



# The Voice of WIHS

The official newsletter of Windsor Islamic High School

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Our WIHS girls' basketball team at the final game of the season with community supporters. Read more on page 3. Go Jaguars!

## Message from the Principal

### Assalamu Alaikum and Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome everyone back to school, and extend a special welcome to all of our new students and their families. The staff and I are looking forward to another exciting year of learning at WIHS. I would also like to extend a welcome to our new staff members. A good way of staying up to date on school information is to visit our social media. From there you can find several sources of information that will keep you informed of all the happenings at WIHS. We will strive to provide the best education possible for your child. If at any time during the school year you feel the need to contact us, please feel free to call 519-962-2555 or via e-mail at [info@wihs.ca](mailto:info@wihs.ca).

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Sadaf Khan, Principal*



# Former WIHS Teacher Earns Award for Teaching Excellence



Those that enter the doors of Windsor Islamic High School often head towards impact and achievement. We are thrilled to share an exceptional achievement that underscores the remarkable environment that WIHS creates for its students and staff.

*While Ms. Amarah Ishaque no longer teaches at WIHS, her recent recognition with the Prime Minister's Award of Teaching Excellence by the Prime Minister of Canada serves as a testament to the nurturing atmosphere created by WIHS where ideas grow.*

Ms. Amarah's own words perfectly encapsulate the essence of WIHS: "WIHS has such a rich environment for its students and staff. I remember when I started work at WIHS as a pioneer in 2017 students often expressed how they wondered whether their education in a private school would put them in a competitive space as compared to the public-school students. Now that years have passed and some of the past students have gone on to achieve exceptional goals of medical school, engineering, top marks in SAT scores and so on... WIHS has also proven to be such a beautiful launch ground for staff members to also grow as educators."

*"I wanted to make sure to let all of you know that WIHS has played a huge part in my growth as an educator. The rich learning community it provides for its students and staff can only allow those that enter its door to head towards success. So guess what WIHS students? You are at a competitive advantage as long as you are willing to put in all of the hard work necessary and follow the guidance of the experienced educators at WIHS. I am blessed to part of such an amazing learning community that has helped me reach this milestone in my career." —Ms. Amarah*

This nurturing environment has been a cornerstone of our school for years. At WIHS, success isn't just an aspiration; it's an outcome of the environment we have cultivated. We believe that true excellence is not a destination, but a way of life. The rich tapestry of opportunities, resources, and support available within our school empowers all who walk through our doors to reach their full potential. It's an environment where growth thrives, where students and staff are encouraged to flourish, and where innovation is embraced.

We are grateful to celebrate the nurturing excellence of WIHS. Congratulations Ms. Amarah!

# GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



By Sara Assi (Grade 9)

This year, WIHS girls' basketball team competed against a lot of different high schools and gained experience more than ever alhamdulillah! A big thanks goes to Coach Luula and the team's great efforts, which helped them make it to the final WECSAA championship game. This season, our basketball team also won a game against Westview, scoring 41-26! We are so proud of our Jaguars!



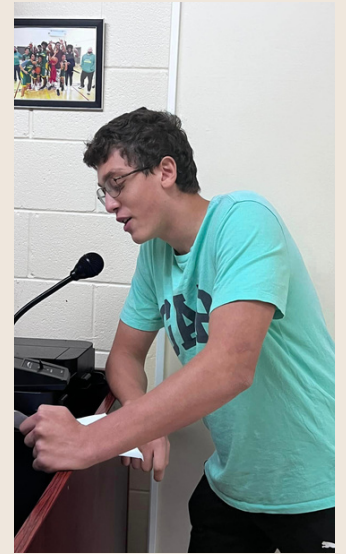
COACH LUULA, MARIAM M., LUNA, MARWA, FAYZA, AYA, MARIAM, RHANA, DANYAH, SAMEEHA, AML, NASTEHA, SAMIA.

# Student Council

Message from the Student Council President

Assalamu Alaykum,

My name is Omar El-Gohary, and I am this year's president of the Student Council of WIHS. InshaAllah, this year will be full of events for the community. Our sole duty is to help this school grow and thrive. My fellow members and I know how to change things to fit the school's needs. So inshaAllah, I hope we can have a successful school year together.



## *Grade 9 Welcome Party!*

By Aml Khan (Grade 10)  
In the beginning of September, the grade 10s and WIHS staff and teachers planned a grade 9 welcome party. It has become a tradition now in our high school.

Welcome to our new WIHS  
Jaguars!



# ROBOTICS COMPETITION



By Asma Razi (Grade 11)  
The WIHS robotics team won top honours in a recent off-season robotics competition, showcasing remarkable skill and dedication. They met diverse teams, mentors, and professionals and yielded brilliant ideas for future competitions. Acknowledgments were extended to supportive staff members: Dr. Sidra Khan, Br. Manzoor, and Dr. Abdul Qadeer.

# BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION



Alhamdulillah, our students participated in the Bridge Building Competition that was organized by the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter at Devonshire Mall.

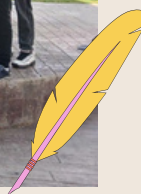
# FORD CITY WALKING TOUR



Students in CGCID went on a walking tour with Ms. Shaymaa and Mr. Abdul Qadeer for experiential learning!

By Sara Assi (Grade 9)

On September 20, the grade 9 Geography class of WIHS went on a walking tour in the Ford City neighbourhood. It was a nice physical activity to do instead of going in a bus. During this walking tour, the grade 9's got to visit and explore Drouillard Place where Kate Gibb, the executive director, explained to them the different programs, food bank, and how they cooperate with families in need. Shane Potvin, the chairman of the Ford City Business Improvement Association, also briefly spoke to the grade 9s about his job and the neighbourhood. Grade 9s also got to explore the community garden, and ended their field trip off with having lunch at Garry Dugal Park.



Find more photos on the Windsor Islamic High School Instagram and Facebook!

# ORANGE SHIRT DAY

By Ali Kabbani (Grade 12)

We appreciate everyone who participated in Orange Shirt Day, a day to remember the impact of residential schools on Indigenous children. By wearing orange shirts, we honour survivors and acknowledge the injustices they faced. This day reminds us to be grateful and stand up for what is right.



# TERRY FOX RUN

By Ali Kabbani

In September, WIHS hosted the yearly Terry Fox Run, honouring the brave individual who, faced with cancer, underwent leg amputation. Initiating the "Marathon of Hope" to raise awareness, Terry ran across Canada, his valiant efforts enduring even though he couldn't finish due to advancing cancer. Today, after four decades, Canada continues to come together to run in remembrance of his legacy.

# PSAT

Grade 9, 10, and 11 WIHS students completed the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test on October 24 and 25. The test, designed to assess students' knowledge of high school literacy and math subjects, was conducted with the help of staff members.



# VISIT TO ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

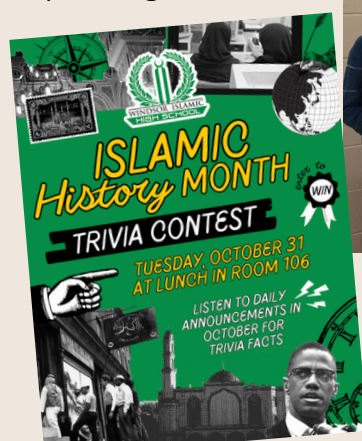


Alhamdulillah, our grade 10, 11, and 12 students participated in a huge educational fair at St. Clair College's campus. In the event, 22 colleges were present from all over Ontario and students from 28 other schools were there. Our students met with representatives from the province's colleges. This enhanced their knowledge about various fields/programs available all over the province.

## Islamic History Month

By Ms. Shaymaa

On October 31, students participated in our second Islamic History Month trivia contest! Throughout the month of October in honour of IHM, we shared daily morning announcements with ahadeeth and trivia facts from our history. We would like to thank all students who participated in this contest. Congratulations to Aml Khan, Abderahman Bleible, Afiya Islam, and Abdurrahman Jreda on earning the top scores! Winners received prize packages. Keep seeking knowledge!

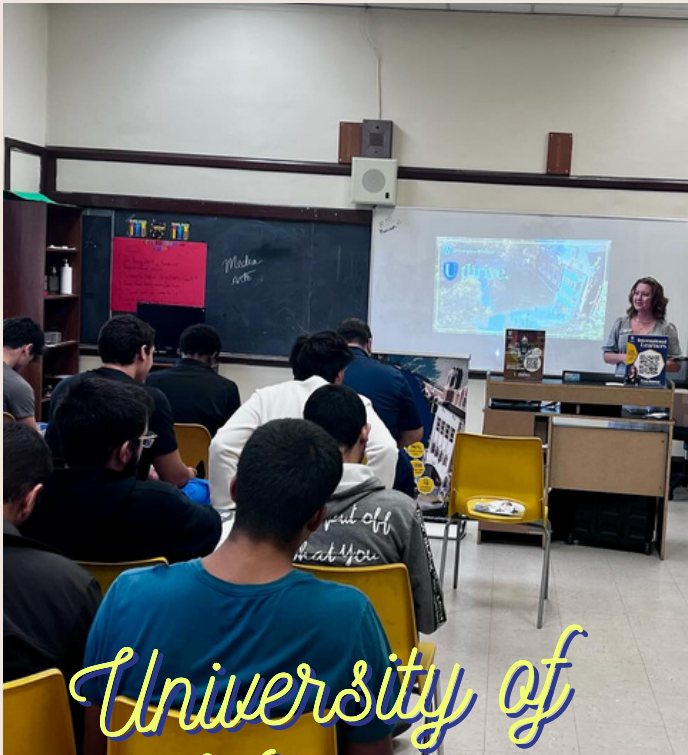




# UNIVERSITY AND GUEST SPEAKER SESSIONS

By Asma Razi

This September and October, we had many wonderful guest speakers and sessions. We had St. Clair College, University of Windsor, and Wayne State University, and Br. Abdullah Aydid. The universities and colleges talked about the different opportunities at their institution. Br. Abdullah discussed how youth can occupy their time with positive and rewarding volunteering initiatives with local Muslim institutions.



*University of Windsor*



*Wayne State*



*V.I.P. Volunteer Program*

*Br. Abdullah Aydid*

# *Jumu'ah prayers at our school*

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



**Community members are invited to attend Jumu'ah prayers at Windsor Islamic High School every Friday at 1:15pm.**

# ***The WIHS Newsletter Club***

Afiya Islam	Asma Razi
Ali Kabbani	Aml Khan
Sara Assi	Danyah Ibrahim
Luna Hamed	Fayza Taha

## **Teacher Facilitators**

Mrs. Sadaf Khan  
Ms. Shaymaa Zantout

**The Newsletter Club would like to thank all the students, staff, teachers, and volunteers who helped make this issue possible. Stay tuned for the next issue!**



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