

## Message From Principal

In this week's principal's message I would like to extend a hearty appreciation to the PTO and all the parents who have volunteered their time and energy to make recent activities in the school such a huge success! Last weekend the PTO hosted a wonderful fun-filled Fall Festival with food, games, crafts, vendors as well as a mini art-auction featuring original artwork by one of our IQA parents. On Wednesday the PTO hosted an equally auspicious parent breakfast after the First Quarter Honors Assembly. Parents who stayed for the breakfast held an informal meeting with the principal where they discussed the value of parent participation at IQA, especially in reference to establishing clubs and other supplemental activities to benefit students beyond the regular school day. In addition to the PTO volunteers, groups of parents are working to establish future robotics and stem clubs, beginning next semester. Other great ideas for student clubs include art, journalism, scouts, 4-H, sports teams, academic competitions (ICNA-Quiz and PSIA), and many more. Some clubs might be exclusively for IQA students while others are a matter of coordinating with other groups and organizations that have well-established offerings. Such 3rd party clubs provide IQA students with valuable opportunities to interact with students from other schools and other faiths. As we work to learn more about these opportunities to extend the IQA student experience, we want to encourage more parents to come forward and get involved in making such activities a reality and a success!

## This week's Pillar of Character Caring

### Next week's pillar of character

## Citizenship

Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree (ra) said that he heard the Messenger of Allah (p) say, "*Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith.*" [Muslim]

## Announcements

The **semester 1 exam** period is scheduled from **Dec 7th to Dec 15th**. Teachers can utilize a variety of methods to conduct student finals. Some classes may use a comprehensive exam while others might use a project based assignment to assess student learning. Guidelines and information will be provided by each teacher. While the school schedule will stay the same, teachers will coordinate exam schedules and project due dates with each other to avoid overstressing students at the end of the term. The point is to continue to focus on meaningful learning activities, even during the exam period!

## REminder

Winter Break will begin with early release next Friday, **December 15th**.  
Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3rd, inshallah.

**Sneak Peek:** Look for an announcement next week regarding PSIA registration

# PTO CORNER

Last hot lunch by before winter break next  
Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>

**MENU:** For Only \$5.00

Halal K.F.C. chicken 2 PC

Mashed potato and biscuit

Milk, plain or flavored.

Send Lunch money to room teacher latest by  
Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>

## IQA PTO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Br. Yaser Ibrahim

Br. Saqib Malik

Sr. Mubina Shah

Sr. Ambreen

Sr. Farzana

Faroque

Sr. Wisam

Charbieh

Sr. Maryam Hafeez

Sr. Tanweer Fatima

Sr. Taghreed –Aljaafreh  
(Teacher representative)

Breakfast for school teachers and staff Hosted by PTO Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>



Fall Festival Hosted by PTO DEC. 3<sup>rd</sup>



Fall Festival Hosted by PTO Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>



# First quarter HONORS ASSEMBLY & HIFDH AWARDS

The first quarter honors assembly recognized the academic achievement of students during the first 9 week grading period this year. 50% of IQA students achieved recognition for their academic efforts during the first quarter. Students who achieved an average of 90% and above in their IQA classes were placed on the Honor Roll while those who achieved 95% and above were placed on the High Honor Roll. Kg and 1st grade students received similar recognitions for “Best Effort”, “On the Mark”, and “Above and Beyond”.

Approximately 20 students also received 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes for their achievement in the IQA Hifdh contest held on Mon Dec 4th. We applaud the hard work of all students and look forward to honoring even more as their work improves over the course of the year, inshallah!

KG		1 <sup>st</sup> grade		2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	
Shalabi, Yazan	Best Effort	Abbasi, Aisha	On the Mark	Ahmad, Ibrahim	Honor Roll
Ali, Subhaan	Best Effort	Ankeer, Qays	On the Mark	Ahmeti, Anisa	Honor Roll
Abed, Zainab	On the Mark	Elnewahi, Hoda	On the Mark	El-Zeiny, Omar	Honor Roll
Afridi, Mahir	On the Mark	Sani, AbedulJabar	On the Mark	Hoque, Nameer	Honor Roll
Akhtar, Noorjehan	On the Mark	Zain, Fatimah	On the Mark	Hussein, Aamaanee	Honor Roll
Ali, Sarah	On the Mark	Ahmed, Awwab	Above & Beyond	Islam, Sifat	Honor Roll
Bint-Khalid, Aasiya	On the Mark	Amer, Saima	Above & Beyond	Mohammad, Ikhlas	Honor Roll
Elnewahi, Maya	On the Mark	Boudouma, Jaabir	Above & Beyond	Shah, Aisha	Honor Roll
Hussein, Ibrahim	On the Mark	Dada, Raida	Above & Beyond	Shaik, Safoora	Honor Roll
Ibn Uthman, Musa	On the Mark	Hassen, Intisar	Above & Beyond	Syed, Saadia	Honor Roll
Kedir, Aymen	On the Mark	Hilal, Sumaiyah	Above & Beyond	Fareed, Momin	High Honor Roll
Khalil, Saif-udin	On the Mark	Karim, Zubair	Above & Beyond		
Lo, Billal	On the Mark	Valliani, Yusra	Above & Beyond	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Nimer, Abdeljalil	On the Mark	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Dada, Yusuf	Honor Roll
Rasul, Abd Al Salam	On the Mark	Bint-Khalid, Maryum	Honor Roll	Ibrahim, Dana	Honor Roll
Sameeruddin, Inaaya	On the Mark	Roger, Aicha	Honor Roll	Imam, Yusuf	Honor Roll
Syed, Obaid	On the Mark	Shah, Zainab	Honor Roll	Ishaq, Manaal	Honor Roll
Vadiwala, Maira	On the Mark	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Shah, Sumaiya	Honor Roll
Valliani, Noor	On the Mark	Asdi, Muadh	Honor Roll	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		Elkhatib, Abdulrahman	Honor Roll	Akhtar, Hamzah	Honor Roll
Amer, Mahnoor	Honor Roll	Hossain, Aleena	Honor Roll	Khan, Safia	Honor Roll
Bint-Khalid, Khadhija	Honor Roll	Javed, Maryam	Honor Roll	Madabighy, Mohammad	Honor Roll
Imam, Khadija	Honor Roll			Madabighy, Sulafa	Honor Roll
Khajamohideen, Safa	Honor Roll			Malik, Noor	Honor Roll
Mohammed, Sulaiman	Honor Roll			Zoubi, Mohammad	Honor Roll
				Abouzahr, Ghassan	High Honor Roll
				Kamin, Nesar	High Honor Roll

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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade		10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Ahmed, Aamna	Honor Roll	Abouseif, Arwa	Honor Roll	Amer, Muqaddas	Honor Roll
Ahmed, Basil	Honor Roll	Ali, Muhammad	Honor Roll	Fareed, Sanaa	Honor Roll
Dada, Farhan	Honor Roll	Dada, Irshad	Honor Roll	Gharbieh, Teeba	Honor Roll
Dereje, Eiman	Honor Roll	Musallam, Amal	Honor Roll	Imam, Hafsah	High Honor Roll
Gharbieh, Hadia	Honor Roll	Abouseif, Arwa	Honor Roll	Imam, Musa	High Honor Roll
Khalfallah, Salma	Honor Roll	Ali, Muhammad	Honor Roll		
Shafi, Safura	Honor Roll	Dada, Irshad	Honor Roll		
Siddique, Nabia	Honor Roll	Musallam, Amal	Honor Roll		
Imam, Maryam	High Honor Roll				
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade		12 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
Ahmed, Tasmiah	Honor Roll	Ahmed, Tasmiah	Honor Roll		
Akhtar, Rehma	Honor Roll	Akhtar, Rehma	Honor Roll		
Khan, Aishah	Honor Roll	Khan, Aishah	Honor Roll		
Kharboutli, Maha	Honor Roll	Kharboutli, Maha	Honor Roll		
MacKay, Anissa	Honor Roll	MacKay, Anissa	Honor Roll		
Aishat, Hedaiah	High Honor Roll	Gharbieh, Hamza	High Honor Roll		
Akhtar, Sumaiyah	High Honor Roll	Hafeez, Faizan	High Honor Roll		
Asad, Ayesha	High Honor Roll	Islam, Zakia	High Honor Roll		
Kamin, Nazifah	High Honor Roll				

## Hifz Quran competition winners

Grade	1st place winner	2nd place winner	3rd place winner
KG	Saifuddine Khalil	Inaya Sameeruddin	Ibrahim Hussein
1st grade	Abedul-Jabar Sani	Zubair Karim	Jabbir Boudouma
2nd grade	Iklas Mohammad	Sifat Adib Islam	Saadia Syed
3rd grade	Emaan Chaudhry	Safa Khajamohideen	Sulaiman Mohammed
4th grade	Maryam Bint-Khalid	Abdul-Sami Ahmed	Zainab Shah
5th grade	Fatima N. Zaki	Rayyan Abdullan	Muhammad Aliji
6th grade	Sumaiya Shah	Zainab Asossa	Ridhwan Ibram
7th grade	Ghassan Abouzahr	Mohammad Madabighy	Mohammad Zoubi
8th grade	Maryam Imam	Hadia Gharbieh	-
9th grade	Irshad Dada	Rayyan Bakali	Arwa Abousief
10th grade	Musa Zafar Imam	Dawood Tafseer	Sanaa Fareed
11th & 12th grade	Sumaiyah Akhtar	Tamer Tuhlawi	Talha Mohammad Khan



# AP Classes at IQA

IQA began offering “AP” (Advanced Placement) classes this year for 9th and 10th grade social studies. From the same group that is responsible for the SAT, the College Board's Advanced Placement Program enriches the secondary school experience of students ready to apply themselves to challenging courses.

Students who are enrolled in advanced placement courses benefit from higher cognitive learning experiences that prepare them for the post-secondary world. At the end of each AP course, students are eligible to take an AP test that may result in college credit. Actual college credit is awarded at university and college discretion, however, IQA students will be able to have this credit applied at Richland college towards the Associates degree they may be pursuing as part of our dual credit program.

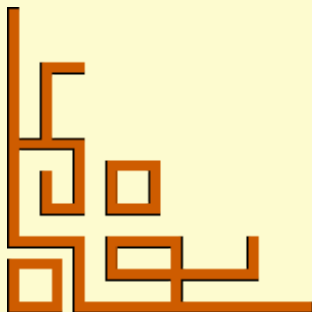
Similar to dual credit classes, taking AP courses allows colleges and universities to see that you have what it takes to succeed in an undergraduate environment. When admissions officers see “AP” on your transcript, they know that what you experienced in a particular class has prepared you well for the challenges of college.

AP classes affect GPA in a positive way as well — regular classes usually weight an A in a class as a 4.0. IQA gives AP classes an additional point. So it's possible to have a 5.0 GPA credit from an AP class. Or, a student could get a B in an AP class but still have a 4.0 GPA. Please note that although students are encouraged to sit for the AP exam, it is not a requirement. As long as the student passes the class, the student will earn the high school credit for the course, however in order to earn college credit, the student must take the AP exam and earn at least 3 (out of 5).



# Photo Corner

## Perot Museum Field trip



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