



Dear New Aqsa School Families,

Assalamu ALaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatu. Peace and Blessings Be Upon you. Welcome to the Aqsa School Family! We are so blessed to have you join our school community. Aqsa School prides itself on creating an environment where all students are significant and supported to reach their greatest academic growth. Our mission is to see every child excel academically and grow socially and spiritually. With small class sizes, outstanding teaching staff and a desire to facilitate the growth of leaders and scholars, Aqsa School is so excited to invite your child and family to the Aqsa experience. Inshallah this is the beginning of an enriching and rewarding learning relationship for years to come.

On our website you have access to important information to help you and your child prepare for the school year ahead. Take some time to find the items listed below, so that you have all the information you need to make a smooth transition to our school. All of these items have also been mailed to you in paper form.

CALENDAR: The school calendar with all major holidays, days off/breaks and early release dates for the 2017-18 school year is enclosed. A more detailed calendar with all school events will be posted when the school year begins.

SUPPLY LISTS: Each grade or department has supply lists posted so that you can purchase necessary items before school begins.

HEALTH FORMS: Additionally, all Illinois State Board required health forms are available. If your child requires a vision, dental or health exam please complete those before the beginning of the school year (details of what is required are listed on the health information form included).

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS: All junior high and high school students (grades 6-12) are to complete a summer reading assignment which is included. This is for a grade and must be completed during the summer. All students in grades KG to 8th grade also have online math access to Reflex Math which they can access from home and work on skill building all summer long. Once you are registered you will receive a school log-in. The site is <http://www.reflexmath.com/go> then click "Login".

STEM CAMP: informational fliers enclosed for our first Summer Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) camp. Students in grades 3-6 can participate. The camp will take place from July 25-27, 2017. All are welcome to sign-up. Fees and additional information are on the registration forms.

Junior High and High School ONLY

BOOK LISTS: All High School students purchase their own textbooks. The booklist is included. Please be sure to allow yourself enough time to order the books by using the ISBN numbers provided. Some departments have fees and will purchase the reading materials for the students. These fees are to be paid in full no later than the end of the first week of school (Friday, September 8th).

Orientation Sessions: All students entering 6th or 9th grade or transfer students into junior high and high school are to attend a parent and student orientation session on Thursday August 24, 2017. Please read the fliers enclosed for the specific times for your family.

Course Tracking Form: High School students can identify their tentative coursework with our 4 year tracking form.

Clubs: A list of co-curricular clubs and committees is included so new students can identify areas of interest. Specific club meeting dates will be provided after the school year begins.

Aqsa School Uniform: All Students

As a private Islamic school we believe that an official school uniform helps to establish a sense of community, equality and modesty. New students will need to place their uniform orders early in order to have them ready for the first day of school.

The following are the uniform guidelines for students in grade 1st to 12th. Preschool and Kindergarten students are not required to wear uniforms due to the nature of their play-based learning and nap times. All official uniform pieces, including Physical Education uniforms can be purchased from the **Schoolbelles Uniform Company** 7661 Harlem Ave, Bridgeview, IL 60455 (708) 929-4695 <http://www.schoolbelles.com>, enter Aqsa School Code, S0963.

In addition to purchasing new uniforms, the Aqsa School Mother's Club has a Uniform Exchange program where they sell donated uniform pieces at reduced rates. Sizes and items are limited to what they have in stock. To view uniforms for sale, please inquire with the front office (708)598-2700.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

- **GIRLS GRADES 1-4**

Plaid Dress Jumper, long or short sleeve dark green knit polo shirt. V-necked Aqsa Sweater (navy blue or dark green), Aqsa Cardigan or Aqsa Fleece

- **BOYS Grades 1-5**

Navy Blue Khakis, Long or short sleeve dark green knit polo shirt. V-necked Aqsa Sweater (navy blue or dark green), Aqsa Cardigan or Aqsa Fleece

- **GIRLS 5th grade:** Plaid uniform skirt with a long-sleeved, dark-green, knit shirt with the Aqsa School emblem. V-necked Aqsa Sweater (navy blue or dark green), Aqsa Cardigan or Aqsa Fleece

- **All Elementary Physical Education:** Long or short-sleeved, gray t-shirt or blue sweatshirt with Aqsa School logo, Navy blue jogging pants with Aqsa School logo.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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- **OPTION 1: Uniform Jilbab** (plain navy blue with Aqsa School Emblem) and a scarf (navy blue, black or white) If a student chooses a jilbab as her uniform, it must be worn for the entire school year as their uniform. The Jilbab can be purchased from **Diana's Fashions** 10730 Harlem Ave, Worth, IL 60482 **Phone: (708) 923-0717**
 - **OPTION 2: Uniform Outfit:** Plaid uniform skirt with a long-sleeved, dark-green, knit shirt with the Aqsa School emblem. V-necked Aqsa Sweater (navy blue or dark green), Aqsa Cardigan or Aqsa Fleece
 - **PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM:** Long-sleeved, gray t-shirt or blue sweatshirt with Aqsa School logo, Navy blue jogging pants with Aqsa School logo.
 - **HIJAB:** Everyday from 6th period until the end of noon Thuhr prayers students are to wear hijab. Additionally, every FRIDAY, the Islamic day of congregation, students in grades 6 to 12 are to wear hijab with their uniform. Hijabs are to be plain (no design or ornamentation). The following are the only acceptable colors- Navy Blue, Black or White.
 - **SHOES:** Appropriate shoes: plain, closed-toe, closed back, **all solid dark color** such as black, dark brown, dark blue casual shoe (no high heels). Only all black sneakers will be allowed, otherwise no gym shoes will be accepted.
 - **SOCKS:** Ankle socks or higher (white, black, navy blue or dark solid colors preferable).
 - **LEGGINGS:** Underneath the skirt only leggings, tights, or slippers are allowed. These should be solid dark colors.

Inshallah the information provided will serve to better acquaint you and your family with Aqsa School. If you should have any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us at info@aqsa.edu or call (708)598-2700.

We look forward to building a long lasting relationship with your child and family. Once again welcome to the Aqsa Family! May Allah bless the remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,

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