



NEWSLETTER

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TIA STUDENTS ADVANCE TO OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE STATE SCIENCE DAY

Middle school students from Toledo Islamic Academy proudly represented their school at this year's Regional Science Fair - demonstrating creativity, dedication, and a strong commitment to scientific inquiry. Alhamdulillah, all participating students performed exceptionally well, with several receiving special awards and recognitions for their outstanding projects.

Among this year's honorees:

- **Aya Alataby** and **Sydra Taleb** received the *Outstanding Cellular and Molecular Biology Award* (Grades 5-8) along with a \$100 gift card in recognition of their impressive work in the life sciences.
- **Jana Taleb** and **Sara Hefzy** earned the *Naval Science Award* (Grades 6-8), receiving a \$25 gift card and a recognition letter from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps for their scientific achievement.
- **Jaafar Altamimee** received the *Ohio Tuition Authority Award* (Grades 5-8) along with a \$250 scholarship. He also earned *2nd Place (Grades 5-6)* and received a \$50 gift card for his project.
- **Mariam Diab** achieved *1st Place (Grades 5-6)* and received special recognition along with a \$100 gift card from the University of Toledo for her outstanding work.

Along with their peers, **Zainab Abed**, **Batoul Abed**, and **Umar Mohamed** have qualified to advance to the Ohio State Science Fair, an exciting accomplishment that reflects their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of all our students who participated in the Regional Science Fair. Their perseverance, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning truly exemplify the spirit of academic excellence at Toledo Islamic Academy. We wish all of our students continued success as they represent our school at the State Science Fair.

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Ohio State Tests - Grades 3 - 11**
Wednesday, April 15th -
Thursday, April 16th &
Tuesday, April 21st - Friday, April 24th
- **Teacher Work Day, No School**
Monday, April 27th, 2026
- **AP Biology Exam**
Monday, May 4th, 2026
- **AP Literature & Composition Exam**
Wednesday, May 6th, 2026
- **AP Calculus AB Exam**
Monday, May 11th, 2026
- **Senior Graduation**
11:00 am, Saturday, May 16th, 2026
at the North Building Banquet Hall
- **End of 4th Quarter/ Last Day of School**
Tuesday, May 28th, 2026



CONGRATULATIONS TO TIA STUDENT OF THE YEAR!



Congratulations to Abdullah Raufi on being honored as the 2026 Student of the Year! Your hard work, dedication, and the positive example that you set for your peers is remarkable!

TIA SENIOR BECOMES LOCAL CHESS CHAMPION



Congratulations to TIA Senior, Jad Hinch, for winning 1st place at the Greater Toledo Area High School Chess Tournament! Jad finished with a perfect 5 - 0 score - we are super proud of you!



OHIO STATE TESTING GRADES 3RD - 12TH



TIA would like to remind our families of the upcoming Ohio State End of Course Tests for the 2025 - 2026 school year. Over the next two weeks, students in Grades 3 - 12 will be tested in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

This year's test dates are as follows:

- English Language Arts: April 15th - April 16th
- Mathematics :April 21st - April 22nd
- Science :April 22nd - April 24th
- Social Studies: April 22nd - April 23rd

Make-Up Testing Days

- English: April 17th - April 24th
- Math / Science / Social Studies: April 27th - May 8th.

Students who are absent during their scheduled testing session will complete their exams during these designated make-up days.

Parents, please help your students approach testing with confidence and preparation by making sure that they:

- Get Plenty of Rest: A good night's sleep before each test day helps improve focus and memory.
- Eat a Healthy Breakfast: Fuel your brain with a balanced meal to stay energized.
- Arrive on Time: Being punctual ensures a calm and stress-free start to the testing session.
- Stay Positive: Encourage a growth mindset by encouraging students to do their best and believe in their abilities.
- Read Carefully: Advise students to take time to understand each question before answering.
- Check Their Work: Advise students to revise their work, if time allows, before they submit their answers.

We appreciate the continued support of our families in helping students prepare for these important assessments. If you have any questions regarding the testing schedule, please contact the school office.

AP EXAMS



As we approach the end of the school year, our high school students will soon be taking their Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. These exams provide an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their college-level knowledge and potentially earn college credits.

This year's AP Exam dates are as follows:

- AP Biology: May 4
- AP English Literature & Composition: May 6
- AP Calculus AB: May 11

Students enrolled in these courses have been working diligently all year in preparation, and we have every confidence in their success insha'Allah.

2026 GIRLS FORMAL

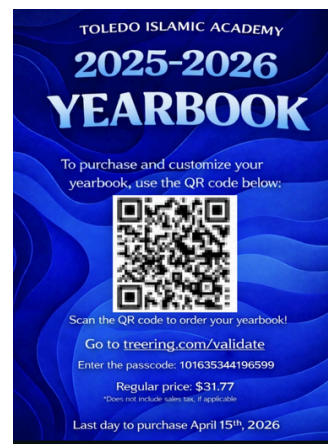


We are excited to announce this year's *Hollywood* themed **Girls Formal**, a special evening dedicated to fun, friendship, and celebration!

The event will take place on **Saturday, April 18th** from 6:00 - 10:00 PM in the TIA North Building Banquet Hall. This formal is open to all girls in grades 7 through 12, offering a wonderful opportunity for students to dress up, enjoy time with friends, and create lasting memories. Ticket prices are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

We encourage students to purchase their tickets early and join us for an elegant and enjoyable evening. Don't miss out on one of the most anticipated events of the year!

YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE!



Our 2026 Yearbook is now available for purchase! This year's edition captures the unforgettable moments, achievements, and memories that made this school year so special—and you won't want to miss it.

We encourage all families to place their orders as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need assistance using the QR code, please contact the school office.

Don't miss the chance to celebrate this year's memories—order your 2026 Yearbook today!



OHIO NATURAL ENERGY INSTITUTE VISITS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



We were pleased to welcome representatives from the **Ohio Natural Energy Institute** recently for their engaging and educational visit with our middle school students. This special presentation provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore the science behind energy production and the importance of responsible energy use.

During the visit, students learned about various forms of natural energy, including renewable resources such as solar, wind, and hydropower. Presenters led interactive discussions and demonstrations that helped students better understand how energy is generated, the impact it has on our environment, and the role we all play in conserving it.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Ohio Natural Energy Institute for taking the time to visit our school and provide such a meaningful learning experience. Opportunities like this enrich our students' education and encourage them to think critically about the world around them.

TIA STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE YOU BE THE CHEMIST CHALLENGE



Our middle school students recently had the exciting opportunity to participate in the **You Be The Chemist Challenge**, showcasing their knowledge, critical thinking, and passion for science. This engaging academic competition encourages students to deepen their understanding of chemistry concepts while building confidence in problem-solving and teamwork.

Throughout the year, students dedicated time and effort to preparing for the challenge, exploring a wide range of topics and strengthening their scientific skills. Their hard work was evident as they approached each question with enthusiasm and determination.

We would like to extend a special thank you to high school Junior, **Abdullah Raufi**, whose guidance and mentorship played a key role in supporting our middle school participants. His commitment, patience, and willingness to share his knowledge helped students grow both academically and personally. His leadership is a wonderful example of the positive impact students can have on one another.

Congratulations to our middle school chemists on a job well done - we are thrilled to see such dedication and enthusiasm!



TIA TIGERS CELEBRATE SPIRIT WEEK



Students across grades K-12 came together to celebrate a fun-filled Spirit Week, showing off their school pride and creativity through a variety of themed days. Middle and high school students enjoyed participating in Twinning Day, coordinating outfits with friends and classmates, while our elementary students brought stories and team spirit to life with Book Character Day and Sports Jersey Day. Hallways were filled with excitement as students and staff embraced each day's theme with enthusiasm. The week concluded with the highly anticipated Annual Pep Rally, where TIA Tigers gathered to celebrate school spirit, cheer on one another, and enjoy a lively and memorable end to the week.



Spirit Week was a wonderful reminder of the strong sense of community at TIA and the joy of coming together to celebrate school pride!

