't get lost here or there. So Hajj reminds us of the reality of this life, it is not a settlement, we are made of days, every time you are getting older you are losing days not gaining, this is how we should perceive life, so make your calculations right, and be ready for the meeting with Allah.

it is also important to remember that we are going there in response to the call of Allah (S.W.T), this is why the pilgrims say: "O Allah I am here in the response of your call."

Moreover, travelling needs a lot of patience, it is a piece of torment, and there are a lot of inconveniences about it, this is why it reveals much of the character of human beings, it trains the soul and tame the nafs, so there is a lot of wisdom that we take from travelling, and as a traveler you are heading to a destination, this teaches you that this is a journey in which your destinations are Mecca, Mena, Arafa, and so on, and in life you are also in a journey and you are heading towards Allah's pleasure, so that you can get back to your original house in paradise, that's our destinations. So don't be attracted by the side roads, if you take them they will take you off track.

Another very beautiful fact to consider is just how much positivity people mention of their spiritual experience, let's say, at the Ka'bah. We almost always hear statements like "Once I saw the Ka'bah in front of me, I couldn't help but tear up". Also to experience what the noble Prophets such as Ibrahim and Ismael (Upon Them be Peace) experienced as well as Haajar is unlike any other experience. The fact of the matter is that once you reach the area of the 'Meeqat' (the region of Hajj), and engage in the sacred rituals, it creates in the heart the feeling of the greatness of Allah. Surely this is a special feeling of closeness from Allah.

May Allah grant us ALL the completion of the sacred Hajj as early as we can in our short-lived lives. Allahumma Ameen.

Important Dates

Hajj Date (Day of Arafah)
Sunday September 11, 2016

Eid-ul-Adha
Monday, September 12, 2016

Milad un Nabi,
Sunday, December 11, 2016

New Hijrah year day
Sunday, October 02, 2016

Night journey to the heavens
Sunday, April 03, 2017

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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THE GUIDE

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The Month of Dhul-Hijjah

The blessed month of Ramadan came and slipped by us — a month full of blessings and rewards, easily attainable by an individual from the presence of the abundant mercy of Allah and the absence of Shay-taan. Fortunate are the ones amongst us who took from the treasures of Allah, and gained his closeness, forgiveness and love. And now, finally after a brief duration from the end of Ramadan, we are once again given this chance to recollect and redeem ourselves by being honored with the opportunity, insha'Allah, to live through the blessed month of Dhul-Hijjah — a month in which millions of Muslims, from around the world, make the tiring and often-difficult journey to Makkah. The reasons for making this journey — the Hajj — includes the rewards, excitement, and pursuit to commemorate and re-enact the sacrifices of Prophet Ebrahim (may peace and blessings be upon him). It is hoped by all those who make this journey that Allah will accept this act and grant them blessings for doing so as taught by our beloved Prophet Mohammad (may peace and blessings be upon him). Now it is to us, who could not make this journey, that we adhere to what the Islamic tradition teaches us and benefit from the blessings during this month. The messenger of Allah said, "there are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these ten days of Dhul-Hijjah." The people asked in response: "Not even Fighting for the sake of Allah?" The prophet replied, "Not even fighting for the sake of Allah" (Bukhari). As a new year begins in the Islamic (Hijri) calendar, we are once again blessed to finish on a great note and on good terms with Allah. We beg of Allah to accept all our actions, pardon all our shortcomings, and we ask of Him to enable us to partake in this journey of Hajj at least once in our lives. Aameen. Let us all focus the last few days of the Hijri year to reconnect and mend our ties with our creator by repenting, increasing in worship to Him, and also by being a good citizen of our society.

DUA/DHIKR OF THE MONTH

Prophetic Tradition
قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم خير الدعاء دعاء يوم عرفة وخير ما قلت انا والنبيون من قبلي
لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له له الملك وله الحمد وهو على كل شيء قدير. ترمذي

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "The best Duaa is the one made on the day of Arafah and the best thing said by me, and the prophets before me on this day, is that there is none worthy of worship besides Allah alone; he has no partner, for him is the ultimate sovereignty and all praise and he has power over everything." (Tirmize)

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

Weekly/Daily Educational Programs at the MUSLIM SOCIETY OF GUELPH

Evening Quran and Tarbiyah Class for Boys and Girls

Teacher (Boys): Imam Ibrahim Gangat, (519) 546-3941

Teacher (Girls): Mrs. Salma Hanif

Timings: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Monday to Thursday)

Schedule: Daily

Fee: \$ 35/month (post dated checks to be given at the time of registration)

Who is it for?

This program is designed for boys and girls between ages of 5-15

How it works:

The curriculum for the Evening Quran and Tarbiyah School is based on each individual child, depending on their memory skill level. Each student has the opportunity to progress at their own pace.

Taleem ul Islam

Taleem ul Islam (teachings of Islam) is a primary and essential Islamic book which that consists of basic Aqaaid (Islamic Beliefs) and basic Fiqh (Islamic practices) for young students. Its unique style is based on question and answers, making it interesting and interactive for the students. Each child is to purchase the book for \$5.00 once joining the class.

Weekend School at Muslim Society of Guelph: September 2016-June 2017

We are offering the following courses for children and youth:

1. **Islam for Young Scholars:** Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:30 pm; Ages 8-10
2. **Journey to Quran for beginners:** Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm; Students must have completed “Islam for Young Scholars”
3. **Journey to Quran 101:** Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm; Students must have completed “Journey to Quran for Beginners”
4. **Quran for Young Adults:** Sundays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm; Students must have completed “Journey to Quran for Young Adults”

Local Masajid

Masjid-e-Aisha, 44 Marlborough 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**

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Friday evening Islamic Studies Class

Topics: Principals of Islam for children
Instructor: Imam Mubeen
Start: Every Friday starting from September 9, 2016
Time: From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Age: 8 to 12 years — boys and girls
Fee: \$10/child

Registration: During class with Imam Mubeen

List of Community Events and Services

Weekly Halaqas on every Saturday and Sunday after Isha salah

Exciting new Hifz (memorization of Quran program) coming to Meezan School. Check our next issue for more details.

Mansak/Qurbani meat collection
At MSOG please drop it off in the masjid Freezer kitchen labeled with the intent.

Eid-ul Adha Prayers and program will be held on September 11, or 12, depending on moon sighting from 9am to 10am

Start of school day for Meezan School students:
Tuesday September 6, 2016 at 8:15 am

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

Actions to focus on in the Month of Dhul-Hijjah

1. Duaa (supplication)

Indeed, the connection one must maintain with Allah is a very particular one for, verily, Allah almighty says, “I listen to the prayer of every supplicant when he calls on me” (Baqarah 186). Thus, one of the easiest ways to maintain this connection, between creator and creation, is Duaa.

2. Repentance

It is in the nature of human beings to make mistakes and errors, as one may see from the story of Prophet Adam (may peace and blessings be upon him). Sincere repentance for our faults, however, helps us make amends for poor choices we make. Allah almighty says, “Whoever wrongs himself then seeks forgiveness from Allah, he will find Allah forgiving and merciful” (Nisa 64).

3. Fasting the first nine days

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) would fast the first nine days of Dhul-Hijjah (Abudawood).

4. Fasting on the day of Arafah

The Prophet (peace be upon him) was asked about fasting on the day of Arafah. He said, “Fasting on that day will atone for the sins of the past year and the upcoming year” (Muslim).

5. Reciting Takbeer in abundance

Imam Bukhari mentioned: “Sahabah used to go to the marketplace during the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah whilst reciting Takbeer and the people would join in to their recitation” (Bukhari).

6. Avoid cutting hair and nails for those who intend to sacrifice

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, “once you have sighted the moon of Dhul-Hijjah, and you intend to sacrifice, then you should avoid cutting your hair or clipping your nails” (Muslim).

Halal Food Restaurants & Meat

Butcher Shop & Groceries 219 Silvercreek Pkwy

Spicy Food Hut Unit 9, 219 Silvercreek Pkwy N, 519.763.5200

Olive Halal Meat 666 Woolwich St., 519.265.8200

Manouche Express 88 Gordon St., 519.265.8666

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen 35 Harvard Rd. 519.265.8313

Zinger Chick Unit 18, 500 Willow Road, 519.265.8955

A Quality Worth More Than Gold

The title should make one feel something worth more than gold should it not be articulated in gold writing also. Our Creator, the most high, most merciful, most forgiving, and all-powerful, has advised this quality on both groups of Muslims mentioned in the Quran — those making the pilgrimage and those making a sacrifice — regarding the actions that are incumbent upon us, specifically in the month of Dhul-Hijjah.

Hujjaj (pilgrims) have great merit and virtue along with great responsibility. The responsibility of being patient and possessing the ability of forbearance, along with suppressing ones ego and anger, during times of tribulation guaranteed in the greatest journey of an individual's lifetime. Allah prescribed for this category the quality worth more than gold.

The ones offering sacrifice, also, are enacting the tradition of Prophet Ebrahem (peace be upon him) and are in pursuit of acceptance from Allah — just as Allah gave such acceptance to the sacrifice of Prophet Ebrahem and made it an act of worship believers would follow annually. The ones offering this obligation will also face temptation, setbacks, and whispers from the devil so that the sacrifice may fall short of what is expected and was done by Prophet Ebrahem (peace be upon him). For the ones doing the sacrifice, Allah also prescribed the quality worth more than gold.

In sum, Allah almighty states that, conversing with the pilgrims, “so whoever intends to perform Hajj then he should not have sexual relations, nor commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during Hajj. And whatever good you do Allah knows it. And take a provision, but the best provision is Taqwaa” (Baqarah 197). To those of us sacrificing an animal, Allah almighty says, “It is neither meat nor their blood that reaches Allah, but it is the Taqwaa that reaches him” (Alhajj 37).

After contemplating upon these verses, one may conclude the necessity and importance in regards to this quality and that everyone should strive to possess it at all times, holding it dear to his or her heart for a lifetime of remembering and serving Allah.

There are dozens of verses in the Quran which emphasize the importance of Taqwaa; but what is Taqwaa? The scholars explain it as an individual being conscious of Allah in all he or she does — a state of the heart, mind, and soul in which an individual is completely cognizant of Allah. This includes His mercy, forgiveness, justness, power, and might. Being conscious of Allah, the sincerity in our actions is the key factor in acceptance of all our good deeds and actions. We ask of Allah to increase us in our consciousness of Him.

Exciting Announcement! Get more out of your sacrifice this year.

Is it time to announce that Qurbani meat is accepted by MSOG. It should be donated in 2-pound packages.

Meat distribution includes to Syrian Refugees. MSOG will also collect frozen food in a specific freezer on September 3, starting at 11 am

Hoping, insha'Allah, to have a lot more Qurbani meat this year.