



SIKH ACADEMY

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SIKH ACADEMY respectfully acknowledges the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen, Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and other Coast Salish Peoples on whose shared and unceded traditional territories WE SERVE.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with profound honor and privilege that I extend my heartfelt welcome to all students, parents, and staff as we begin another exciting academic year.

As partners we value, appreciate, and seek your individual/collective involvement as well as collaboration in creating a nurturing community where every child can thrive. Our commitment to an inclusive and stimulating education environment remains unwavering.

To our returning students, welcome back! I am eagerly anticipating another year of growth and accomplishment as you continue to excel.

To our new students, welcome to the Sikh Academy family! Embrace this journey with an open mind knowing that the entire Sikh Academy team are here to support you.

To the Kindergarten students, I can assure you that your parents have made the right decision in choosing Sikh Academy as the platform to launch your education journey.

Parents, your partnership is invaluable. We continue to value and encourage open communication and collaboration to ensure every child's success.

As your principal, I am dedicated to fostering respect, empathy, and resilience. Together, we will celebrate successes and overcome challenges.

The days, weeks, and months ahead are exceptional, and they are filled with joy, curiosity, and the pursuit of knowledge.

Welcome Back Everyone!

Yours Sincerely

Raymond Mba
Principal





September 2023

Key Dates

Events

Friday	September 01	Classroom Setup/ KG Orientation
Monday	September 04	Labour Day
Tuesday	September 05	First Day of School (Early Dismissal at 12 noon)
Wednesday	September 06	First full day of school
Friday	September 08	International Literacy Day
Friday	September 15	Meet the Teacher Night
Tuesday	September 19	Welcome Introduction Assembly (By the Admin)
Wednesday	September 20	Lockdown Drill/ Terry Fox Run
Thursday – Saturday	September 21 - 23	1st Parkash Purab SGGS Ji
Monday	September 25	Non-Instructional Day/ Pro-D Day (School Closed)

Expectations:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Kind
3. No Bullying
4. Report any bullying incident immediately





Parents should note the following

- KG students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm for first week of September (5th to 8th September)
- Bus students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm for the session of 2023-24
- Lunch drop off should be done before 11:30 am
- Uniforms are not compulsory for the first three weeks of September (September 05 – September 22)
- Purchase Uniforms at Jap & Glow Shop (Unit # 127 - 12885 85 Ave, Opposite Sikh Academy Building)
- Always dress your child according to the weather conditions (example: provide rain jacket on rainy days, warm clothing on colder days, etc.)
- Be yourself Wednesdays

Welcome New Teachers:

1. Ms. Gagandeep Kaur
2. Mrs. Harmanpreet Kaur Maan
3. Ramanpreet Grewal
4. Tanpreet Kaur Sethi





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Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

Dear Sikh Academy Family,

As we approach the beginning of another exciting school year, we are delighted to extend our heartfelt welcome to our valued staff, dedicated parents, and eager children. The start of September marks a fresh chapter in our journey of learning, growth, and collaboration.

We are thrilled to announce a significant addition to our Sikh Academy team this year. Joining us as the new Executive Director is Mr. B. S. Gill (Bobby), a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience in management and a successful track record within several large corporations. His expertise, passion for education, Sikh religion and Punjabi Culture make him an invaluable asset to our Academy. With a keen eye for innovation and a strong commitment to fostering a nurturing learning environment, we are confident that Mr. Gill will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Sikh Academy. His dynamic leadership and dedication to educational excellence align perfectly with our Academy's values and goals.

As we embark on this journey together, we encourage all of you to embrace the opportunities that this new school year brings. Only with your unwavering support can we thrive and succeed. Our teachers' dedication, parents' unwavering support, and children's boundless enthusiasm are the pillars upon which we build a thriving educational community.

Some more exciting additions include a brand new swing set that we are installing, a new cafeteria lunch program, a new and improved Sikh and Punjabi Religion Department, and a new onsite Preschool and Daycare opening soon. Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar has also kindly made some big improvements for our school, such as a new grass field, a new hot water tank, and Serviced Air Conditioning in all rooms.

Let us work hand in hand to inspire curiosity, nurture talents, and create a space where each student's potential can flourish. The upcoming year holds the promise of new friendships, exciting discoveries, and endless possibilities.

Thank you for your continued trust and commitment to Sikh Academy. Here's to a successful, enriching, and joy-filled academic year ahead!

Sincerely,
Aman Kaur Dhindsa
Board President
Sikh Academy





Daily Health Check

Please assure a daily health check is done on each child before they come to school. If any child has any sign/symptoms of cold or flu, please do not send them to school.

School Uniform

Students will wear their regular uniform on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students are able to wear clothing of their choice on Wednesdays, but please assure it is appropriate. Please assure children are coming to school daily with their rumals, as they do attend Gurdwara.

Recess/Lunch

Please note that children need fresh air and this is vital for their physical and mental development. As such, students will be going outside during recess and lunch unless it is heavily raining. Please assure that students are coming to school daily with a jacket and dressed to be outside.

Communication

Maintain open lines of communication with teachers to address any concerns or specific needs for your child. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. If you are late to drop off or pick up your child, please call and inform the front desk at 604-599-3828.

Traffic Safety

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL - Please maintain school zone speed while driving in front of the school. Due to high volume of vehicles during the start and the end of the school and to ensure the safety of everyone, please ensure not to stop in front of the school and park your car on the east side of Nishaan Sahib and walk to drop off or pick up your child from the school.





Days \ Periods	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
First Bell 8:00 - 8:30 am	Arrival of Students (Supervision of Students begins at 8:00am)				
P1 (35 mins) 8:30 - 9:05 am	Religious Studies Grade 6/7				
P2 (40 mins) 9:05 - 9:45 am	Gurdwara Grades (K – 7)				
9:45 - 10:00 am	RECESS				
P3 (40 mins) 10:00 - 10:40 am	Religious Studies Grade 5				
P4 (40 mins) 10:40 - 11:20 am	Religious Studies Grade 1				
P5(40 mins) 11:20 - 12:00 pm	Religious studies K				
12:00 - 12:40 pm	LUNCH				
P6 (40 mins) 12:40 - 1:20 pm	Religious Studies Grade 2				
P7 (40 mins) 1:20 - 2:00 pm	Religious Studies Grade 3				
P8 (40 mins) 2:00 - 2:40 pm	Religious Studies Grades 4				
P9 (40 mins) 2:40 - 3:20 pm	Religious Studies Prep.				
Last Bell 3:20	Students Dismissed (Supervision of students ends at 3:35)				

