AL-HUJJAT IS MOVING TO GLENDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Al-Hujjat Families,

This letter serves as an important announcement about our move to Glendale Secondary School. Today marked our final class at Razavi Community Centre. Please note that we will be closed next Sunday, October 13th, in observance of the Thanksgiving long weekend. Classes will recommence on Sunday, October 20th, at Glendale Secondary School, situated at 145 Rainbow Dr, Hamilton, ON L8K 4G1. As always, classes will start at 10:30 a.m.

Entry Instructions:

Entry to the school will be from the **backside parking lot**. Parents are to drop off their children at the double doors located past the dumpsters along the right side wall.



Volunteers will be stationed at the doors to allow entry **ONLY** to students. However, an exception applies for parents of children in Tarbiyah Bands A and B. These parents are allowed to drop off their children directly at their classrooms.

Signs will be posted on classroom doors and hallways to help students find their classrooms.

For security reasons, the school board requires that doors remain locked throughout the day. Volunteers will be at the doors to allow students to enter until 10:45 a.m. If your child is late, please call or text Sr. Sumra at 289-969-8455, and a volunteer will assist in unlocking the door. We kindly ask that students arrive on time to allow volunteers to focus on their other tasks without disruptions.

Note to parents of Tarbiyah Band A and B:

We sincerely appreciate the parents of Tarbiyah bands A and B who have been assisting our teachers during lessons. We recognize that many have contributed by reading storybooks or participating in activities. To enable these parents to continue their valuable support, we now ask that they register as AI-Hujjat volunteers. *Please note that parents will not be allowed to sit inside the classrooms unless they register to be a volunteer with us first.* This is an important step to ensure the safety and security of students. If you are a parent who would like to continue to help out, then please fill out the volunteer form here <u>https://al-hujjat.ca/volunteer</u>.

Property Usage:

Please remind your children that we are renting out the space and therefore must treat it with respect. This means avoiding any damage to school property, ensuring the premises remain clean by using trash bins, and refraining from taking items that do not belong to them. We must foster a positive relationship with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB).

Let's all be good representatives of our Muslim Shia Community!!

Al-Hujjat Office Location:

During madrassah hours, the office will be located in **Room 2050** at Glendale Secondary School. Parents wishing to speak with administrative staff can enter the school between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., while students are arriving. For entry at other times, please contact Sr. Sumra at 289-969-8455.

Dismissal Instructions:

- Salah Levels 1 and 2: Students will be escorted from their classrooms and into the gym at 1:30 p.m. via the parking lot. The double doors leading to the gym can be found directly across from the entrance doors on the opposite wall. Parents may pick up their children as they cut across the parking lot or from inside the gym.
- Salaah Levels 3/4 and 5/6: These students will pray Jamaat Namaaz in the gym starting at 1:20 p.m. They will be dismissed after the Jamaat Prayers. Parents can either pick up their child by entering the gym or by waiting in the parking lot. Volunteers will be positioned outside to ensure student safety.

Prayer Mat Requirement:

Students in Salaah Levels 3/4 and 5/6 must participate in Jamaat Prayers. Given the large number of students, we won't be able to provide each one with a prayer mat and Khake-shifa. Therefore, if your child is in these Salaah Levels, please ensure they bring a prayer mat and Khake-shifa to school. We will provide a clean sheet for students to place their prayer mats on.

Students in Salaah Levels 1 and 2 do not need a prayer mat at this stage. Once they begin performing prayers, we will notify parents to send prayer mats.

Joining in Jamaat Prayers:

Parents are encouraged to join the Jamaat Prayers in the gym at 1:20 p.m. If you plan to join, please bring your own prayer mat and Khake-shifa, as we will have limited extras available. Parents may enter the gym via the double doors located across from the entry doors on the opposite wall. The doors will be unlocked at this time to allow parents to enter.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter. We are excited about the move to Glendale Secondary School and hope it will enhance the learning experience for our students and families.

Please feel free to contact <u>admin@al-hujjat.ca</u> with any questions and concerns you may have.

Sincerely, Sumra Bokhari & Hina Shahzad Principal Vice-Principal