



Message from Principal

As-Salam Alaykum.

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of another amazing school year, I take this moment to express my gratitude and joy in all that we have accomplished. It has been an incredible year, filled with learning, growth and laughter. I am so proud of each and every one of our students for their hard work, kindness and resilience.

To our graduating students, I wish you all the best as you move on to new adventures and challenges. Remember the lessons you have learned, the friendships you have made, and the memories shared.

To our returning students, I look forward to knowing that you will continue to thrive and grow under the care and guidance of our dedicated teachers and staff. Although I will not be here to see it firsthand, I have no doubt that the upcoming school year will be just as successful and fulfilling for each of you.

To my colleagues, I extend my gratitude for your tireless efforts, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to our students. You are a beautiful team, and I do not doubt that you will continue to support and inspire our students in the years to come. I have every confidence that the school will flourish with fresh perspectives and new ideas!

I wish everyone a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break! Be sure to take time to rest, have fun, and pursue your passions.

I thank you again for the opportunity to serve and wish everyone a happy, safe, and relaxing summer break! My very best wishes to an amazing future for AZIA!



Warmly,

Paul R. Cohee



Message from Islamic Director

Salam Alaykum,

As we reach the end of the 2024-2025 academic year at Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy, it is truly hard to believe how quickly the months have passed. This year has been filled with many achievements, challenges, and memorable moments, all made possible by the unwavering support of our parents, caregivers, and extended families.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your dedication and commitment to the Academy and, most importantly, to our students. Your daily efforts in bringing your children to school, encouraging them in their studies, and supporting them in countless ways have been the backbone of our community. The sincere partnership between home and school is essential for the growth and success of our children, and we are deeply appreciative of your role in this journey. At the same time, I wish to offer my apologies for any shortcomings on my part throughout the year. If I was unable to connect personally with every student or address every concern, please know it was never my intention. We are always striving to improve ourselves and our service to you and your children. I humbly ask for your prayers and continued support as we work to become better educators and mentors.

With summer upon us, I encourage you to allow your children time to relax and recharge. However, let us remember that the path of learning does not end with the end of the school year. Summer is a wonderful opportunity for informal learning, reading, and family discussions that nurture both mind and spirit.

As we enter the sacred months of Muharram and Safar, I remind all parents of the importance of continuing our children's Islamic education. Please ensure that you and your children attend the majaalis at your local centres. These gatherings are vital for learning from our respected scholars and for keeping the commemoration of Muharram and the martyrdom of Imam al-Husayn (peace be upon him) alive in our hearts and homes.

I kindly request your prayers for the faculty, staff, and everyone involved at Az-Zahraa Islamic Academy. We hope to return in September refreshed, renewed, and ready to continue educating and training our next generation of young Muslim boys and girls to be model citizens and upright, dedicated followers of the 12th Imam, al-Hujjah ibn al-Hasan (may Allah hasten his return). I conclude with a portion of Supplication #25 of Imam Ali ibn al-Husayn as-Sajjad (peace be upon him) in his prayer for his children – and for our children:

“O Allah, bestow upon me the blessing of my children's continued life,

And grant their righteousness for me and let me find joy in them.

My Lord, prolong their lives for me,

And increase their allotted time.

Raise the young among them for me,

And strengthen the weak among them.

Grant health to their bodies, their faith, and their character,

And protect them in themselves and in their limbs,

And in all matters concerning them that occupy my care.

Pour out their sustenance for me and through my hands,

And make them righteous, devout, insightful, attentive—

Obedient to You, loving and loyal to Your friends,

And adversaries to all Your opponents — Ameen.”

Once again, thank you for your trust and partnership. I wish you and your children a safe, restful, and blessed summer.

Shaykh Saleem Bhimji

Director of Islamic Studies & Teacher of Grade 7 Islamic Studies



THEME OF THE MONTH: MAY & JUNE

<u>Honest</u>	<u>Respect</u>
Honesty will guide you to goodness, and goodness will guide you to heaven. - Imam Ali (a.s.)	Be gentle with human hearts, for when they are forced into something, they go blind. - Nahjul Balagha

IN THE NEWS

House Cup Champion-Blue

The AZIA House Team system has had a tremendous impact in encouraging positive teamwork, student participation, cooperation and resilience! This year's competition was close and exciting, but with incredible effort, Blue took the Championship with 250 points! Yellow with 230 followed Green closely with 220 points, and Red with 210 points. Well done to all! We can't wait to return with fresh strategies and even more ways to earn points and integrate our Islamic values to the initiative next year!

~Front Office



Grade 7 Graduation at AZIA

The Grade 7 Graduation at AZIA was a graceful and heartwarming evening, filled with a sense of great accomplishment and celebration. It was a joy, watching children grow into confident young individuals, ready for the next chapter. Mr. Cohee proudly presented certificates to the boys, while Sr. Virtue honoured the girls with theirs. The evening was made even more special with an inspirational speech by Sr. Virtue, Ms. Natalie and Shaikh Saleem. Lastly, the graduating students were receptive to a moving speech by Br. Zayn-Ali Jagani an alumni AZIA Student. It was a truly memorable event, celebrating the achievements and growth of our wonderful graduates.

~Front Office



WISE Talks Winner



We are proud to share that AZIA students shone at the 2025 WISE Talks competition in Toronto, Ontario, Alhumdulillah! Hassan Rizvi (Grade 7) placed 1st in the boy's category, and Zainab Rojeab (Grade 6) placed 3rd among the girls, Masha Allah! Both students have also been invited to compete in Najaf, Iraq this December, Insha'Allah. Congratulations to both students, their teachers, and families on this amazing achievement!

~Front Office.

June MVPs



Alhumdulillah! We are excited to announce our June Salat MVPs! These students have shown outstanding dedication in their adhan, duas, and respect for the masjid. May Allah (SWT) continue to guide all our students and strengthen their love for Salaat.

~Front Office



HIGHLIGHTS through May & June

Junior Kindergarten



Both the Senior and Junior Kindergarten children ended their school year with a lovely graduation ceremony. It was a busy year, filled with fun, discoveries, learning, memorable moments, hard work, and even a few tears. Most importantly, many great friendships were made. The JK teachers would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents for their constant support and for trusting us with their most precious treasure. We are truly grateful!

~Ms. Aurelia Silva (JKG Coordinator)



Baligha Celebration



A special milestone event held at the Imambargah to honour our young girls reaching the age of religious responsibility. Thank you to all who helped make the Grade 3 Baligha celebration a beautiful success. Special thanks to the PVG for organizing this meaningful event. We truly appreciate the parents who volunteered and showed their support. Moments like these reflect the strength and unity of our AZIA family.

~Sr. Shabnam Mithani (Islamic Studies Teacher)

Eid Celebrations – A Joyous School Event!

Students experienced a memorable and interactive "Journey of Hajj" through hands-on outdoor stations that beautifully captured the essence of this sacred pilgrimage. Eid al-Ghadir, enjoyed with **ice cream concession**, marking the occasion of the Prophet (s)'s appointment of Imam Ali (a) as his successor. Additionally, our first-ever PVG-prepared lunch, a festive burger meal in honor



of both Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Ghadir. A day full of joy, learning, and celebration, Alhamdulillah!

~Front Office



Field Day at AZIA



Field Day at AZIA was bursting with energy, excitement, and team spirit! Our students proudly representing their House Teams and aiming to win the final chance of earning AIR points to boost their House Team points and claim the coveted House Team AZIA Cup.

Students participated in a variety of activities including soccer, jump rope, basketball, badminton, and more. It was truly a fun-filled day, marked by laughter, teamwork, and a strong sense of community.

~Front Office





Grade 7



Our Grade 7 students kicked off their adventures with a memorable trip to Camp Capilano, where they enjoyed outdoor games, team-building activities, and plenty of laughter surrounded by nature. Next, they marveled at the stunning views from the Sea to Sky Gondola. Finally, they wrapped up their excursions with a fun-filled day at Centennial Beach, collecting seashells, blowing bubbles, and enjoying the sun as a class. Each trip brought new experiences and made this year truly special.

~Ms. Natalie Blinn (Grade 7 Teacher)



Fundraising Highlights

Alhamdulillah, this year we had an amazing fundraising journey filled with meaningful efforts and community spirit. From hot lunches, bake sales, and Islamic calendar sales to organizing the AZIA Eid Fair and more, every event brought us closer to our goal. It was a lasting and incredible experience to raise funds for those in need. Thank you, AZIA families, for your constant support and for being a vital part of this beautiful contribution.

~Front Office



With Gratitude and Warm Wishes



It is hard to believe Mr. Cohee is leaving us. His leadership and guidance have been a true blessing to our students and staff. Ms. Jacquie and Ms. Shray's dedication, talent, and remarkable organizational skills have left a lasting impact on our school community.

What an amazing journey it has been with these three exceptional individuals. We are truly saddened to see them go, but we thank them from the bottom of our hearts and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. Thank you for everything you have done!

~Front Office



REMINDER

Summer Camp



AZIA will be offering a Summer Camp Program for children ages 5 to 12, open to both AZIA and non-AZIA students! Register \$200/week or \$700 for 4 weeks.

AZIA Families Register Here: <https://azia.msm.io/login>

New Families: <https://azia.msm.io/e/enquiry/>

We encourage you to share this opportunity with friends and family!

~Front Office

Summer Daycare

We are excited to launch our Summer Daycare Program for children ages 3–5, open to all families! Spaces are limited, and monthly tuition is \$600 plus a \$15 activity fee. Families are encouraged to apply for the Affordable Child Care Benefit. To register, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2025AZIASUMMERDAYCARE>

~Front Office