TOLEDO ISLAMIC ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS EDITION

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SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these important dates and events:

- **MS/HS OPEN HOUSE**
  (Thursday, August 13th, 2026 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - South Building)
- **ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE**
  (Friday, August 14th, 2026 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - North Building)
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - 1ST - 12TH GRADES**
  (Monday, August 17th, 2026)
- **Pre-S, Pre-K, KG - HALF DAYS**
  (Wednesday, August 19th - Friday, August 21st - *12:00 p.m. Dismissal)*
- **Pre-S, Pre-K, KG - FIRST FULL DAY**
  (Monday, August 24th, 2026)
- **Camp Miakonda Field Trip for Grades 6 & 7**
  (Wednesday, August 26th , 2026)
- **LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL**
  (Monday, September 7th , 2026)

Good News:
The Monroe St. Bridge over U.S. 23 has reopened, returning our commute times back to normal!

WELCOME BACK TIA!

The teachers and staff at Toledo Islamic Academy are delighted to welcome our students and families back for another exciting school year, insha'Allah! As our hallways once again come alive with laughter, learning, and friendship, we look forward to a year filled with discovery, growth, achievement, and new opportunities.

Whether you are returning to TIA or joining our school community for the first time, we are so happy to have you with us. Together, let's make this school year a memorable one—filled with growth, meaningful experiences, and countless opportunities for every student to grow and shine.

Welcome back, TIA Tigers! We can't wait to see all that you accomplish this year!

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE

With school starting on **Monday, August 17, 2026,** be sure to join us this week for our Open House! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your teachers, reconnect with classmates, explore your classrooms, and drop off your school supplies before the first day of school. The **Middle/High School Open House** will be held on **Thursday, August 13th from 5:30 - 7:30** in the South Building while the **Elementary Open House** will be held on **Friday, August 14th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** in the North Building.

We look forward to welcoming our students and families back to TIA and kicking off another exciting school year, insha'Allah!

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP INFORMATION

As a reminder, please remember that **morning drop - off is between 7:50 and 8:00 am** daily with the **first class of the day beginning at 8:10 am**. Please help your child arrive on time so they are ready to begin learning promptly. **Dismissal will begin at the end of each day at 3:15 pm**, and the car line map and instructions will be sent out shortly via email.

For your convenience, please also find **here** the link to the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

As we get ready to welcome our students back for the 2026–2027 school year, please take a moment to review the **School Supplies Lists** for all grade levels and subjects. The lists include the essential materials students will need throughout the year and will help everyone start the school year organized, prepared, and ready to learn.

Please click on the hyperlink above to find the supply list for your child's grade level and classes. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students start the year off on the right foot!

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICIES

As we prepare for a new school year, we kindly remind all TIA families to review and follow the **2026–2027 School Uniform Policy.** TIA's uniform policy, available via the hyperlink, is designed to support our vision of providing students with a healthy, Islamic environment and to ensure that all students are dressed appropriately and consistently throughout the school year. Full compliance with the school uniform policy is required for all students, and parent cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Families are encouraged to review the complete uniform guidelines carefully, as requirements vary by grade level and include specific expectations for clothing, footwear, outerwear, hijabs, and non-uniform days. To help avoid any disruptions, the school strongly recommends purchasing 2–3 sets of the required uniform.

Thank you for your partnership in helping our students begin the school year prepared, appropriately dressed, and ready to learn.

STAY CONNECTED WITH SCHOOLMESSENGER

We encourage all TIA parents and guardians to take advantage of our ***SchoolMessenger* Text Messaging Service!** *SchoolMessenger* allows the school to send important updates directly to your mobile phone, including information about school events, closings, safety alerts, and other important announcements. Best of all, this is a free service.

To opt in, scan the above QR code or simply text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 from your mobile phone. You can opt out at any time by replying "Stop" to a SchoolMessenger message.

Stay informed and connected—opt in today by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 67587!

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

We encourage all TIA families to complete a **National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application,** regardless of whether or not your child plans to participate in the hot lunch program.

Please remember that a new application **must be completed each school year**, even if your family received approval for free or reduced-price meals during the previous school year.

Applications are available for your convenience and can be:

- Picked up from the school office, or
- Downloaded using the above hyperlink.

We are looking forward to beginning our hot lunch program on **Tuesday, September 8**. Until then, please send your child to school each day with a packed lunch and a snack.

Additional information about the hot lunch program and instructions for placing orders will be shared via email.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support as we prepare for a wonderful new school year!

WELCOMING OUR NEW TEACHERS

We are delighted to welcome several new teachers to the Toledo Islamic Academy family. Each educator brings with them their own unique experience, enthusiasm, and passion for teaching, and we are excited for the knowledge and energy that they will bring to our classrooms.

Please join us in welcoming **Mr. Abdulraheem Farhan**, who will be teaching PE and Art to 9th grade students, middle school students, and 5th grade students; **Mrs. Dema Ayoub**, who will be teaching 5th Grade ELA; **Mr. Moataz Elnegres,** who will be teaching 8th grade English, 11th grade English, and U.S. History; **Mrs. Hadia Aqdas**, who will be teaching Islamic Studies for grades 6–8, 8th grade Science, and Biology; as well as **Mrs. Najwa Amro**, who will teach 3rd Grade Math, Science, and Social Studies.

We are so happy to have them join our TIA community and look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth together. Welcome to TIA, and welcome to the family!

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

We Need You —
Our Volunteers Make the Difference!

Each year during registration, every family commits to 10 volunteer hours per child — and those hours are a vital part of what makes our school so special. Your time, skills, and energy directly support our students, teachers, and programs. Whether you can help in the classroom, assist at events, prepare materials from home, or lend a hand with special projects and field trips, every hour you give enriches our school community.

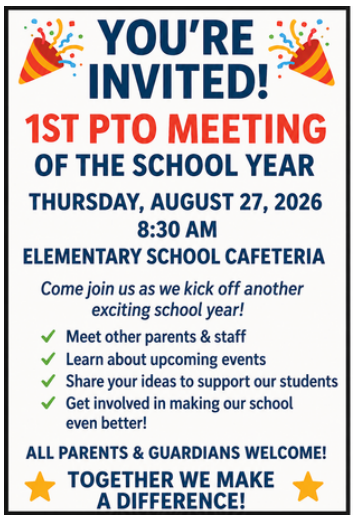
When parents are involved, students thrive. By contributing your 10 hours, you're not only fulfilling a commitment — you're showing our children that their education matters. Together, we can create an environment where learning is supported, friendships are built, and school feels like family. Please don't forget to look for sign-up sheets at the Open House and thank you for being an essential part of our success!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Starting August 5th , our teachers have been hard at work getting their classrooms and lessons ready for the year ahead. As part of their preparation, our faculty have been participating in professional development focused on **Classroom Management Strategies, the First Days of School, Teaching AI Literacy, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Mental Health, Student Engagement, and Analyzing Assessment Data.**

We take pride in our teachers' dedication to professional growth and their commitment to creating welcoming, supportive, and engaging learning environments where every student can thrive.

FIRST PTO MEETING OF THE YEAR!



The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is hosting its first meeting of the 2026-2027 academic year on Thursday, August 27th, 2026 in the Elementary Cafeteria (North Building). PTO meetings are a great way to get in touch with other parents and keep up-to-date on all of the school events and extracurricular activities that the PTO supports.

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure to reach out to the PTO at pto@tiaus.net or keep an eye out during Open House for the PTO's Sign-up Form.

The PTO looks forward to seeing everyone there!