

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 8th grade! I hope you have had a healthy and safe Summer with your family.

My name is Maha Ali. I will be your child's Math teacher this year. I have a bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics from the State University of New York and a teaching certificate from the District of Columbia.. This year will be my 18th year teaching at AISJ. I am very happy to have your child in my classroom. I am looking forward to an exciting year getting to know you and your child. The first day of school is Sunday, August 21st. I can't wait to meet all of my students!

My experience as an educator has taught me that communication between parents and school staff is just as important as the learning process. I consider it of prime importance that you be an active part of your child's education. I will need your cooperation in order to make your child's transition from grade 7 to grade 8 successful every day. Please voice your concerns to me as soon as they come up. I will be sure to communicate mine with you as well. The best way to inform me would be a note in my email inbox (mali@aisj.edu.sa). If you need to speak to me in person, please let me know so I can schedule a zoom meeting either before or after school hours. This way we can focus on the issue at hand. I am here as a member of your team. We will get through this together.

Eighth grade is a particularly challenging year for students. We are almost at the end of the bridge leading to High School. This is the year when they are required to be more responsible for their learning, ask more questions, and work much harder. Your child will be supported and guided through this process. Your support and cooperation are strongly appreciated.

Below you will find a table that represents the course outline for eighth grade Math. The timing may vary depending on several factors. However, it is my intention to try and stick as close to this schedule as possible.

Week	Units
Unit 1	Get to know you activity
Unit 2	Number System
Unit 3	Expressions, Equations and Functions
Unit 4	Geometry
Unit 5	Statistics

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Our partnership will go a long way in sending a positive message to your child.

Maha Ali