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## The Mecca Center President's Message

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Asalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatu,

Dear Mecca Center Community,

Insha'Allah this message finds you and your family in the best of health and iman. On November 6, Illinoisans will be voting in the state's General Elections, and now more than ever, the civic participation of our youth is critical to ensuring that coming generations have a prosperous future.

By engaging civically, our youth can not only be more informed of politics and current events, but they can learn life and leadership skills that help them become self-reliant, positive contributors to society. With civic engagement, they receive leadership training and learn life skills, and are nurtured to become better leaders in their communities. They can learn their rights and responsibilities as citizens, such as their right to vote and run for office, as well as how to engage in service-focused volunteerism to address problems in our local communities. Through this type of engagement, they learn teamwork, conflict resolution, and perseverance, and the entire community, and our country, is positively impacted as a result.

With a community dedicated to civic engagement, we are able to address the issues that plague our society. In late October, several of our Jewish brothers and sisters were killed in a horrific shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We stand in solidarity with the Jewish community during this difficult time and will continue to work towards safeguarding our houses of worship as one united community of faith. One of the ways we do this is through civic engagement. We will respond to these challenges with our unwavering faith and a commitment to being civically engaged, in order create a positive difference in our society for generations to come. Thank you and Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

Wassalamu Alaikum,

M.A. Hamadeh, MD  
President, The Mecca Center



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## PRAYER SCHEDULE

### November 2018 Prayer Times | Safar 1440 - Rabi Al-Awwal 1440

November	Safar	Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
01	23	Thu	06:07 AM	07:24 AM	12:36 PM	04:04 PM	05:47 PM	07:04 PM
02	24	Fri	06:08 AM	07:25 AM	12:36 PM	04:03 PM	05:45 PM	07:03 PM
03	25	Sat	06:09 AM	07:26 AM	12:36 PM	04:02 PM	05:44 PM	07:02 PM
04	26	Sun	05:11 AM	06:27 AM	11:36 AM	03:01 PM	04:43 PM	06:01 PM
05	27	Mon	05:12 AM	06:28 AM	11:36 AM	03:00 PM	04:42 PM	06:00 PM
06	28	Tue	05:13 AM	06:30 AM	11:36 AM	02:59 PM	04:41 PM	05:59 PM
07	29	Wed	05:14 AM	06:31 AM	11:36 AM	02:57 PM	04:40 PM	05:58 PM
08	30	Thu	05:15 AM	06:32 AM	11:36 AM	02:56 PM	04:38 PM	05:57 PM
November	Rabi Al-Awwal	Day						
09	1	Fri	05:16 AM	06:33 AM	11:36 AM	02:55 PM	04:37 PM	05:56 PM
10	2	Sat	05:16 AM	06:33 AM	11:36 AM	02:55 PM	04:37 PM	05:56 PM
11	3	Sun	05:18 AM	06:36 AM	11:36 AM	02:53 PM	04:35 PM	05:55 PM
12	4	Mon	05:19 AM	06:37 AM	11:36 AM	02:53 PM	04:34 PM	05:54 PM
13	5	Tue	05:20 AM	06:38 AM	11:37 AM	02:52 PM	04:34 PM	05:53 PM
14	6	Wed	05:21 AM	06:39 AM	11:37 AM	02:51 PM	04:33 PM	05:52 PM
15	7	Thu	05:22 AM	06:41 AM	11:37 AM	02:50 PM	04:32 PM	05:51 PM
16	8	Fri	05:23 AM	06:42 AM	11:37 AM	02:49 PM	04:31 PM	05:51 PM
17	9	Sat	05:24 AM	06:43 AM	11:37 AM	02:48 PM	04:30 PM	05:50 PM
18	10	Sun	05:25 AM	06:44 AM	11:37 AM	02:48 PM	04:29 PM	05:50 PM
19	11	Mon	05:26 AM	06:45 AM	11:38 AM	02:47 PM	04:29 PM	05:49 PM
20	12	Tue	05:27 AM	06:47 AM	11:38 AM	02:46 PM	04:28 PM	05:48 PM
21	13	Wed	05:28 AM	06:48 AM	11:38 AM	02:46 PM	04:27 PM	05:48 PM
22	14	Thu	05:29 AM	06:49 AM	11:38 AM	02:45 PM	04:27 PM	05:47 PM
23	15	Fri	05:30 AM	06:50 AM	11:39 AM	02:44 PM	04:26 PM	05:47 PM
24	16	Sat	05:31 AM	06:51 AM	11:39 AM	02:44 PM	04:25 PM	05:47 PM
25	17	Sun	05:32 AM	06:52 AM	11:39 AM	02:43 PM	04:25 PM	05:46 PM
26	18	Mon	05:33 AM	06:54 AM	11:40 AM	02:43 PM	04:24 PM	05:46 PM
27	19	Tue	05:34 AM	06:55 AM	11:40 AM	02:42 PM	04:24 PM	05:46 PM
28	20	Wed	05:35 AM	06:56 AM	11:40 AM	02:42 PM	04:23 PM	05:45 PM
29	21	Thu	05:36 AM	06:57 AM	11:41 AM	02:42 PM	04:23 PM	05:45 PM
30	22	Fri	05:37 AM	06:58 AM	11:41 AM	02:41 PM	04:23 PM	05:45 PM

#### Iqama Times

##### Fajr

30 minutes after Adhan

##### Dhuhr

1:15 PM

##### Asr

Nov. 1-3: 4:30 PM  
Nov. 4-30: 3:00 PM

##### Maghrib

5 minutes after sunset

##### Isha

8:00 PM

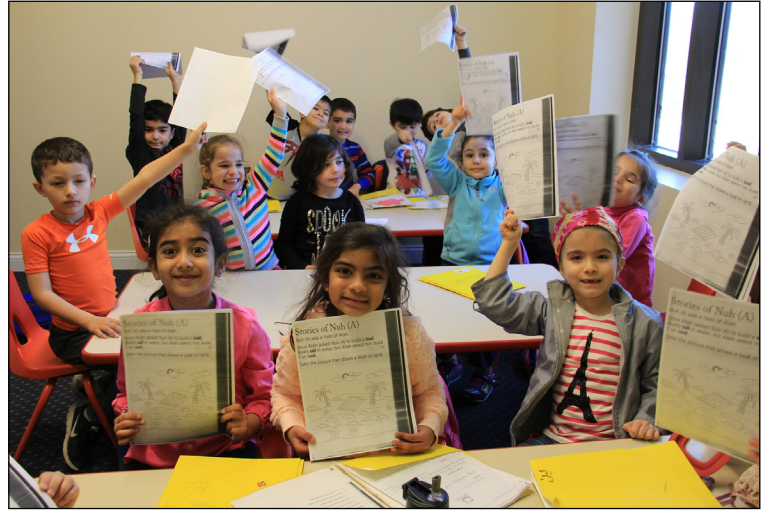
##### Jumma

Friday prayer  
always at 1:00 PM

# The Mecca Center Sunday School: Principal's Message

Assalamu Alaikum, Dear Mecca Center Community,

With the arrival of the blessed month of Rabi' Al Awwal, the Mecca Center Sunday School students are busy learning about the Prophet Muhammad's (Peace Be Upon Him) character and way of life in their Islamic Studies classes.



By examining the way he dealt with important moral issues, how he handled challenges, and how he responded to his enemies and his friends, we strive to instill the love of our Prophet in their hearts.

Islamic studies classes are involving their students in preparing projects, essays, or skits that present important teachings or events in Prophet Muhammad's (Peace Be Upon Him) life. Furthermore, we are encouraging our students to partake in a **Seerah Trivia Bowl** with over 200 questions about our beloved Prophet that they will be quizzed on during the competition. The Mecca Center Sunday School feels that the remembrance of our Prophet during his month of birth is especially important in the American context, in order to promote him as a beloved role-model for our students and facilitate for them an authentic Islamic learning environment that develops their values, beliefs, and practices in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Quran and traditions of Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

**A reminder to our Mecca Center Sunday School families that school is NOT in session on the following dates: November 25th, December 23rd, and December 30th.**

Warm regards,

Linda Hamadeh, M.Ed., Ed.D.  
Mecca Center Sunday School Principal

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