



Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Students,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to our returning families. To our new families, welcome to the JIS community! We hope you all enjoyed the fun filled summer days and had a blessed Ramadhan; it is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to get ready for another exciting and successful school year. Whether you are new to JIS or a returning family, our primary focus is the same — the children!

We want to bring your attention to the slight change in schedule for the 2017-2018 academic year. This year the school will be closed from September 24th to November 26th in observance of Muharrum, and Quarter 4 will take place during Ramadhan 2018, as such school timings will change to 4:45PM to 7:00PM.

THE PTSA TEAM

It is ever critical that a parent voice be brought to the table as a representative of the multitude of families in our community who will benefit from the coordination of services and programs being implemented, Sr. Nooreen Zaidi and I, are very excited to be a part of the PTSA; we both hope to take to a collaborative approach to decision-making, and in communication between parents and educators for the greater success of our children (yours and ours). Br. Asghar Hasan and Br. Akthar Hasan make up the rest of our small core team.

BECOME THE NEW FACE OF PTSA

The purpose of the PTSA is to support the faculty, staff, parents, and especially our students at JIS. Over the years, the PTSA has become one of the strongest voices in the educational process that directly supports our children and school. This year will be no different. The JIS PTSA has been busy developing the details for a very productive and exciting year aimed at enhancing the educational environment for all of our students.

We begin planning for the all awaited JIS FUN DAY as early as January 2017, and this year we ask that you submit ideas, help plan the event or volunteer for the day, or any of the PTSA sponsored events, our PTSA events have been so successful in the past because of all of the wonderful volunteers!

The saying “*it takes a village to raise a child*” couldn’t be truer, by participating in the numerous events, activities, fundraisers, services and programs that we have planned throughout the year as volunteer, playground or lunch room supervisor, class mum/dad (*who helps the teacher with collecting homework, leading the children out of the class, organizing homework, displaying projects*) or merely as an attendee; whatever the level of your participation, ability or contribution, your time and involvement will certainly be appreciated. Please let Sr. Nooreen or myself know if you are able to join our team!



COMMUNICATE & CONNECT!

Whether you teach, volunteer or attend PTSA meetings we look forward to staying in touch with you. Hearing from parents and teachers helps the PTSA Coordinator work in partnership with the JIS Administration, to enrich the school year for our students. It is also important to me that I am accessible to you for questions and concerns, whether it is regarding the needs of your child or as a JIS parent. The goal of the JIS PTSA is to meet the needs of each child every day. It is our goal to represent you and be a clear advocate for your concerns.

Finally, please feel free to introduce and connect with me when you see me on Sundays, and I would be happy to share my contact information so that you can share or convey your concerns or questions. In this fast-paced environment, I am lucky to have Sr. Nooreen providing back up care while I am inaccessible. She, too, will work diligently to bring your questions or concerns to me as quickly as possible. We both wish a smooth transition during the start of this new school year for all our students, educators, you and your family!

NADIA REMTULLA & NOOREEN ZAIDI