



SILICON VALLEY ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Note From Principal Mona

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Families,

As Ramadan nears, our hearts are filled with gratitude and anticipation. Ramadan is a time of reflection, generosity, patience, and spiritual growth. It teaches us empathy for others, self-discipline, and the importance of giving—values we strive to instill in our students every day. As a school community, Ramadan offers a beautiful opportunity to come together, strengthen our faith, and serve others.



One of the most important initiatives during this blessed month is our **Ramadan Zakat Tuition Assistance Fundraiser**. Ramadan reminds us that supporting one another is an essential part of our faith, and through this effort, we aim to help families within our school community who need financial assistance to continue providing their children with an Islamic education. We encourage families and friends to contribute generously. Your support can make a meaningful and lasting impact on a child's education and a family's peace of mind.

In the spirit of giving, we will also hold several Ramadan service initiatives. Our **Annual Ramadan Food Drive**, in partnership with ICNA Relief, will take place on Friday, February 13, during which students will help pack food for local families in need. Additionally, we will be hosting an **Eid Toy Drive**, also in partnership with ICNA Relief, to bring joy to local Muslim children. We will be collecting new toys, with the last day to donate being March 13.

We will also host our **Annual Community Iftar Night** at school on Friday, February 20, and warmly invite families and friends to join us for Iftar, followed by Taraweeh prayer in the gym, insha'Allah.

Please note that during Ramadan, student dismissal will be at 1:45 PM. Students who are not picked up by 2:00 PM will be sent to extended care. Early dismissal enables us to follow the Sunnah and take afternoon naps to prepare ourselves for night worship. Please ensure your children get enough sleep to be able to participate in school during Ramadan.

May Allah accept our fasting, prayers, and good deeds, and place barakah in our efforts to support one another. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community and for helping us model the true spirit of Ramadan for our students. Ramadan Mubarak to you and your families.

Important Dates

Monday, February 9th
Resilience During Ramadan: A Family Guide
8:30 a.m. in the gym + live-streamed

Friday, February 13th
Ramadan Food Drive Packing/Distribution

Friday, February 13th
8th Grade Dave's Hot Chicken @ San Jose

Monday, February 16th
No School - Presidents Day

Wednesday, February 18th
Ramadan Schedule Begins- dismissal at 1:45 p.m.

Friday, February 20th
SVA Iftar Night

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REGISTRATION DATES

2026-2027

FEB
9

PRIORITY REGISTRATION
FOR RETURNING STUDENTS.

FEB
16

SIBLINGS OF RETURNING
STUDENTS.

FEB
23

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR
NEW STUDENTS.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS



Traffic Flow: Please enter from Washington Ave. and exit on Leota Ave. Right turn only on Leota.



Park in SVA lot: Please do not park outside of entrance gate.



Gate Timings: Please exit the school before gates close at 8:30 a.m.



Playground: Please refrain from playing on the play structure after school hours.

2026-2027 Enrollment Overview

🕒 Key Dates

- Returning students: Feb 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- Siblings of returning students: Feb 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- New students: Feb 23 at 8:30 a.m.

⚠️ Please ensure any outstanding Gradelink balances are cleared before re-enrolling. Students with unpaid balances will be placed on the waitlist until resolved.

❤️ **Plan Ahead:** Next year's academic calendar is now available on our website [HERE](#).

Financial Support Options:



⭐ Merit-Based Scholarships (K-8)

Future Scholars Initiative rewards students for leadership, service, and personal growth.

💡 Tuition Assistance & Pre-K Support

Need-based aid for K-8 families, plus up to 40% tuition relief for eligible Pre-K students.

❤️ For full details, eligibility info, and to access the application checklists, visit our website [Here](#).



Islamic Manner of the Month

As we move through the month of February, our theme is **Generosity (Karām)**, a value that beautifully prepares our hearts for the blessed month of Ramadan. This month offers us an opportunity to focus on giving freely, caring deeply, and acting with sincerity for the sake of Allah. In Islam, generosity is not limited to charity; it also includes kindness in our words, patience in our actions, and compassion toward others.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was known as the most generous of people, and his generosity increased even more during Ramadan. Through his example, students learn that even small acts—sharing, helping a classmate, offering a smile, or showing patience—can carry great reward when done with the right intention. Practicing generosity helps children develop empathy, humility, and a strong sense of responsibility toward their school community.

🎉 Congratulations to KG/1 A & B, 2/3 A & B, 4th/5th A & B, and 7th grade for earning 300 Sajid Reinforcers! Your teamwork, kindness, and positive behavior truly reflect the spirit of generosity we aim to nurture.

⭐ A special shoutout to our 2nd grade students **Ayla Chaudhary, Maaz Lakhani, Bayan Bagdouri, and Hussain Mirza**; 4th grade students **Liana Chyngyz, Mariam Kasem, Farida Amin, and Musa Musthafa**; and for the second time, 3rd grade student **Yusuf Sakr** for earning 100 Sajid Reinforcers! We are incredibly proud of your consistent effort and positive choices.

We encourage families to carry this theme beyond school by practicing generosity at home as we prepare for Ramadan—through sharing with others, helping those in need, speaking kindly, and giving with sincere hearts.



A few of our Sajid the Sabertooth Reinforcers!



Ramadan Giving

Ramadan Zakat Tuition Assistance Fundraiser Campaign

SVA is one of the oldest Islamic schools in the Bay Area and is committed to ensuring every Muslim child has access to quality Islamic education, regardless of financial circumstances. Unfortunately, in our area, the cost of tuition creates a barrier for many zakat-eligible families to pay for an Islamic education.

In the past two years, SVA has provided more than \$180,000 in tuition assistance to zakat-eligible students, but the need continues. Our projected need for the 2025–2026 school year is at least \$100,000 to support deserving students.

We can only accept as many tuition assistance applications as our zakat funding allows, so if we don't meet our goal this Ramadan, fewer zakat-eligible students will be able to enroll at SVA.

InshaAllah, the campaign will launch on the first of Ramadan. Please look out for that information and donate generously this Ramadan!



Annual Ramadan Food Drive

Friday, February 13

SVA's partnership with ICNA Relief for our Annual Ramadan Food Drive is well on its way—we are more than half way to our goal of 200 boxes! By supporting, you help a fasting family break their fast with dignity and teach our children the beauty of generosity. Every donation, no matter how small, brings comfort, joy, and reward in this blessed month.

On Friday, February 13, students rotate with their class to pack food boxes for families in need. As part of this effort, students will also create Ramadan cards to place in the boxes, adding a personal touch with well wishes for the families receiving them.

We seek parent volunteers to assist during class rotations, load the boxes onto the ICNA truck, and with clean-up. Please note that some boxes require heavy lifting, so extra hands are greatly appreciated. Sign up on svaportal.com. Parents are also welcome to stay for Friday prayer at school at 1:20 p.m.

Class Rotation Schedule:

- 9:20-10:10 Middle School
- 10:15-10:05 Prekindergarten
- 10:50-11:35 2nd/3rd
- 11:40-12:20 KG/1st
- 1:20-2:00 Friday Prayer
- 2:10-2:55 4th/5th
- 3:00-4:00 Truck Box Loading & Clean-Up



DONATE

The Builders' Circle

SVA has launched The Builders' Circle, a tiered giving program that allows you to direct your support to scholarships:

- **Community Friend** (\$100+): Covers student learning materials.
- **Scholar's Guardian** (\$1,000+): Subsidizes tuition and includes a handwritten student thank you note.
- **Leadership Partner** (\$10,000+): Fully funds a merit grant. An anonymized "Impact Report" details achievements.
- **Legacy Founder** (\$20,000+): Anchors the fund with the ability to name a scholarship after your family

[Make a donation today at sva-school.org!](http://sva-school.org)

Ramadan Reminders

School Hours & Dismissal: Ramadan schedule begins Wednesday, February 18. School starts at 8:30 AM as usual, with daily dismissal at 1:45 PM until Spring Break.

Classes & Periods: Students will continue to attend all regular classes during Ramadan; however, each class period will be shortened by 10 minutes.

Pickup & Extended Care: Students not picked up by 2:00 PM will be taken to extended care (available until 5:30 PM) at additional cost.

After-School Classes: All after-school classes running during Ramadan will begin at 2:00 PM.

Elementary Fasting Notification: Please inform the homeroom teacher if your child is fasting (full or half-day).

Snack Reminder: Send a snack in case your child is unable to complete their fast.

KG & 1st Grade Well-Being: KG and 1st-grade students experiencing dizziness or extreme fatigue while fasting will be given water to ensure their safety.



Ramadan Activities

SVA Iftar Night

We are excited to invite family members and friends to our Annual Iftar Night on Friday, February 20, a special evening that brings our community together in the beautiful spirit of Ramadan. This cherished event is a time to reconnect, share smiles, and strengthen our bonds as we break fast together, enjoy meaningful conversation, and pray side by side.

The evening will conclude with Taraweeh prayer led by Br. Abdulkader Elogeel, creating a peaceful and uplifting atmosphere for worship and reflection. From the warmth of gathering as one community, to the serenity of prayer, this night is always a highlight for the school.

Due to limited space, tickets are limited and expected to sell out quickly, so we encourage families to secure their spots as soon as possible. We look forward to welcoming you for an evening filled with prayer and togetherness.

We hope you'll join us for this memorable night, insha'Allah. Buy your tickets [HERE](#):



Ramadan Quran Reading

Ramadan is known as the month of the Quran, a blessed time to strengthen our connection with Allah through His words. This year, we are inviting students, staff, and parents to join in a school-wide Quran reading challenge: together, we aim to complete the entire Quran before the end of Ramadan as many times as possible, insha'Allah!

To make it interactive and inspiring, we will have a Quran Reading Board in the hallway. Every time someone completes a juz, they can place a sticker next to it, showing our progress as a community. Watching the board fill up will be a wonderful way to see everyone's efforts, celebrate milestones, and encourage one another along the journey.

Reading the Quran during Ramadan brings immense blessings, and this initiative also shows students by example that adults, too, prioritize reading and reflecting on Allah's words. Together, we can teach our children the beauty of making the Quran a part of daily life. Read a juz, place your sticker, and help us complete the Quran together. InshaAllah, we will have a celebration of our community's efforts to fill our school with the blessings of Quran!



2025-2026 SVA Yearbook

Don't miss the chance to capture this year's special memories: purchase the 2025-2026 yearbook today! Previous yearbook copies are available in the front office for parents who would like to view examples. Purchase [HERE](#):

For those who have already purchased, please note these important deadlines:

- **Custom Pages Due: April 4, 2026**
- **Final Editing Deadline: May 3, 2026**
- **Yearbook Sent to Print: May 4, 2025**



ORDER NOW

Additionally, we are collecting baby pictures of our 8th graders for a special section in the yearbook! Please email your child's baby photo to aizzeldin@svaschool.org as soon as possible with the subject line: 8th Grade Baby Photo, [Student's Full Name].

Parent of the Month

We are excited to honor **Saman Qadri** this month as our Parent of the Month in the "Community Connectors" category! Saman provided guidance and support for SVA's updated parent volunteer system, an essential part of creating the school community we love. Saman emphasized the importance of a clear and easy-to-use sign-up system, the need for volunteer training, and the importance of creating a culture of parent partnership. May Allah bless Sister Saman for her contributions!

Remember to nominate parents who go above and beyond to support our school by emailing the PTO at pto@svamail.com.



Sajid says...:

During Ramadan, we not only fast from food and water, but also strive to make the best decisions, treat everyone with respect, and do good deeds like extra worship and donating to those less fortunate. Let's be the best Muslims we can be in Ramadan to set us up for the rest of the year!



Key Quick Links

Use the link OR scan the QR code

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

<https://shorturl.at/AKvAT>



HOT LUNCH

<https://www.svaschool.org/assets/hot-lunch-2025.jpeg>



GRADELINK

<https://secure.gradelink.com>

*Check your balance using
School ID: 2923



PARENT PORTAL

<https://www.svaportal.com>

*use your child's google
classroom login



Be GLAD NOTEBOOK

Strategy Spotlight: Cognitive Content Dictionary (CCD)

The Cognitive Content Dictionary (CCD) strategy helps students decode and understand unfamiliar words while strengthening their critical thinking skills.

The teacher selects a high-level academic word or term at the beginning of the science or social studies unit that is likely unknown to students. The word or term is written on a chart, with younger students participating in interactive writing to sound out and record the word. Students are surveyed to see how many have heard the word or term before, helping them reflect on their prior knowledge. They then make predictions about the word's meaning, sharing the clues they used (such as prior exposure, word similarities, or context). Teachers introduce the final meaning throughout the day using multiple methods, guiding students in the process of figuring out unknown words so they gradually develop independence. This becomes the "signal word" of the day, used as a start signal for activities and transitions. Throughout the day, students will repeat the word/term along with a hand gesture that reinforces comprehension.

The next day, students collaborate to determine the final meaning of the word or term, citing the sources they used. The teacher records their final definition and adds a sketch to support comprehension. Word-study skills, such as prefixes, suffixes, root words, and other English language skills, are also introduced. Students then collaborate to create oral sentences using the word or term. This strategy supports student vocabulary development, critical-thinking skills, and English language learning.