



CRESCENT ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Crescent Families & Community Members,

As Salaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuhu. May Allah (swt) continue to bless our school with His Kindness and Generosity—ameen. Crescent Academy International is truly a community where good people are inspired towards Greatness. Alhumdulillah.

Crescent's curriculum is founded on the framework of the Tarbiyah Project. The first unit of study focuses on developing our Spiritual Literacy. Students and teachers alike discover the wonders of Allah (swt)'s multitude of systems in life and learning.

"Being There Experiences" are essential to the framework of Tawhidic Learning—learning that is integral to the natural processes for life and development. This spirit of enriched experiences is evident throughout our school on a daily basis. During this unit many classes have scheduled trips to witness firsthand the intricacy and interconnectedness of Allah (swt)'s creation. Some examples of the "being there" experiences our students have been scheduled for include trips to the apple orchard, zoo, science center and botanical garden.

The Tarbiyah Framework calls our attention to the whole child's every experience as shaping his/her world view and their role in it. Through "home-school study", students learn to prioritize and manage their time. They document data on a daily basis of their efforts towards transformative goals set with the support of their teachers and parents. Home-school study is a revised perspective on the home-school connection. It provides our students with an opportunity for self-selected and self-directed life & learning.

In the spirit of enriching the whole community, Crescent and our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will soon begin hosting family workshops on a variety of topics that will benefit parents and educators. These events are open to the whole community. Our first scheduled workshop, The Internet: A Social Gateway with No Border Controls, is scheduled for Thursday, October 7 from 6-8pm. Send your suggestions for future workshops to pto@crescentacademy.org.

Please be sure to join us at our *October Coffee Hour* scheduled for the third Thursday of the month. We will host the event with the PTO in Room 200 of the Academic Building on the evening of the 21st at 5pm. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open for guests to explore. A PTO meeting will follow the Coffee Hour at 6pm. Hope to see you there!

On a final note, though our students would not choose to spend time taking the MEAP, it is MEAP season. MEAP is Michigan's Educational Assessment Program, and we are scheduled for testing from October 12-21. We pray that our students continue to find success on the MEAP and in all of life's many challenges—ameen.

Most sincerely,

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