

The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys



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Honoring the past. Educating for the future.

School Newsletter

...Coming Up...

Sports Squad Trials

Students can try out for school sports teams from September 4-8th

Eid Al Adha

School celebrations will take place September 8th. School holidays to be confirmed.

ECAs

The highly successful ECA Computer Explorers along with the full ECA program will begin shortly. More details to follow.

Arabic Diagnostic Testing

Arabic diagnostic testing will take place from September 14-22.



Welcome from the Principal...

The 2016-17 school year has begun and it is my privilege to welcome both new and returning families to the start of what will be a wonderfully exciting school year at The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys. As we commence our second year, I am filled with excitement at the prospects for your children. We have recruited some really outstanding teachers and support staff to join our team from all over the world; the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, Jordan and Syria, New Zealand and Australia.

Amongst the initiatives we will be launching this year are our One-to-One iPad Programme and our Military Training Programme for Grades 6 to 8. These two initiatives illustrate our desire to provide a superb 'cutting edge' education, that promotes innovation, alongside our determination to help our students experience national pride and leadership opportunities.

We believe that every child matters and our teachers have been hard at work to make sure that they are prepared to meet the individual abilities, needs and interests of our students. Whatever we do in school, the greatest influence on any child's development is his or her parents. During the year, we will be providing many opportunities for you to visit the school, to discuss your child's academic progress or to engage in our cultural celebrations and presentations. We hope that you will become involved with our community, to help us to help your children really fulfill their potential.

...First Week Reminders...

Student Forms

Please make sure to drop off forms if you haven't already. These are vital to help us support and care for your children.

iPads

Please bring in payment for student iPads as soon as possible, if you haven't already. Money must be given to Accounts, not to the class teacher.

Catering Services

Catering services will begin Sunday, September 4th . Lunch cards can be purchased directly from Keita in the cafeteria.

Healthy Eating

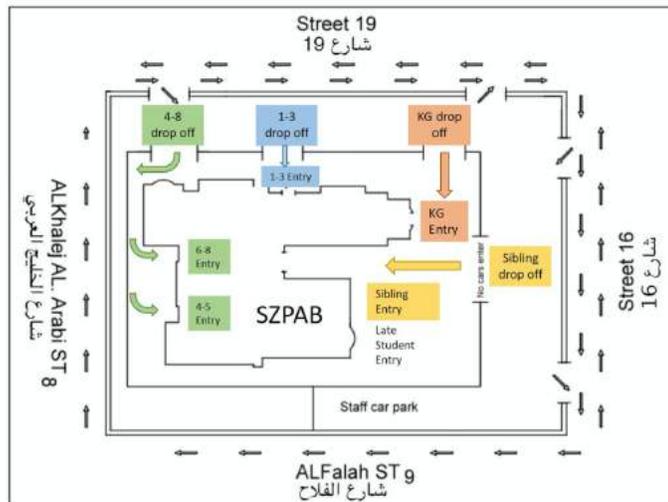
Growing children need lots of snacks, which help with their concentration and learning. Please ensure to pack healthy snacks, such as fruits, vegetables, hummus and unsalted popcorn, to help your child get through the day. Also, please remember to bring in a water bottle to avoid dehydration.

Transport

Seat belts help save lives. Please ensure your children wear seat belts anytime they

Pick-up and Drop-Off

Pick up and drop off can be confusing and a struggle at the beginning of the school year. We are working to make this process as smooth as possible for our families. Below is the drop off map. It is important that everyone uses their designated gate and follows the set out procedures.



Swimming GR 4- 8

Swimming classes will be staggered this term. See the calendar below to know when your child begins swimming classes. Swimming information for lower grades will follow.

SWIMMING SCHEDULE 2016-16							
Starts w/b	28-Aug UNIT 1	4-Sep UNIT 2	25-Sep UNIT 3	16-Oct UNIT 4	8-Jan UNIT 5	29-Jan UNIT 6	19-Feb UNIT 7
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What's Going On at SZPAB...

Staff induction

Since mid-August, teachers and staff have been busy getting ready for a new school year. Amongst class and lesson preparation, a 'Marhaba' trip to Al Samaliya Island was organized to help us get a better understanding of Emirate culture and hospitality. We were treated to a dhow cruise, camel and horse rides, a walk through the mangroves as well as a variety of delicious local dishes.



From the Kindergarten...

Kindergarten is off to a great start and students have done an amazing job settling in. The KG school day starts promptly at 7:45 and we encourage students to independently walk down the hall to put their bag in away. Parents are kindly asked to leave by 7:45.

Please communicate with classroom teachers at dismissal time and through email so that lessons can begin promptly. All KG students need to have a change of clothes that will be left in their locker and bring a healthy lunch each day. We appreciate your cooperation and support.



Eid Al Adha

Hajj Mabroor wa sai'y Mashkoor! This Thursday, students and teachers will participate in an assembly to celebrate Hajj. Students will take part in reciting the Quran and will perform the Hajj.

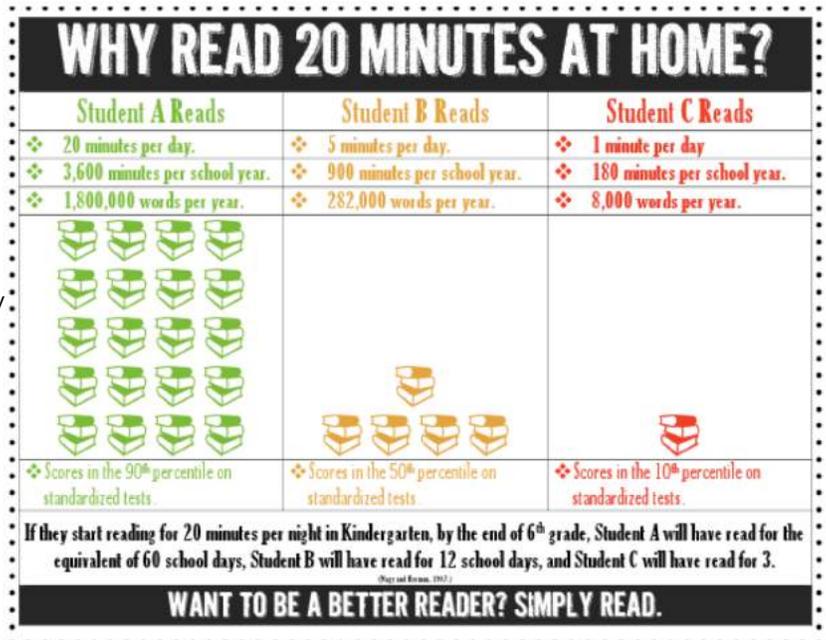
We welcome parent participation: this will help make the experience more meaningful for the children. Students are requested to wear appropriate clothing during the Hajj: ihram for male students and prayer clothes for female students. After the assembly students will be allowed to change into their Eid clothes.



Reading with your Child: the 20 Minute Challenge

Studies show that spending 20 minutes reading with your child every day contributes greatly to their learning. Early literacy skills are developed, children are exposed to new vocabulary and they learn vital skills such as speaking and listening.

Take time out each day to read and communicate in English with your child. Your child can read to you or you can read to them. Books are not the only materials they can read. Encourage your child to read cereal boxes, street signs, shop signs and magazines. Are you up for the 20 minute challenge?



Child Protection Policy

A new law has taken effect to protect children from abuse and neglect, and to support their right to safety, shelter, health care and education. For the first time, anyone in contact with a child - from parents and teachers to doctors and nurses - can be held accountable for causing harm, and is legally obliged to report cases of suspected abuse.

The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys recognizes that every student has the right to protection from abuse and exploitation and the right to have enquiries made to safeguard his or her welfare. The school places great importance on students' health, safety and welfare and aims to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment in which all our students can learn and develop to their full potential.

The overriding concern of all caring adults must be the care, safety and welfare of the child: the welfare of each child is of paramount importance to all staff in The Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys. You can find the full policy on our website <http://szpag.com/uploads/application-documents/SZPAB-Child-Protection.pdf>.



SZPAB Sports News...

Expectations

PE

- Students must always wear P.E. kit on their 'P.E.' day(s).
- A parental note and/or doctor's note will be accepted as an excuse for sickness, injury or incorrect kit.
- If students are excused from taking part physically, they will still be engaged in the learning of the lesson.
- Sanctions are in place for when students forget items of kit.
- If students forget their P.E. kit, this will affect their overall grade for the semester.



PE Kits

Essential

- White SZPAB polo shirt (Zak's)
- Green SZPAB shorts (Zak's)
- **WHITE** sports socks
- Trainers (**LACES/VELCRO ONLY** No 'slip on' shoes)
- Water Bottle /iPad



Swimming Expectations

- Students must always wear their P.E. kit for swimming lessons.
- During school celebration events swimming **WILL** still take place.
- It is advised that students wear their swimming kit under their P.E. kit to reduce changing time and increase swim time!

Swimming Kit

Essential

Black or navy blue swim shorts/trunks
 Goggles (*no snorkeling masks*)
 Swimming cap (*Long hair, below eye length - REQUIRED*)
 Towel

Non-essential

Black or navy blue rash vest
 (Tight-fitting swim top)

PLEASE NOTE:

**SWIMMING TRUNKS MUST BE ABOVE
 KNEE LENGTH & TIGHT TO THE
 SKIN (SAFETY POINT)**

2015/16 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Grades 4-5 Results

- ✦ Grade 4 Champions: Team 2
- ✦ Grade 5 Champions: Team 3
- ✦ Top Goal Scorer: Ali Hadi
- ✦ Sportsmanship: Husain



Grade 6-7 Results

Champions: Team 5
 Top Goal Scorer: Salem Al Jaberi
 Sportsman: Abdulla Khalifa