

Middle School

We are two weeks into our new school year! I thank you for your patience, all your feedback and your support, and so do all our teachers. We are working hard and smarter to work out the small things, so they don't turn in to bigger things.

Let's make the positive so loud you can barely hear the negative! We are #1Ignite!

Here are some Ignite BrITe Lights as we continue to elevate the status of academics here in the Middle School:

- Scholars are giving thanks to their teachers, writing notes of appreciation.
- Teachers are maintaining high expectations so we can get to deeper levels of learning.
- Scholars are writing every day in Homeroom first thing.
- We have daily agendas now to help keep scholars organized, which is one of the most important skills, so scholars can be LIFE Ready and Literate!
- We have our email addresses ready so we can teach our scholars how to use email etiquette for another life skill, proper communication.
- Scholars are smiling, they are helpful, and they take feedback really well.
- Principals got to meet with the Parent Association to exchange ideas on how to improve and celebrate what is right and what is working. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month.



Here are some growth opportunities and reminders for us all, and how you can help at home:

Teacher email addresses

In Alma, you can click on the envelope to Message ALL teachers, one teacher or more teachers. If you are not logging in to Alma daily, please do. You will see important updates on Attendance, grading and bulletins/messages from school. If you need assistance, please view the video to activate your [ALMA ACCOUNT](#) here or reach out via email to IT at IT.Support@igniteschool.ae.

Please contact your child's teacher first for all things related to teaching and learning by email. If the issue is not resolved, please contact me via email.

If you want to see me regarding issues that are unresolved, please schedule a meeting for the end of the day, so I may be available and focused on you to support.

Parent Pick up for Middle School

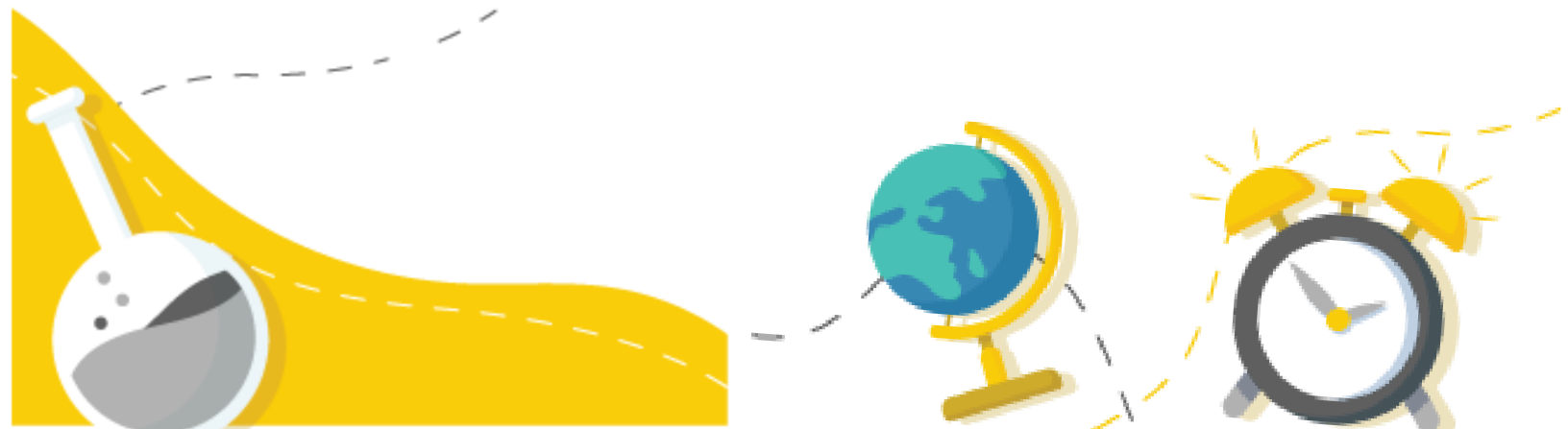
- The gate in the rear of the school will close at 3:00p.m. After that, you must drive around to the front of the school to collect your children from reception. This is a KHDA protocol in their guidelines.
- Please be brief with teachers, who need to get back to their classrooms by 3:05 for end of day duties before they go home at 3:30.
- If you need to talk more, kindly email them directly or call the school to schedule a meeting at the end of the school day from 3:05-3:25.

Cellphones

These are not permitted. They are to be left in the locker, powered down until dismissal. Children may use the phone in the nurse's office or reception for immediate needs. If you need to get ahold of your child, please phone the school and we will help find your child.

Backpacks

Please do not send your child with a large roller bag as a backpack. A sling bag is a better option, and a small backpack is just fine. We need to fit those bags in the cubby lockers and keep our hallways looking clean.



If you have a child in Distance Learning, please contact the classroom teacher directly via email if the class is not LIVE.

Scholars have new daily agendas/planners. Please review these each night to encourage responsibility for classwork. Organization is the best life skill I ever learned in grade 6 when I got my red student planner. I still maintain one using a digital calendar to keep me on top of my goals and tasks for success.

All scholars must have a laptop or tablet. There are no exceptions. Please place the device on a charger in the evening as a routine. Check to be sure your children are free of devices at night, so they are getting proper sleep. Too many of our scholars are gaming, and they are not socializing in person with peers. This is critical for friendships. There are tools to limit and safeguard what your kids see on their devices. Reach out to us for support.

Requests for class changes...

Please know that great care was taken to place scholars in classes for proportional representation of diverse groupings. Research shows that when we have as much diversity, individuals and the entire learning community achieves more. We are full in the middle school, and while I want everyone to be with their existing friends, I am unable to accommodate these requests.

How your child learns best

Please share with us anything about your child that will help us better serve them, growth them and teach them. You know your child best!

Testimonials

We often get stuck in some of the things not working well that we forget about all the positives. Please help us celebrate by sharing any positive testimonials with our Admissions Team Admission@igniteschool.ae and Marketing@igniteschool.ae

Thank you so much for your encouragement, support and for trusting us with your best each day. I am incredibly humbled to get to do my job each day with these scholars and I am blessed to be able to create the conditions necessary for teacher and scholar success. I know it is a lot, and we appreciate that you are keeping us up to date with your feedback.

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