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Contemplate and reflect upon knowledge, and
you will become a benefactor to others.

September Newsletter 2024-25

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 and Students,

I am honored and excited to welcome you all to a new school year at Sikh Academy, a year that promises growth, learning, and success. As we begin this 17th year, we look forward to the road ahead with gratitude and enthusiasm. Together, we will continue to uphold our school's mission, bringing light and positive change to our communities and beyond.

Our school motto, **Imagine, Innovate, Inspire**, perfectly encapsulates our vision for this year. We are committed to fostering an environment where imagination leads to innovation, and innovation inspires greatness. Our dedicated team of educators and staff is working tirelessly to ensure that we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for all our students to become responsible adults, well-equipped to achieve the heights of success during this academic session.

Inspiring our students to think creatively, critically, and analytically, Sikh Academy is focused on stimulating growth and providing a healthy balance between academics and personal well-being. We are ensuring that our students remain connected to their heritage while developing a deep understanding and respect for diverse cultures and beliefs. Our focus on strong academics, life skills, and leadership will prepare our students to excel in all areas of life.

We believe that with your continued support and collaboration, we can make this year a remarkable one. We encourage parents and guardians to stay engaged with our school community through regular communication and participation in school events. Your involvement and feedback is crucial to the success of our students and the overall school environment.

To our students, I encourage you to take bold steps towards becoming achievers. Remember, *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of Sikh Academy team if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you and ensure that your child has a positive and enriching school experience.

Thank you for being a part of our school's community and welcome back! Together, let's make this school year a memorable and successful one.

Warm regards,

Dr. Navdeep Dhillon
Principal



Expectations:

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

September 2024

Key Dates

Events

Monday	September 02	Labour Day
Tuesday	September 03	School Repoens (Early Dismissal @ 12pm)
Sunday	September 08	International Literacy Day
Wednesday	September 11	Motivational Magic Show
Monday	September 16	Lockdown Drill / Terry Fox Run
Friday	September 20	Parent Teacher Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 12pm)
Friday	September 27	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
Saturday	September 28	Parkash Guru Granth Sahib
Monday	September 30	Truth and Rconciliation Day

School dismissal time is 3:20pm

Parents should note the following

- Always dress your child according to the weather conditions.
- School start time is 8:25am and please refrain from picking up your child before 3:20pm.
- Notify the homeroom teacher via email and office at office@sikhacademy.ca or call the office if your child won't attend or needs an early pickup.



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HIGHLIGHTS



Motivational
Magic
Show



Daily Reminders

Daily Health Check

Please assure a daily health check is done on each child before they come to school. If your 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 and white uniform on gym or PE days. Students are welcome to wear clothing of their choice on Wednesdays, but please ensure it is appropriate. Please assure children are coming to school daily with their rumals, as they do attend Gurdwara.

Recess/Lunch

Sikh Academy is a nut free, egg and meat free environment. Lunches should be healthy, sugar free, nut free, and vegetarian. Please send refillable, water bottles. 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.



Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)

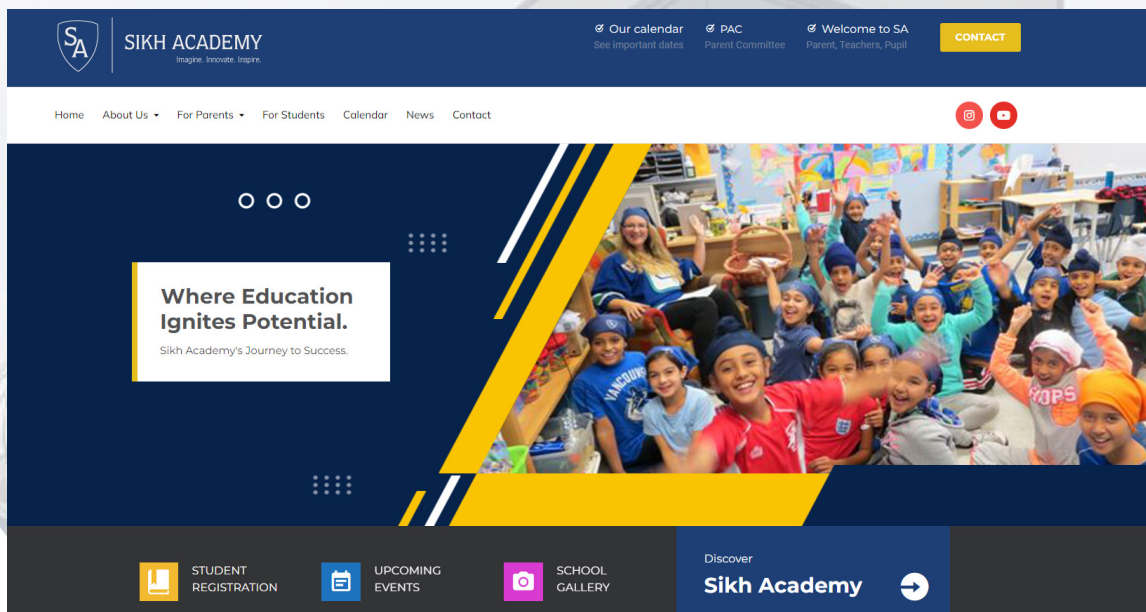
Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you about the upcoming Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) scheduled for September 20, 2024. Please note that students will have a half-day, with classes running from **8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**.

We kindly request parents to **sign up for the PTM** with their child's homeroom teacher to ensure a smooth and organized meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to discussing your child's progress.

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Please check the website for the latest information and updates regarding upcoming events. Additionally, you can explore our Instagram and YouTube links to witness student performances and events.



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SPORTS

We are pleased to inform you that Gatka coaching classes will start this week on Fridays afterschool. These classes will include approximately 15 sessions covering Gatka, archery, and Shastra throwing, running until December.

The fee structure is as follows:

Gatka: \$150 per month

Archery and other skills: \$225 per month



GATKA



Embrace the art of Gatka - Sikh Martial Arts!

Unveil the essence of discipline and tradition in our Gatka Training Sessions for Sikh Academy school students.

Learn agility, focus, and the rich Sikh heritage.

Join us for an inspiring journey of balance, strength, and skill. Enroll now and experience the power within!

REGISTER NOW

More information at Front Desk

**EVERY FRIDAY
3:30 - 4:30 PM**



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BASKETBALL

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Every Monday and Wednesday
\$125/Month

Ready to shoot some hoops?
Join our School Basketball Training Sessions!

Develop skills, teamwork, and have a slam dunk of a time! Open to all skill levels.

Join us and let's dribble, pass, and score together!

Register now for a ball-tastic experience!




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We are pleased to inform you that Basketball coaching classes will be scheduled for very Monday and Wednesday afterschool.

The monthly fee for Basketball coaching is \$125 per month.

Please register for the Basketball classes as soon as possible as they may fill fast.





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PAC

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PAC Meeting & Elections

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the upcoming PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting and election for the new committee, which will be held on Monday, September 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

Last school session, we had a successful start with the PAC, and we're incredibly proud of the progress we made together. However, there is always room for growth, and we are eager to make this year even better. To do so, we need your support!

We strongly encourage all parents to get involved, participate in the meetings, and volunteer your time. By working together, we can create positive changes for the school and ensure the best possible environment for our students.

Your voice and efforts are important, and together, we can make a meaningful impact on the education and experience of our children.

We look forward to your participation and seeing you at the meeting!