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**“ALLAH IS KIND,
AND HE LOVES
KINDNESS IN ALL
MATTERS.”**

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

Assalamu alaikum,
Welcome to the WIHS Family. I am so proud to be a member of this family. I thank my staff and students for making their new building so beautiful and welcoming. Special thanks to the newsletter committee for their commitment and kind work. The Prophet (SAW) teaches us to be compassionate, forgiving, and loving.

Wassalamu alaikum,
Wissam Kabbani, Principal

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ who has blessed us with the power of Imaan and knowledge. Salutations to our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

I am honoured to take this opportunity to share my experience of working as the Vice Principal at Windsor Islamic High School. We at Windsor Islamic High School strive to provide a very welcoming, safe, and warm educational environment where Islamic values and discipline are embedded in our students' daily practices, behaviour and our teaching and learning process.

Our qualified and experienced teachers work closely with the students and their families to help students achieve educational excellence and develop their Akhlaq and Islamic values. I welcome you to explore our school website and find out more about what WIHS has to offer.

I believe that every student can succeed. My philosophy is that all students should prosper as good Muslims and as successful 21st-century citizens.

I am looking forward to working with you to ensure the success of the students.

Jazakamullahu khairan,
Sadaf Rahman Khan, Vice Principal



GRADE 9 WELCOME PARTY

BY NADA AL-MAHBASHI

On the first day of October, we were greeted by a surprise that the rest of the school had been organizing for a week. Throughout the week, we were left to believe it was all for a student council function. The event planning team set up decorations, blew up balloons, brought in treats, and hand-wrote personalized cards for each student.

Aisha Razi, a member of the party planning committee, stated, "I think it's a wonderful idea, and I hope it becomes a tradition that is passed down through generations. It was extremely difficult to plan this because the grade nines are extremely curious. We hope that all of our hard work paid off and made them feel welcome, and I hope they enjoy being a part of our wonderful WIHS family."

This party meant a lot to our class, as it not only made it easier for us to adjust to our new environment and served as an amazing welcome present, but it also taught us that we had been welcomed into a kind and supportive school community.

MY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AS A 9TH GRADER

BY CODY SALMAN

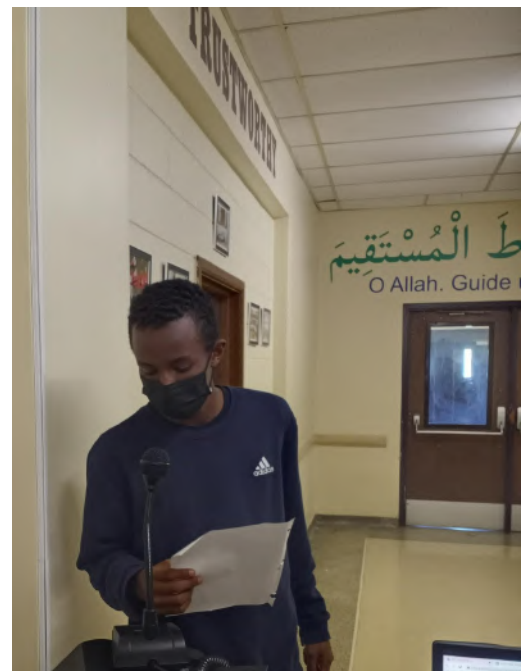
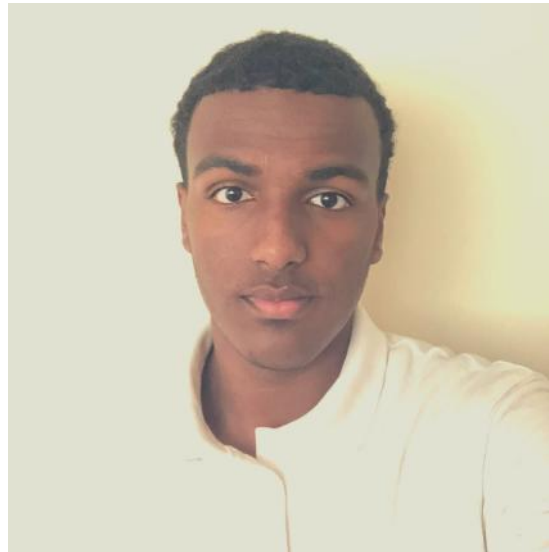
Starting high school this year, I thought it'd be a lot tougher thanks to all the stereotypes on the internet. However, now that I'm here I've come to realize that it's not that bad. Granted, I am in a private school, but that shouldn't make too much difference, right? I've made lots of great friends and we've even had a welcome party planned by the seniors.

The teachers are also very enthusiastic about their job and teaching children, and you can really tell that they care about us. In all honesty, it's been great so far and is only getting better! In conclusion, this year has been great and that's only possible because of the community here in the Windsor Islamic High School.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BY HAMZA HAMUD

Subhanallah, it has been a very busy week. From Islamic heritage month to Student Council elections to leading Jumuah, it has been a very enlightening experience for me. As black Muslim male in Canada, we are often looked at in society as an oppressed group of individuals. Discrimination is very real and it has affected my life and many choices that I have made as well. So, when the student council elections were called and I was named president, as well as being requested to lead Jumu'ah salah only a few days prior, it really showed me that stereotypes and peoples' opinions about someone do not define their life choices and who they are as a person. Most of all, it showed me that anything is possible.





TERRY FOX RUN

BY AHMED EL-FAKHARANY

From a young age, Terry Fox loved sports. However, at first glance, you would not think that he is an athlete. He was rather short and did not have any special physical ability. In reality, Terry Fox was an exceptional athlete. Why? Because he had one trait that separated him from the rest—his determination. Terry’s determination was not only reserved for sports, however.

When Terry was 18, he was diagnosed with bone cancer and had his knee amputated. Consequently, Terry had spent a lot of time at a hospital, where he saw firsthand that cancer research needed more funding. Trying to do what he can to help, he decided that he will run from Canada’s east to its west coast and collect money along the way, calling it a Marathon of Hope. Although he couldn’t complete the journey, Terry’s legacy did not end there. Now, over \$850 million in cancer research funds have been raised through the Terry Fox Run, an annual run held all over the world in honour of Terry Fox.

Many schools have taken part in the run this year, and Windsor Islamic High School is one of them. WIHS students not only ran, but also created poems, drawings, and posters. The fundraising goal was also met, so refreshments were served in celebration. Prizes and Terry Fox t-shirts were given out to those who participated as well. Alhamdulillah, the event was a success, and we hope that it serves as a reminder that determination and hard work are what lead to change.





ORANGE SHIRT DAY

BY ASMA RAZI

On September 30, we observed Orange Shirt Day at WIHS. We learned about Canadian residential schools and the abuse that was inflicted on Indigenous children there and honoured those who have survived and the children who never made it home. We wear orange shirts on this day in reference to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad’s grandmother gave her for her first day of residential school. When she arrived at school, they took all her belongings and never returned her shirt. The colour orange reminded her of her experiences at residential school. All of us little children were crying, and no one cared.” We wear orange shirts to express that every child matters, to educate people about residential schools, and to spread awareness about these horrifying events. Learn more about the history of Orange Shirt Day at orangeshirtday.org.

“My feelings didn’t matter, how no one cared and I felt like I was worth nothing. All of us little children were crying, and no one cared.”

PHYLLIS WEBSTAD, RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR





SMILE DAY

BY AMMARAH SYEDA

Windsor Islamic High School partook in Smile Day by going around the neighbourhood introducing ourselves. After all, a school building reopening after 6 years could be a lot to take in, especially a Muslim one!

Being a Muslim high school, we represent Islam and the outlook of it is vital to our *deen* and character. As we all know, smiling is a sunnah and is something Allah (SWT) loves! On this Monday morning, a few boys and girls, including myself, went out to the houses around the high school and gave a Tim Horton's gift card as a welcoming. The smile was automatic! Some didn't know and expressed they were happy to hear a school running again. Some even offered help with any concerns they could be of help with.

Two fellow classmates and I came upon a senior saying he went to the school now residing right opposite to him 20 years ago. Overall it was a nice and refreshing act of kindness we could do for Smile Day.

Smile Day, a day we all know internationally having the intent of showing small, simple acts of kindness leading up to 43 muscles making up a smile :)

AMMARAH SYEDA

BY ALI KABBANI

Abu Huraira reported that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Give each other gifts and you will love each other."

On October 5, 2021, our school distributed Tim Hortons gift cards to the neighborhood to show our presence and our happiness to become among this community. As we handed out the cards, the people were very kind and respectful. Some of them even told us how they went to this school and love seeing it opened again. It's a pleasure re-occupying this area and adding life back into this neighborhood. We are looking forward to spending time in this neighbourhood and getting to meet new people. That's why we wanted to start our year in this neighborhood giving the community a gift on behalf of the school.





WIHS BASKETBALL STARTING JANUARY 2022



FIRST-EVER GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM AT WIHS

BY SUNDUS HUSSEIN

As the new school year starts plenty of clubs have been opened, including our school's very first girl's basketball team! Happening every week on Tuesday and Thursday, the girls of our school get together and enjoy an hour of practice led by their dear coach, Miss Aberer. The girls engage in various drills strengthening their basketball skills. Who knows, we might even have some new trophies in our school!?

More Buzz from Around the School:
Newly Renovated Gym!

WIHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

BY MR. AMIR LEHBERZ

The newly-renovated gym is ready, looking professional and amazing. The team thanks all the board members and donors who made it possible to give the players the best atmosphere possible. Coaches Jason, Yassine, and Amir have been working hard on helping players with their cardio both indoors and outdoors at the Ford Test Track. From the new glass backboards and waxed floors to the perfectly measured three-point lines and newly-installed padding, the plays are coming along with each practice and we are playing more like a team each day. We look forward to the season and inshaAllah getting a great result while learning more about the game every day! Go Jaguars!





ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

BY MS. SHAYMAA ZANTOUT

October marks Canadian Islamic History Month, which was designated in Canada by the House of Parliament in 2007. Months like this are important to recognize the contributions and inherent value of Muslims and Islam to our society. In the face of anti-Muslim bigotry in Canada and around the world, this is a time to learn about our identity and to learn our own worth as Muslims.

This month, we took opportunities in our classes to reflect on the role of Muslim thinkers, scientists, artists, and people of knowledge in enriching our communities for centuries. Moreover, students reflected on the heritage of their own families, because we are all part of the historical fabric of our global ummah. Ultimately, our students recognized that months like this show us not only the importance of knowledge and awareness, but also action: our institutions and elected officials have a role in taking practical action to make our country a place where all people are respected and valued.

We are also proud that our school was featured by CBC Windsor to discuss Islamic Heritage Month! Read the story on the [CBC Windsor website](#) with reporter Aastha Shetty featuring interviews with students and staff, and watch the live news broadcast on YouTube.



PHOTOS BY AASTHA SHETTY, CBC WINDSOR

Jumu'ah prayers at our school

ALHAMDULILLAH, THE
STUDENTS AT WIHS ARE
GIVING THEIR OWN
KHUTBAHS FOR
JUMU'AH SALAH!



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