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“None of you will enter Paradise until you have faith (īmān), and none of you will have faith (īmān) until you love one another.

Shall I not tell you of something which, if you do it, you will love one another?

Spread the salām among yourselves.”

PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ

SOURCE: SAHIH MUSLIM



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New Musallah renovations near completion

JULY 2025

The brothers' and sisters' prayer areas received a fresh new design with the support of our community and donors, by the will of Allah (SWT). Pulling from our historical tradition of architecture and art, the wall of the prayer area is lined with a new geometrical pattern.

A new book shelf with Arabic calligraphy is crafted into the sides of the room, and



comfortable seating was added as well, toward the back wall in the musallah.

We're looking forward to completing the designs of the musallah in the very near future.



Annual Golden Age BBQ brings elders together

JULY 2025

Our Muslim elders REALLY know how to do a BBQ, mashaAllah!

Our yearly Golden Age Village BBQ and social event brings together elders ages 60+ to socialize, listen to talks, play trivia, and come together with friends old and new.

Visiting delegates from Baltimore County were in attendance as well, to support our community and introduce our elders to those who can represent them.

The Golden Age Village is more than socialization and delicious food, though: What started as an initiative by many of ISB's founding members and longtime volunteers, has now become a community staple for over 15 years.

Besides this beautiful BBQ, the Golden Age Village regularly brings together seniors in our community to provide social engagement, community support, field trips, and avenues to remain involved and stay healthy mentally, spiritually and physically.

MashaAllah, our elders may be retired from work, but the mission to make a difference never ends. May Allah (SWT) allow us to learn from these pillars of the community, and guide us to follow in their footsteps.



ISB's Athletic Program expands reach with successful summer league

JULY 2025

The Muslim Athletic Program (MAP) has successfully completed its summer league season, featuring 10 teams from across the state. This marks an exciting milestone in MAP's continued growth and outreach.

In addition to the local league, MAP teams proudly represented the organization at the NMBT East Regional Tournament in North Carolina and the Midwest Regional in Chicago, showcasing both talent and sportsmanship on a national stage.

Looking ahead, MAP is honored to announce that it will be partnering with One Athletics to host the NMBT East Regional Tournament this coming spring. Further details will be shared as the event approaches.

For more information or to get involved, please visit isb.org/map or contact map@isb.org.



ISB hosts Al-Maghrib seminar for community

AUGUST 2025

Shaykh Suleiman Hani from Al-Maghrib Institute comes to ISB to discuss the concept of Qadr and free will.

Community members deep-dived into the topic of destiny in Islam, told through several unique stories by Sh. Suleiman. Themes included the role of du'a in shaping destiny as well as uncovering 10 foundational principles of Qadr.

Bringing Islamic institutions and guest scholars to ISB is always a beautiful way of bringing the Ummah together from near and far.



A new kind of Family Night brings families & all ages

SEPTEMBER 2025

A new kind of Muslim family night brought community members of all ages together for a beautiful night at the masjid.

With something for everyone of every age range, parents were able to spend time learning from the Scholars while teens, children, and toddlers played games, did activities, and bonded with their peers.

Then, with vendors, food, and more on-site, families came together and made memories at the masjid that we pray will last a lifetime, inshaAllah.

Alhamdulillah, activities like these can only take place due to your support of the religious and community services here at ISB, by the will of Allah. May Allah reward you, our community members, for making this possible!

We're looking forward to hosting more Family Nights at the masjid! What activities would YOU like to see here?



Southwest Middle school invites ISB's Outreach team

SEPTEMBER 2025

ISB's Outreach team is welcomed by Southwest Academy Middle school to join multiple booths for students during one of their after school programs.

Volunteers, led by Br. Al Sahlu, spoke with local parents and students as well as staff who were inquiring about Islam and the Muslim community in the area.

The ISB Outreach team is able to attend and participate in these initiatives thanks to the support of our donors towards ISB's religious and community services.



Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the translator of the Clear Quran, visits ISB

SEPTEMBER 2025

When a community loves the Quran, it's a community that truly desires closeness to Allah (SWT).

That's why it warmed our hearts when attendees of all ages gathered for Tadabbur: Reflections Upon the Quran with guest speaker Dr. Mustafa Khattab, the translator of the Clear Quran.

The Quran is an incomparable letter to all of humanity from our Creator, but many of us have not yet unlocked the ability to ponder and reflect Allah's words- especially if we cannot speak Arabic.



Through this event, guests learned about gems of the Book of Allah and explored the linguistic miracles of the Quran that serve as timeless proof that it is from the Divine.

It was especially noteworthy because the Clear Quran is the translation that we have on-hand at ISB to give out to new converts, guests interested in learning about the Quran, and those seeking a copy of the Quran at interfaith events.

It's through the support of community members like you that through our Religious and Community Services, ISB is able to have guest speakers visit to educate our community, as well as have the capacity to distribute the Quran to anyone who wants one.

May Allah (SWT) reward all attendees, supporters, and those whose contributions make goodness like this possible, by the Will of Allah.



Seerah Conference brought us together with stories & Scholars

SEPTEMBER 2025

SubhanAllah, there is truly nothing like a community coming together out of love for the Messenger of Allah (SAW).

The 2025 Seerah Conference was a fulfilling weekend of stories, gems, and inspiration where we were transported to the Madinan era of the Seerah through talks by speakers from near and far- and came home with a renewed understanding of the Seerah of our Prophet (SAW).



Attendees of all ages enjoyed, learned, and grew together in the pursuit of becoming a Prophetic Community, with special sessions, vendors on site, and something for everyone.

May Allah (SWT) inspire us all to continue to grow in our love for Allah's Messenger throughout the year, and allow this conference to have been of benefit for all who attended.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Seerah Conference, and thank you to all of the wonderful speakers, vendors, and volunteer team. We look forward to making next year's Seerah Conference better than ever inshaAllah!



Qibla continues to develop classes with new semester

SEPTEMBER 2025

Our Muslim community had a need for structured Islamic education for adult Muslims.

That's why our community starting Qibla, our series of classes for adult Muslims, was such a milestone.

There was once a time when ISB had no Resident Scholars who could teach structured classes to those who wanted an opportunity to learn their deen.

Today, thanks to the generous support of our community, we now have a whole team of amazing Resident Scholars who lead the way to begin the first rendition of the Qibla Institute curriculum. Thanks to your donations, our expansion a few years ago also allowed for the construction of the new classrooms that are used for Qibla classes today.

Now, our community has the opportunity to learn Islam from qualified scholars, and every year, based on community feedback, the classes get better and better. This fall, our Qibla classes started off with excited adult students - from college-age to parents to elders - coming together to learn their deen every Wednesday in a variety of classes covering different aspects of Islam.

Because it's more than just a class- It's getting closer to Allah (SWT), for the sake of Allah (SWT).



ARS Students return and our new Principal was welcomed

SEPTEMBER 2025

Muslim students and families alike are excited for a new semester of learning and community this back-to-school season!

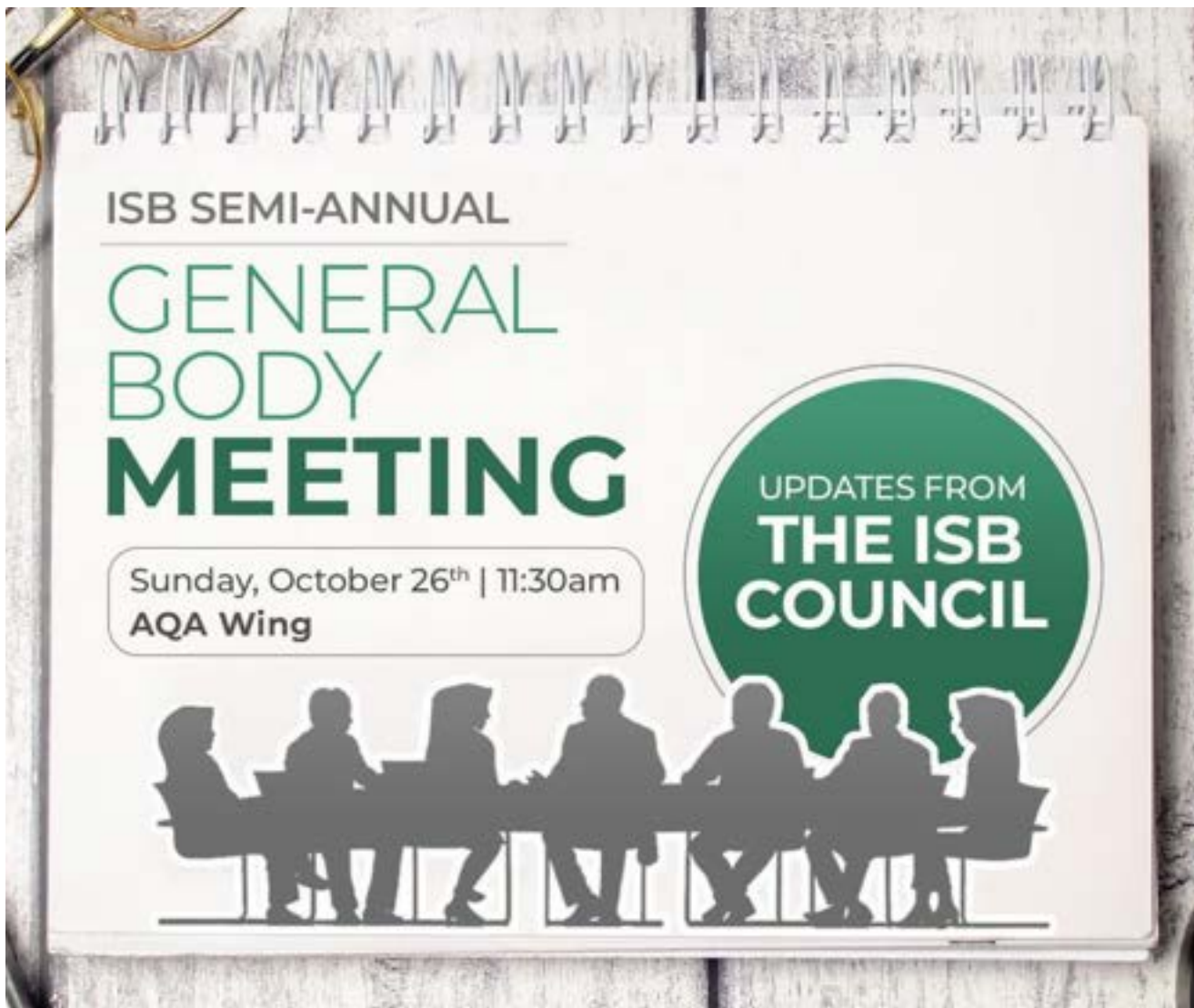
MashaAllah, our Islamic school teachers and staff at Al-Rahmah School and Nursery rang in the first day of school with bubbles, balloons, free chai for parents and caretakers, and plenty of warm greetings as students and their families returned for the recent first day of school.



The team excitedly introduced each class, making the students feel recognized and excited as they embark on this year's school journey, and children and families were introduced to the new Al-Rahmah School principal, Sr. Maryam Sullivan.

We'd like to give a heartfelt welcome to Principal Maryam Sullivan and a fond farewell to Sr. Mehnaz Fatima.

May Allah (SWT) make Sr. Maryam's time as principal a rewarding experience and one that will bring barakah and growth to our Al-Rahmah Students. Here's to the new school year!



Save the Date! General Body Meeting

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our semi-annual General Body Meeting, scheduled for **October 26th, 2025 at 11:30am**.

Learn updates, and give your feedback! Your participation and input are essential when it comes to building our community's future, inshaAllah.

Testimonials

“We had a wonderful time, j.Allah.k. for hosting us.”

- Mustafa Khattab

“This is wonderful”

- Shaheryar, on the Project Noor initiative on solar panels

“Alhamdulillah Keep up the great work!”

- Maha, on the Revive Young Adults Bonfire night

**May Allah reward everyone involved in breaking misconceptions
and promoting love through knowledge and compassion.**

-Helping Hand USA

“I love the gatherings of this community ماشاء الله”

-Mony on Family Night

Meet the ISB Council

2025-2028 Term



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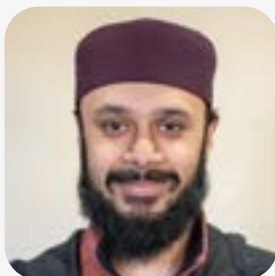
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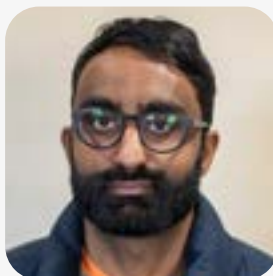
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**“We are always ready to serve you,
our community.”**



Jazakumullahu Khairan for your continuous support. It's donors like you that help make this possible! May Allah reward you and continue to bless you and your family.