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our young KHATEEB SPOTLIGHT Akram Ali

Akram Ali started his journey as a Khateeb in June 2024 at Omar Al Mokhtar. He frequently delivers Friday khutbahs at ISTABA Masjid, with another scheduled for October. Over the past two years, he has led Taraweeh and Tahajud prayers. He has conducted Halaqas for the Youth Program at ISTABA.

He is on track to become a Hafiz in a couple of months and is working towards obtaining his Sanad and Ijazah, In Sha Allah.

Akram Ali is a dedicated and accomplished 10th-grade student currently pursuing dual enrollment with the aim of earning his associate degree (AA).

Akram is actively involved in his community, volunteering for fundraising for Umrah trip from Hifz Academy at Sligh Masjid. He is also serving as the student council president.

He excels in sports, captaining the basketball, football, and soccer teams for his middle school.



Academically, he graduated with top marks in middle school and delivered a speech at elementary graduation as graduates who inspired young generation.

Additionally, he offers Khatira after Isha prayers, demonstrating his commitment to his faith and community.

Akram Ali manage it exceptionally well through a combination of discipline, time management, and support from his family, community and continue to excel in each area

In addition to his academic and spiritual achievements, Akram is a pillar of leadership and an inspiration to young generation in his community.



The Islamic Society of Tampa Bay Area is dedicated to fulfilling the spiritual, educational, and communal needs of the Muslim population in the Tampa Bay Area. It also focuses on outreach efforts to the non-Muslim community, providing education about Islam and fostering a better understanding of the faith. As a non-profit, we have a variety of programs and services aimed at supporting and enriching the lives of its members and neighbors.

The Islamic Months

Services Provided

Rabī' al Awwal-Rabī' al-Akhir

Rabi al -Awwal: is the third month in the Islamic calendar and the month in which the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him was born, died. It is also the month in which the Prophet migrated from Mecca to Medina. The word Rabi means 'spring'. Al-awwal means 'the first' so together, this month means 'the first spring'.

Rabi' al-Aakhir: is the fourth month of the Islamic calendar, and is also known as, Rabi' al-Thani which means "the last spring" or "the second spring" in Arabic. since Islamic calendar is lunar, the month can fall in any season and is not related to the actual spring season

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JANAZA CORNER

Monthly Update Obituaries

Du'a Requested from the community!

Sister Azza Osman, originally from Egypt, passed away in Tampa, Florida at the age of 67. She is survived by her son, Brother Sherif Abdalla, who is married to Sister Fardws Alansi, and her daughter, Sister Shaymaa Alansi, who is married to Brother Abduljabbar Alansi. Sister Azza Osman was also a grandmother to two grandchildren. Her life and legacy continue through her family and those who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Sister Lila Bacchus, who recently passed away in Fort Meade, Florida, lived a full life to the age of 94. Born in Guyana, she is survived by her husband Brother Hanif Bacchus, her son, Brother Rameo Ram, and her four daughters, Rasheeda, Alina, Rabina, and Fazida, as well as her 14 grandchildren. Her life's journey from Guyana to Florida and her large family are testaments to a life rich in experiences and relationships. Her memory will be cherished and honored by her loved ones.

Sister Faleena Ali Hamid, originally from Trinidad-Tobago, passed away at the age of 67 in Land O Lakes, Florida. She is survived by her husband Aleem Hamid, her son, Aleem Temon Hamid, and her daughter, Anicee Garcia, who is married to Anthony Garcia. Faleena Ali Hamid's life was enriched by her three grandchildren, four brothers, and three sisters. Her presence will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. May her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration.

Brother Abdus Salam, who recently passed away in Tampa, Florida, was 86 years old. He is survived by his wife, Sister Naseem Salam. The couple had three children: two sons, Tariq Salam, who is married to Sally, and Shahrukh Salam; and a daughter, Shahala Nelson, who is married to Paul Nelson. Brother Abdus Salam was also a grandfather to six grandchildren. Originally from Chennai, India, he will be remembered by his family and community.

Community Announcement

For any community announcements in ISTABA's monthly magazine, please email at aaysha@istaba.org.



ISTABA monthly event held inside of the Masjid and Hall. The concept of understanding one's faith from multiple perspectives is a valuable approach to religious studies. It recognizes various ways to interpret and practice one's beliefs, which can lead to a richer and more personal connection with their deen. Guest speaker Mufti Mohammed Samir Wahid from the Darul Arqam Institute emphasizes the importance of navigating the nuances and multiple perspectives within Islam to gain a holistic understanding of the faith. Mufti Wahid's work through various organizations, including founding the Najam Institute, and his contributions to the Muslim community, reflect his commitment to serving and educating about Islam in a manner that resonates with contemporary needs and understandings.

Congratulations on the arrival of baby Ayoub! Wishing Brother Shady Mustafa, mother Ghadeer, and Grandma Ekhlass all the joy and happiness that a new life brings. May Ayoub's life be filled with love, laughter, and wonderful memories. Welcome to the world, little one!





POLITICAL CANDIDATES



MEET AND GREET WITH ISTABA COMMUNITY!

ISTABA is a registered 501(c)3 organization. We welcome all leaders from different faiths. We do not endorse anyone but we only introduces them to the community. If you or someone you know is interested in meeting our community and discussing your platform, we can be reached at 813-628-0007 or Email us at Mainoffice@istaba.org



New Food Pantry for All Mankind has been added to ISTABA



In a heartwarming display of community service and compassion, the Islamic Society of Tampa Bay has recently inaugurated a food pantry to serve the needs of both Muslim and non-Muslim community members. This initiative reflects the true spirit of giving and unity, transcending cultural and religious boundaries to support those in need. The food pantry was established with generous donations from community members

This initiative, which began in the year 2000, is supported by community donations. Now open to the public on Monday to Friday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, and donations are accepted during these hours. providing essential food and household items to families facing hardship. Such acts of kindness and solidarity are what strengthen the bonds within our communities and create a ripple effect of generosity and hope.

This development is a significant stride in addressing food insecurity and supporting the local community's well-being. Let's celebrate and support the efforts of the Islamic Society of Tampa Bay as we set a remarkable example of community service. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of many. 🍷



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Free Medical Care For All Mankind

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Tuesday to Saturday

9:30am -2:00pm

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Service is for Non- Muslim to come and ask any questions regarding religion or to learn more about Islam

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If you would like to have your marriage contract (nikah) officiated by ISTABA

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Marriage, pre-marriage and divorce counseling services

Religious Questions

Any questions for religious matters

MEET WITH IMAM



WELCOME!
NEW MUSLIM LUNCHEON

WITH
IMAM ARJAN AHMESULA

LAST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH IN HALLS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FROM 11:30 AM-1:15 PM -
COME JOIN US!

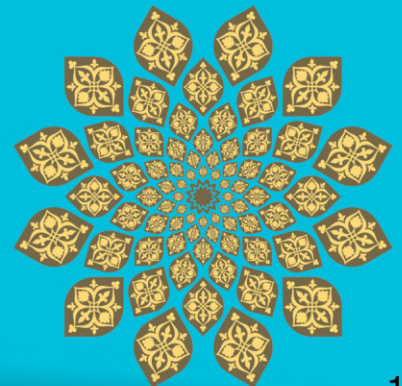
Our LUNCHEON is designed to welcome our New Muslim to the Community. We will have a short lecture, one of the new Muslims will share his reversion story and we will end with a light meal and conversations.



WELCOME
LUNCHEON FOR
NEW MUSLIM REVERTS!
**Family and Friends are
invited!**
**Community Brothers and
Sisters are Welcome!**
*Bring your Non-
Muslim friends & their
families*

We have these LUNCHEON MONTHLY and invite the New Reverts, their Family and Friends and our Community's members to Meet and Greet and Welcome Together. Please Feel Free to Share This Event.

Call Main Office at 813-628-0007
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HAFIZA SPOTLIGHT

Safa Khan



Safa Khan, a senior at Hifz Academy, has achieved a significant milestone that many Muslims hold dear: she is a Hafiza, having completed the memorization of the entire Quran. Her journey began at a young age with the after-school foundation class at ISTABA (Islamic Society of Tampa Bay Area), where she took her first steps toward Quranic memorization.



Throughout this process, Safa has remained deeply grateful to Allah (SWT), the ultimate source of her success, and to her teachers, who played an essential role in her journey. She acknowledges that the knowledge, patience, and dedication of the staff at Hifz Academy have been instrumental in helping her not only memorize the Quran but also understand and apply its teachings in everyday life. Safa's appreciation also extends to the teachers at ISTABA, who first nurtured her passion for learning the Quran and instilled the values of perseverance and humility in her.



None of this, however, would have been possible without the unwavering support of her parents. Safa's parents have been her pillars of strength, encouraging her every step of the way and providing a nurturing environment that allowed her to stay focused and committed to this lifelong goal. Their faith in her abilities, combined with their love and sacrifice, have been key to her success.



In reflecting on her journey, Safa is filled with gratitude to Allah (SWT) for the opportunity to embark on this path. She recognizes the privilege and responsibility that comes with being a Hafiza, understanding that the memorization of the Quran is not the end but a continuous commitment to living by its teachings. Safa hopes to inspire others within the community to follow this noble path, as she remains deeply connected to her faith and the teachings of the Quran.





Hifz Academy is a unique school that offers a blend of Qur'an and Academics



Hifz Academy is dedicated to providing a comprehensive and innovative curriculum that inspires and empowers every student. Our approach combines traditional academic excellence with cutting-edge teaching methods, ensuring that our students are prepared for the challenges of the future. From adherence to Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T Standards) to personalized learning paths and real-world problem-solving opportunities, our curriculum is designed to cultivate critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. Join us in fostering an environment where every child can thrive and achieve their full potential.

Hifz Academy has partnerships with the Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and the University of South Florida (USF) offering students the opportunity to take college-level courses during their high school years. Students can take 3 DE courses per semester providing they meet the enrollment criteria to register. Students must gain the school's permission to register for classes each semester.

Hifz Academy stands as a distinguished educational institution strategically located in the central region of East Tampa. Our steadfast dedication to delivering top-tier education to the community commenced in 2011, initially with a modest enrollment of 12 students spanning various grade levels. Over the subsequent years, our institution has experienced remarkable growth, currently catering to a student body exceeding 500 individuals.

Our academic focus encompasses students in the Elementary (KG-5) and Secondary (6-12) grades, ensuring a rigorous curriculum in core subjects, Qur'an, and Religious Studies. Our program offers students the unique opportunity to learn and commit the entire Qur'an to memory, achieving the esteemed status of Hafiz or Hafiza of Qur'an.

In addition to our academic offerings, Hifz Academy provides a diverse range of after-school programs, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, and judo.

Complementing these extracurricular activities, we extend our commitment to academic excellence through after-school programming designed to support students in literature, mathematics, and various other academic subjects.

We enhance our subject offerings with Dual Enrollment courses. Our secondary students spend 3.5 hours in their daily schedule focusing on their academics.



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Spotlight
Athlete of the
Month



Hassan Albadani

10th Grade

Hassan is always known as a very passionate student athlete for his effort that he has put in Quran, The Classroom and Sports.

When the team is down in sports, Hassan is always up, willing to lead the charge and fight for his Brothers with relentless effort



SPORTS AT HIFZ

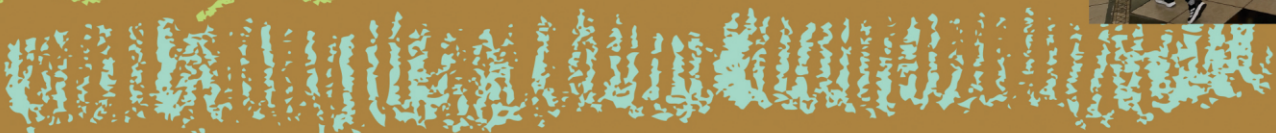


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BACK *to* SCHOOL



HIFZ ACADEMY

Academic Alumni



Suhaylah Faituri

Health Science

She was a teacher's assistant for Quran in 11th grade while she attending her classes at Hifz Academy. (so In the morning, she would teach, and in the afternoon, she would attend class at Hifz.)

Suhaylah Faituri was a student at Hifz Academy for 5 years, attending grades 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, and 12th.

While she was in 9th grade, she completed the *memorization of the Quran* and obtained her *Sanad*. She was still involved in Hifz Weekend school on Saturday teaching Quran.

She taught 1st grade Quran at Hifz Weekend school while she was in 10th grade.

During her 12th grade year, she was delighted to receive her *Ijaza* upon graduation.

Through dual enrollment at Hifz Academy, she was able to complete nearly all of her college credits for her associate's degree..

Now, she is in her third year of undergraduate studies at *USF*, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Health Science, and she is working as a teacher for Hifz Weekend School on Saturday for 3rd graders, teaching Quran and Arabic.

She is a Hafiza and a successful academic alumna of Hifz Academy.

Congratulations to Sister Suhayla on a successful future! 🎉🌟 May his endeavors continue to flourish and bring positive impact to community



HIFZ ACADEMY

DUAL ENROLLMENT AT COLLEGE

Hifz Academy offers a dual enrollment program for grade 9 and up. The program is in partnership with Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and USF.

This program allows high school students to take college-level courses while still enrolled in high school, providing them with the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously.

The dual enrollment program is a great way for students to challenge themselves academically and gain valuable **college experience while still in high school.**

Students can take 3 DE courses per semester providing they meet the enrollment criteria to register. Students must gain the school's permission to register for classes each semester.

Benefits for dual enrollment at Hifz Academy

1. **Saving Time and Money:** Students can earn college credits while still in high school, reducing the time and cost required to complete a college degree.
2. **Exploring Academic Interests:** Dual enrollment allows students to take a variety of college-level courses, helping them explore different subjects and potential career paths.
3. **Boosting Academic Performance:** Engaging in more challenging coursework can enhance students' academic skills and better prepare them for college.
4. **Enhancing College Readiness:** Students gain experience with college-level coursework and expectations, making the transition to college smoother and less intimidating.
5. **Improving College Admission Prospects:** Having college credits and experience on their transcripts can make students more attractive to colleges and universities.

These benefits collectively help students build a strong academic foundation and gain confidence in their ability to succeed in higher education.

HIFZ ACADEMY

Dual Enrollment Highlights

Remarkable aspects of the dual enrollment program at Hifz Academy. Many students are able to complete up to two years of college coursework before they even graduate from high school. This means they can earn an Associate's degree or a significant number of college credits, giving them a head start on their higher education journey.

This achievement is a testament to the rigorous academic environment and the support provided by both Hifz Academy and Hillsborough Community College (HCC).

It allows students to save time and money on their college education while also preparing them for the challenges of university-level coursework.

There are several success stories from students who have participated in the dual enrollment program at Hifz Academy.

1. **Academic Excellence:** Many students have graduated with honors, having memorized entire Qur'an or multiple Juzas of the Qur'an and earned over 30 college credit hours through the dual enrollment program. This has significantly boosted their college readiness and academic profiles.
2. **College Admissions:** Graduates of Hifz Academy have been accepted into prestigious universities, thanks to their strong academic records and the college credits they earned while still in high school.
3. **Community Involvement:** Students have also completed more than the required minimum community service hours, contributing positively to the Tampa community.
4. **Personal Growth:** Parents have reported that their children not only excelled academically but also developed strong friendships and enjoyed the diverse environment at Hifz Academy.



Yusuf Osman

He graduated in May 2024 as valedictorian, having the highest weighted GPA and demonstrating excellent Islamic behavior. He also earned his associate degree in medical sciences from HCC. *Additionally, he has memorized the Quran and received his Sanad.*

He graduated from Hifz Academy with principal honor roll, achieving all A's.

These success stories highlight the positive impact of the dual enrollment program and the comprehensive education provided by Hifz Academy.

Hifz Umrah Trip

Fundraising



The Hifz boys and girls are diligently working to raise funds for an Umrah trip scheduled for November this year. This noble initiative aims to reward students who have become Hafiz with a free journey to the holy city. Their dedication and hard work reflect their commitment to their faith and community, making this opportunity a truly special and meaningful reward for their achievements. Let's support their efforts and help make this dream a reality for these deserving students.



UMRAH



Last year, Hifz Academy students had the pleasure of going to Umrah, creating unforgettable memories and deepening their spiritual journey. This successful trip has set a positive precedent, and with continued support, we hope to make this an annual tradition, in sha Allah. Let's keep working together to provide these deserving students with such enriching experiences every year.



ISTABA Peace Academy



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- Operational Hours:
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ISTABA PEACE ACADEMY DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL

ISTABA Peace Academy is best for young children to begin their educational journey! Peace Academy focus on providing a nurturing and stimulating environment, it's fantastic setting for children to grow and explore. The emphasis on curiosity, creativity, and a safe, loving space is crucial for early development.



ISTABA Peace Academy is a private Islamic early childhood center nestled within the serene campus of the Islamic Society of Tampa Bay Area, conveniently located at 7326 E. Sligh Avenue in Tampa, Florida. Catering to children aged 12 months to 5 years, we offer a nurturing and stimulating environment where young minds can flourish.



Our center provides a safe, welcoming, and loving space for children to explore and learn about the world around them. We understand the importance of early childhood education in shaping a child's future, and thus, we prioritize creating an environment that fosters curiosity, creativity, and growth.



NOW Enrolling for 2024-2025 School Year. Enroll Now! Call 813-628-0007

HIFZ WEEKEND SCHOOL

To register your child in Hifz
Weekend school, please
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Back to School

Hifz weekend schools provide a great opportunity for students who attend public schools to stay connected with the Quran, Arabic language, and Islamic teachings.



Hifz Weekend School



Days and Hours Day:
Saturday
Hours: 11:00 a.m. -
3:00 p.m.
Aug- April

Hifz Weekend School provides instruction to children ages 4-18. Its objective is to provide an Islamic environment where children can learn about Islamic principles and values, including basic understanding of Islamic beliefs and practices.

Children are placed in groups according to their ages and abilities. The groups are from levels 1 - 5, including kindergarten.

In addition to Islamic Studies, emphasis is also placed on basic Arabic reading for the purposes of Quranic reading and memorization.

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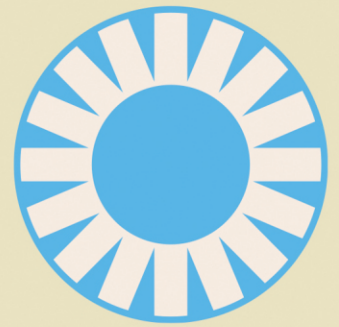
- \$580 per student.
- Each additional sibling will receive 6% discount. (\$530)
- Books are included in the fee.
- Scholarships are available for those who qualify financially.

Note: Tuition will not be refunded to any student who is expelled for violating school policies.

Application Fee: \$25
per family



WELCOME TO YOUTH CORNER!



Boys Halaqa

Every Saturday after Asr Prayer to Magreb Prayer



- Games and Sports: The kids play different games basketball, or soccer.
- Halaqa: They attend Islamic lectures.
- Pizza Time: Pizza is served after the lectures.
- Maghrib Prayer: The boys go to the masjid for Maghrib prayer.
- Field Trip: They have also gone on a field trip.
- Parent Meeting: Parents attend a meeting to discuss improvements and supervision for the Halaqa.

It combines fun, learning, and spiritual growth for our young youth!

**Contact: Br. Taalai
at 813-454-8529**



YOUTH CORNER!

Girls Halaqa

Sr. Hafsa and Sr. Munira

- Monthly Halaqa: Held once a month from Asr to Maghrib in the women's section upstairs.
- Age Requirement: Girls must be 12 years old and up to participate.
- Islamic Lectures: The girls attend Halaqa sessions.
- Activities: They engage in various activities such as painting, crochet, cooking, sewing, and more.
- Pizza Time: Pizza is provided by the masjid.
- Dismissal: The girls are dismissed to their parents after the activities and prayers



//BARAKAH JUDO

MORE THAN EXERCISE



Barakah Judo, Youth Center established in May 2017 in ISTABA campus, has been actively engaging with the judo community through various activities. The club has not only worked out with other judo clubs but also participated in local tournaments, including the Sunshine State Judo Tournament. They have competed in national competitions such as the US Open 2021 and the USJF Open 2022.

Additionally, Barakah Judo has been involved in events like the Dragon Challenge Judo Tournament 2022 and has supported USA Judo at the 2022 Senior Nationals. The club has also hosted judo clinics and their own Barakah Judo Invitational Tournament in 2022. Their dojo serves as a hub for learning and practicing the art of judo, fostering discipline, respect, and physical well-being as core values.

contact Brother Taalai at 813-545-8529 for beginner's class, advanced class, female calss, intermediate class



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Taalaibek Tynaliev's career is marked by a distinguished blend of military service and martial arts excellence. Born in the Kyrgyz Republic, he rose to the rank of Colonel, dedicating over two decades to various facets of military operations, including personnel management and logistics. His prowess in judo was evident early on, achieving the status of National Youth Champion and later representing his country in international competitions. His martial arts journey continued alongside his military career, earning him the title of Master of Sport in Judo and recognition as a national referee.

His commitment to service extended to peacekeeping missions with the UN, for which he was honored. His tenure as Senior National Representative at the US CENTCOM Coalition highlights his international experience and leadership capabilities. Transitioning from military to civilian life, he found a new community in RMNU South Tampa, where he continues to share his expertise in martial arts. Tynaliev's story is one of dedication, skill, and continuous contribution to his nation and the field of martial arts.



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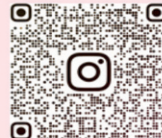
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