



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH - 31ST
2025



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30 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY

Picture This: *It's Saturday evening, and everyone is dressed to the nines. You arrive just in time to see familiar faces walking in with you - friends, family, teachers, and community members that you haven't seen in the longest. You think, "it's so nice to see everyone!"*

As you wave at beaming, familiar faces, a young lady and young gentleman greet you, help usher you into the hall and, smiling, guide you to an open table. Once seated, you take in the atmosphere - the buzz of friendly chatter, the elegant decor, the delicious smell coming from the kitchen, and - from across the hall - you can even see the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah. You look around at all of the students - your own children and their classmates - remember why everyone is gathered together tonight - and you're glad you came.

SAVE THE DATE!



Don't forget to mark your calendars and come and join us for these upcoming events:

- **TIA Family Night @ Melt Crepe & Gelato** (Jan. 29th at 5:00 pm)
- **TIA's Annual Fundraising Dinner** (Feb. 1st at 5:00 pm)
- **PTO Islamic Book Fair** (Feb. 3rd - 7th from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm)
- **Islamic History Day** (Feb. 6th in the Elementary Building & Feb. 13th at the High School Building)
- **Elementary Literacy Night** (Feb. 21st from 5:30 - 7:00)

On Saturday, February 1st, 2025, the Masjid Saad Foundation is hosting TIA's Annual Fundraising Dinner. Open to the entire community, the event is an integral part of our school's fundraising efforts - a significant launching pad for the success of the upcoming school year.

Established in 1995, TIA was created as a safe place for our community to educate our children in both their *deen* and their *dunya*. Now, 30 years later, we're still working hard to keep that dream a reality - and we can't do it without your help! Please mark your calendar and come out and support your community and school on February 1st at 5:00 pm at the Masjid Saad Building.

Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Appetizers are served at 5:00 pm, and programming will begin at 5:30 sharp. Separate activities for children under 10 are also available at \$10 per child (includes babysitting, pizza, and fun kids' activities).



ANNUAL PTO ISLAMIC BOOK FAIR



In collaboration with the Crescent Moon BookStore, the PTO has put together an amazing Islamic Book Fair for our students, staff, and community.

Running the week of Monday, February 3rd - Friday February 7th, the book fair will be open daily between 9:00 am and 3:00 in the North Building. Students and teachers from all grades will have the opportunity to come explore and purchase great titles and merchandise appropriate for all ages throughout the week.

The PTO has also organized a Family Shopping Night on Wednesday, February 5th from 5:30 - 7:30 so that everyone can come and buy their next favorite book!

FOLLOW THE TIGERS IN ACTION

We are proud to announce the launch of our Instagram page! Come follow us on Instagram and Facebook for a glimpse into daily student life, updates, and exclusive behind-the-scenes moments at TIA!



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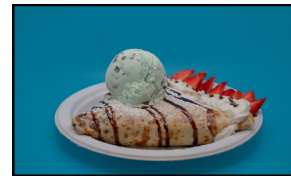
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FEATURE OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Roba Herzallah's 5th grade class performing a live reading of an Arabic *Nasheed*.

TIA FAMILY NIGHT MELT CREPE & GELATO



On Wednesday January 29th from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, the PTO is hosting a TIA Family Night in collaboration with Melt Crepe & Gelato. Located at 4405 Talmadge Rd. Toledo, OH 43623, Melt Crepe & Gelato sells a combination of savory and sweet delights that the whole family will love.

As part of PTO's fundraising efforts, 15% of all in-store sales between the hours of 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm on January 29th will go to TIA's Parent Teacher Organization. Come out and enjoy a melt, crepe, or gelato!

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

TIA administration and staff take pride in assuring you that we are doing the best that we can to make our school a safe place for our students. From professional development trainings in school safety to regularly scheduled lock-down drills, our student's safety is, above all else, our top priority.

On Thursday January 16th, the middle & high school building conducted a successful lock-down drill. While these drills are important because they teach students and staff how to react in the case of an emergency, regular drills also allow administration to note and address ways to make our school an even safer place.



(Above): Staff members attend a Professional Development Training on School Safety.



COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS



(Above): Mr. Fadi Sarsour holds a meeting with parents of students in grades 8-11 to provide information about College Credit Plus (CCP), its benefits, and the enrollment process.

Students at TIA have the unique opportunity to participate in the College Credit Plus program (CCP).

CCP is Ohio's dual enrollment program that provides students with the opportunity to earn college and high school credits at the same time.

Starting February 1st, 2025, students who are interested in taking CCP courses can begin submitting their mandatory funding applications through OHID.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Sarsour with any questions or concerns at f.sarsour@tiaus.net.

ELEMENTARY LITERACY WEEK

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island and at the bottom of the Spanish Main" - Walt Disney



There is magic in books that everyone should experience, and at TIA, our dedicated teachers and staff are making sure that our students get to experience that magic. Each year, the elementary building has a Literacy Week in which iconic books are celebrated and explored. Each day, student's engage in hands-on activities that help them appreciate the art of literature and that encourage them to continue to read.

This year's Literacy Week will be held from February 3rd - 7th, with the annual Literacy Night being held on February 5th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Please be sure to come join our elementary students for hands-on family fun!

ARABIC, QURAN, & ISLAMIC STUDIES

As students continue to memorize, recite, and find inspiration in the verses of the Quran, the Arabic, Quran, and Islamic Studies departments are tirelessly working to give our students a memorable learning experience.

On February 13th, the Islamic Studies Department is holding it's annual Islamic History Day in which high school and middle school students get the opportunity to contribute to the Islamic History Gallery, showcasing their unique projects. The Islamic History Gallery is open to families throughout the day.

In the elementary building, students are also working on creating visual representations of the 5 Pillars of Islam (amongst other themed projects) that will be featured in the Elementary Islamic Gallery on February 6th. The elementary gallery will also be open to parents throughout the day.



(Above): Student projects featured in last year's Islamic History Gallery



(Above): High school student, Omar Herzallah, is getting ready for this year's Islamic History Gallery.



(Above): Elementary projects displayed in last year's Islamic Studies Gallery

DID YOU KNOW?

Students have individual learning styles. Typically, students learn best through 1 of 4 learning styles:

- visual,
- auditory,
- reading/writing, and
- kinesthetic (physical).



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

By discovering your student's learning style, you can help them create effective study habits that work specifically for the way that they learn best. You can learn how [here](#).

WHAT IS YOUR SCIENTIST UP TO?



(Top Left): 8th Grade students working on a lab report.

(Top Right): 6th Grade students learning about crystallization in the Science Lab.

(Bottom Left): 6th Grade students recording the results of their experiment.

(Bottom Middle): 8th Grade students learning about the process of physical change in the Science Lab.

(Bottom Right): 7th Grade students work on their Science Fair Project.

VAN GOGH & BLUE SNOW

Learning through artistic expression has numerous benefits for students of all ages. Here's a glimpse on how our teacher's are maximizing on those benefits in our classrooms.

(Right): The KG class is experimenting with sensory art - creating blue snow out of baking soda.

(Left): The 3rd Grade class is creating their versions of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*

(Below): The KG class creating Chalk Owls!





EXTRACURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Each year, TIA joins in a national academic tradition by inducting new, exemplary students into the National Honors Society. With over 1.4 million members across the country, NHS aims to recognize exceptional students and empower them to become transformative leaders in their schools and their communities.



STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY: VOLUNTEERING WITH THE ISLAMIC FOODBANK OF TOLEDO

Under the leadership of Mrs. Sanaa Muhsen, TIA's NHS works frequently with the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo, volunteering to help get nutritious food to those who need it most. On Saturday January 25th, Mrs. Muhsen and TIA's NHS students continued their tradition of volunteering with the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo.



TIA students are featured here helping prepare food packages at the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo along side volunteers from across the Greater Toledo Area.