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*In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
"O you who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed). Surah At-Tawbah 9:119*

Parent Memo

Important documents and links have been added to our parent portal for student and parent reference.

Calendar Events

Mon. 12/20 – Mon. 1/4/2021

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Tue. 1/5/2021

Mon. 1/11/2021

Winter Break / No School

Staff Workday

All Students Return to School Online

All Students Return to School On-Campus

Instructional Update

Monday, Jan 5th all students will return to school online. Hifz Academy has decided to go online for classes for the week of Tuesday, Jan 5th to Friday, Jan. 8th following the winter break. As a reminder, students who were previously ill, currently ill, or who traveled prior or during the break are required to get a COVID test done showing that they are negative prior to resuming their classes on campus on Monday, Jan. 11th. **All classes will resume on campus as of Monday, Jan 11th insha Allah.** Therefore, students who were taking classes online prior to the break will also return to classes on campus.

NEW Dismissal Procedure

Families who currently do not have a family number are asked to pick one up during the week of 1/4/2021 from the front office. Once we all return to campus you will need your family number visible on your dashboard to facilitate a smooth dismissal.

Uniform and Dress Code

Please note that upon return to school on Monday, Jan. 11th all students must be in proper uniform attire. Please review the Uniform & Dress Code details, which can be found in our parent portal under RESOURCES, to ensure that the appropriate attire and color scheme are implemented. There has been a color change with the secondary student to include Navy-Blue PE tops for both male and female students.

Health Screening (KG, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th & 7th)

As a reminder, if you have not yet provided us with an updated Physical Health Form for your child please do so soon. We will need to update their Hearing, Vision and Scoliosis screening data in our database.

Student Progress

Hifz Academics (K - 12th)

Parents are encouraged to log into their Parent Portal daily, view their child(ren) progress, and keep close communication with their child(ren)'s teacher. Additionally, be sure to update your contact information, pick-up person, emergency contact as needed.

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) (7th - 12th)

For students who are registered for FLVS course(s), parents are asked to keep in communication with their child and their child's FLVS teacher to ensure they are on pace to finish on schedule.

Hillsborough Community College (HCC) (9th – 12th)

For more details about first day of class, which is 1/11/2021, add/drop dates and withdrawal dates please visit <https://www.hccfl.edu/academics/academic-calendars/academic-calendar-spring-2021>.

College Readiness (9th – 12th)

Some events or activity may be placed on hold or cancelled due to COVID. Please check the websites accordingly!
Secondary students are encouraged to visit <https://www.collegeboard.org/> for important college prep information. For more information about **Bright Futures Scholarship** and the changes implemented due to COVID please click on this link <https://blog.prepscholar.com/florida-bright-futures-requirements-sat-act-and-more>.

SAT Testing: Students in 12th (Seniors) are encouraged to study for their next SAT exam, sign up for the next available session and provide us with their scores once received.

Community Service Hours: A reminder to all secondary students to please provide their community service hours sheet so their hours can be recorded.

Listed below are the required **volunteer service work hours** & required **SAT/ACT scores** needed for the **Bright Futures Scholarships**:

- Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS)– **100 hours** of volunteer service work (**SAT 1330 / ACT 29**)
- Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS) – **75 hours** of volunteer service work (**SAT 1210 / ACT 25**)
- Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship – **30 hours** of volunteer service work
- Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship – **30 hours** of volunteer service work

You may also visit <https://www.flvs.net/student-resources/college/planning-calendar> for more information about helping your 9-12 student staying on track for college planning.

Hifz Progress

Alhamdulillah we are making excellent progress with our students. We ask that you continue to remind and encourage your child(ren) to practice their Qur'an daily at home.

Before / Afterschool Activities

Insha Allah, all Before / Afterschool activities will resume after we return to campus.

Walking Club

Alhamdulillah, our Walking Club was very successful during the first semester. Students who arrived early, before 7:55AM would walk on the inner corridor of our building starting at 7:35 AM and continue through 7:55AM. We started out with under 10 students who arrived by 7:35 AM and was willing to join the club. When we began, they were only required to walk once or twice around the corridor. As we progressed, while many of our students would complete 3-5 laps and stop, others would continue to 10-15 laps. Alhamdulillah, our walking club grew exponentially. As a reward, we celebrated with our student on Friday, December 18th by treating them to delicious hot chocolate, mini marshmallows and a sweet treat. Many parents were present and stayed to cheer the children as they walked for one last time before we go on break. A special Thank You to our staff members who made this event possible and the parents who stayed to cheer. Insha Allah we will continue our Walking Club in January.

LiTroupe Afterschool Enrichment (Elem. Gr. 1 – 5)

Alhamdulillah, we had a successful first semester engaging with our LiTroupe students and helping them to reach their next academic level. We treated the students to a pizza celebration on their last day and held a volunteer appreciation celebration for our LiTroupe volunteers. We are in the planning process for the second semester and will provide registration details soon. Feel free to contact Sr. Reem at r.hassaen@hifzacademy.org regarding any questions you may have about our LiTroupe program.

Judo

After School Program

Monday - Wednesday - Saturday from 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm.

Beginners Class

Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday from 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm.

Advanced Group

Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Coach / Sensei Taalaibek Tynaliev ttaalaibek@yahoo.com.

Reminders

- All parents and guest must stop at the main ISTABA office to **sign-in before proceeding to the Hifz** office.
- Parents **MUST** report student absences daily to the front office AND complete the **online Absence Request** form. For on campus students, if you were sent home, or kept home, a doctor's note showing student was tested negative for COVID must be submitted to the office.

Health Corner

Parents please pay attention to the items below.

- During this break, we ask you to protect those you love most. Avoid gathering (especially indoors), rethink your travel plans if any, stay home and get tested if you are feeling ill. We encourage you to wash your hands and keep 6 ft distance for the safety of your families and loved ones.
- **Complete the online COVID form daily for your child(ren) who are on campus. If you fail to complete this form, your child will not be allowed to attend class until the form has been completed.**

- **Send clean MASKS daily with your child.** Some students are coming in with dirty masks. Parents are encouraged to purchase the cloth masks that can be washed and worn again.
- **A refillable water bottle is required daily** as the children are now actively playing outside and going out for PE.
- Kindly **send a sweater with your child daily** and put his/her name on the inner tag.
- **Keep SICK kids home!**
- Please take extra precautions as it is the **Flu/Cold season**.

ISTABA & Hifz Academy are committed to ensuring that all CDC and DOE rules and protocols are followed while on campus.

*Wa jazakumullahu khairan,
Hifz Academy Administration
Week of December 21, 2020*

Attached: Uniform & Dress Code Policy