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EID-AL-ADHA HOLIDAYS

Dear Valued Parents,

Once again the Islamic calendar is getting to an end and Muslims the world over are going to celebrate Eidal-Adha, the feast of sacrifice. It has the characteristics of the annual union of Muslims all over the world. This union manifests itself in the annual pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina where over two million Muslims gather to perform the prescribed religious rites ordained by Almighty Allah. Celebrated on the 10th day of Dhu-l-Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic calendar, following the completion of the course of Haj (Pilgrimage to Mecca), it is an extremely devotional course.

The celebration is in commemoration of the command given by Allah to Prophet Abraham (May Allah be pleased with him) to sacrifice his first son, Ishmael. The fulfillment of this noble command of Allah by Abraham signifies the faith Abraham had in Allah. This display of faith unmatched in the annals of history, eventually made Abraham the only friend of Allah. Eid-ul-Adha is, therefore, a unique occasion in every way. Besides its highly spiritual and moral characteristics, it has the matchless quality of sacrifice linked to it.

The management, staff and students of the AJS extend hearty greetings to all families & community on the occasion of the EID AL ADHA. We also extend the heartiest congratulations to the rulers of UAE on this occasion for their progressive and benevolent leadership!

Kindly Note:

- School will be closed from 11.09.2016, Sunday to 15.09.2016, Thursday for KG to Grade 12 on account of Eid Al Adha.
- The school will *reopen* on **18.09. 2016, Sunday.**
- School Office will not function from 11.09.2016, Sunday to 17.09.2016, Saturday.
- <u>As per ADEC circular Ref: LA/R/2014 schools will be required to provide daily attendance of each child for three days after Eid. Kindly ensure your child attends school after Eid holidays.</u>

Also, the continuous assessments are being conducted and it is now time for our children of board classes IGCSE-Grades 9 & 10, As- Grade 11 and A level- Grade 12 to begin focusing on their studies to do well in Formal Assessments for first term (FA1), which will commence from Oct 4th, 2015. Kindly ensure your ward balances the holiday time to study as well. Based on the Baseline Assessment conducted Parent meetings will be conducted after Eid Al Adha vacation for parents of students (Grades 10 to 12) who need extra support in their studies to discuss their targets, strategies and support. Date, Time & Venue will be intimated via SMS.

Wish you all a Happy & Blessed EID!!