

January 7, 2026

Change to Friday's School Schedule

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026!

As you may be aware from the news, the UAE has moved to a unified Friday prayer time of **12:45 p.m.** This week, we received notice from ADEK that, to allow sufficient time for staff and students to travel for prayer, **all schools are required to finish by 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.**

As a result, starting **Friday, January 9**, students will be dismissed **15 minutes earlier** than in previous years.

Please see the updated Friday dismissal schedule below:

- **11:20 a.m.** – School buses depart
(Bus students will arrive at their drop-off locations approximately 15 minutes earlier than in 2025.)
- **11:20 a.m.** – Castle gates open for parent pick-up of students in **KG1–Grade 2**
- **11:30 a.m.** – General dismissal for all remaining students

It is critically important that students be picked up on time, to ensure that families and staff have sufficient time to prepare for this new prayer time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we implement this change. We appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards,



Pat Savage

Principal AGS

