

Parents Meeting Notes School Year 24/25

4/27/2025

- Recap of NYC Sikh Day Parade
 - We will do this next year and perhaps set up routines during our October competition
- Amritvela & Ardas for Mehranch Singh
 - May 26th, 2025: Amritvela @ 4AM plus Ardaas for Mehranch Singh
- Date Finalizations
 - May 10th, 2025: Kirtan Night @ 5:30PM
 - May 26th, 2025: Amritvela @ 4AM plus Ardaas for Mehranch Singh
 - May 31st, 2025: Kavishri Evening @ 7PM
 - June 19th: Amritvela and Pizza Party at Medford Gurdwara Sahib
 - June 22nd, 2025: Archery 4-7 at Archery Place
 - June 28, 2025: Picnic Day 12-4 & Water Balloon Jung from 4-6 at Medford Gurdwara Sahib
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3/16/2025

- Nishan Sahib Seva will be March 23rd @ 9AM
- Everett Gurdwara Sahib Gatka Performance will be March 30th from 10:30-11:30
- We meet at Medford Gurdwara @ 9AM
- We will carpool with 3-4 cars
- Medford Gurdwara Sahib Gatka Performance will be April 13th from 10:30-11:30
- Kirtan Night will be on April 19th followed by the raensabhaeee
- AKJ Raensabhaeee will be April 19th from 7PM to 4AM

- Final Gatka Rehearsal before NYC Day Parade on April 26th? Y/N - we voted for YES; dates are TBA
- Collect Mayya for Gatka Uniforms (ongoing)
- Set Proper time for Bus: We will leave at 6AM, all participants and parents will be here at 5 for Ardas and breakfast.
- Collect maya for Bus (ongoing)
- Final comments, concerns or questions - none
- FINAL Deadline for Bus and Gatka Uniforms will be April 6th, 2025

1/19/2025

Classes Begin January 25th, 2025 at 3PM

Dates to Remember:

- a. Sikhi Day Camp: March 15th, 2025 from 6:30AM to 3PM
- b. Washington D.C. Parade: April 5th, 2025 (We are not going as a school)
- c. Vaisakhi Gatka Performance @ Everett Gurdwara: April 6 TBA
- d. Vaisakhi Gatka Performance @ Medford Gurdwara: April 13 TBA
- e. NYC Sikh Day Parade: April 26th, 2025 12PM to 4PM
- f. Syana Competition End of April; register by Feb 15
- g. Kavishri Evening: May 17th at 7PM
- h. Khalsa School Picnic: June 28th TBA
- i. Kirtan Nights: Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14. We will continue throughout the summer.

Kirtan Class Updates

- j. Harsift Bhenji will be back on February 2nd, 2025. Kiran Mammiji will support until then.

Gatka Uniforms Update

- k. Price per uniform is \$65-\$75 plus any shipping cost.
- l. Please have money ready by March 15, 2025

Charter Bus to NYC Sikh Day Parade

- m. Cost: Between \$85-100 per seat (we will send out reminders and actual cost by March 8)

Please pay by March 15, 2025

12/8/2024

- End of the Semester Sky Zone Trip
 - Carpool and Travel Logistics for 12/15/2024

10/27/2024

- Girls & Boys Discussion [Grown Ups ONLY]
- Hygiene Talk
- Sikh Dharamic Competition on NOvember 30th, 2024
 - Gurbani Kanth
 - Storytelling/Speech
 - Quiz
 - All participants do Teer Kaman
- Nishkam.tv Camp Summer 2025 Vote
 - \$150 per kid
 - Poll was slated for July 2025
- Khalsa Camp East Coast will be August 22-26th, 2025
 - PA, USA
 - Registration begins April 1st, 2025
- Gatka Uniforms
 - Color Confirmation- Sky Blue with Royal Blue Detail and Royal Blue Hazuria & Dastar
 - Dupatta Size Confirmation - 2 meters

8/18/2024

1. Khalsa School Calendar (1st Day September 7th, 2024)
 - a. Sunday Kirtan start time will start at 10:15 AM instead of 10:30 AM.
 - i. This will allow us to have more kids sing and participate.

- ii. Please have kids arrive by 10:15 AM or earlier if possible and come directly upstairs if it is already 10:15 AM or later so we can properly schedule everything
 - iii. There was a request after the meeting from one parent to have all of the kids on stage do simran together. Usually the first person to start the kirtan will do simran (Dhan Guru Nanak or Satnam Vaheguru). Kids should show up early so we can have all of them do simran together. Kids should also stay on stage while other kids are doing kirtan so if anyone does simran either before or during their shabad the other kids can join in.
- b. Sunday only class for older kids who are only able to attend class on Sundays
 - i. Currently only 2 students this applies to.
 - ii. Will try to do this class from roughly 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM during the time that the Granthi sahib is doing kirtan.
 - iii. The idea is to keep older kids engaged and still expanding their Sikhi knowledge even with their limited time availability.
 - iv. Will try this out for a month and see if it is effective.
- c. Saturday Kirtan Programs
 - i. These will continue on a monthly basis on the second Saturday or every month.
 - ii. We will start at 5:30 PM just like we have been in the past few months.
 - iii. We will end class early on these Saturdays at 5:30 PM and then immediately move to do the kirtan program.
- d. Gatka
 - i. Plan in the calendar is to have kids perform at the New York Sikh Day parade in late April. This is marked in the calendar. Will need to figure out coordination with other Guru Ghars from Massachusetts and we will discuss with Deep Bhaji during Sikhi Day camp in October to find out more details.

- ii. We will need to get matching uniforms for everyone. Will need to get measurements from all students in September and then find someone to get them made and ordered.
- iii. Confirm performance at Everett (Hola Mahalla was a potential date) and at Westborough (during Vaisakhi Jorh Mela) and at Medford at some point

2. Donations

- a. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies so far.
 - i. Please coordinate with others if you are donating the same thing.
 - ii. If you want to provide cash donations instead so we can buy things ourselves that is also welcome.
- b. Donations for people in our community (talk to Baljeet Bhenji)
 - i. Card and Cash for Tashvi and Vinaya's mother Rebecca who is fighting cancer
 - ii. Card and Shagan for Jihan (Tanveer Bhenji's new son)

3. Food Items

- a. Kids are tired of Goldfish
 - i. Let's try to have more fruit items for snack (grapes were popular during the film camp)
- b. Restriction on breads and bagels
 - i. Thank you to Jagvir Bhenji for pointing out to us that breads are not always vegetarian
 - ii. Similar to cheeses, sometimes breads have ingredients that are animal-derived
 - iii. We will create a document and send it to everyone. It will contain ingredients in cheese and bread to avoid and provide examples of which brands and products are okay for the Gurdwara.

4. Gurinder Bhaji pointed out there are errors in facts on the poster's in the langar hall
 - a. Parents and students please help us correct anything that is incorrect on the posters
 - b. Since information is inaccurate/inconsistent between online sources and books, we will see if we can find books for the students to reference that are known to be accurate.

5. Introduction of Harsift Bhenji as Upper level Kirtan teacher
 - a. Bhenji is an extremely talented musician who is well educated in raag Kirtan and studying at Berklee School of Music in Boston
 - b. We're lucky to have her to help teach our advanced students and bring their musical talents to the next level