



# CRESCENT ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

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Asalamu Alaykum Crescent Families,

The Crescent school leadership team continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation as it develops and progresses. As previously announced, in a phase-one level response to the ongoing pandemic, this week, March 16-20, serves as an early Spring Break for all Crescent families and staff. This is a key time for rest, reflection, reconnection, and rejoicing in the simple blessings of life. By Allah (swt), this is an opportunity for us as a community to slow down, take a step back, and strengthen our bonds with each other. This is a time for renewed reliance on Allah (swt) and a reminder that we are all under His (swt) will, protection, and mercy.

As mandated by Governor Whitmer, the weeks of March 23-April 3 serve as a state-wide school shutdown to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. Those two weeks will serve as the phase-two level response in which a time for learning will be embedded within the lived experience. This means that teachers will be providing guidance for students and families in order to continue the maintenance and development of skills, as well as taking part in balanced learning while away from the school setting. More specific information regarding the details of this phase of distance learning is to come, insha'Allah.

During the current phase of Spring Break, it is a great time to continue practicing and modeling safe and healthy ways of being. This includes, but is not limited to:

- practicing responsible social distancing (even with extended family and close friends)
- rehearsing what our deen teaches us about taking precautions and placing our trust in Allah (swt)
- avoiding a “news loop” in which a steady stream of information is being consumed in the household
- taking part in family-oriented, shared experiences that encourage reconnection and celebration of one’s blessings
- maintaining a routine that is conducive to healthy habits, despite being limited to one’s house (personal grooming, balanced meals, movement/exercise, spiritual nourishment, etc.)

In closing, let us remember that everything is sent to us from our Lord (swt) so that we may learn from it and come closer to Him (swt). Even at a distance, our hearts and minds are tied close together through prayer and dua’a.

We pray for the continued sound health and wellness of our community, Ameen.

Jazakum Allahu Khayran,

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