Monthly Hillside Islamic Center (HIC) Newsletter



December 2022 Highlights

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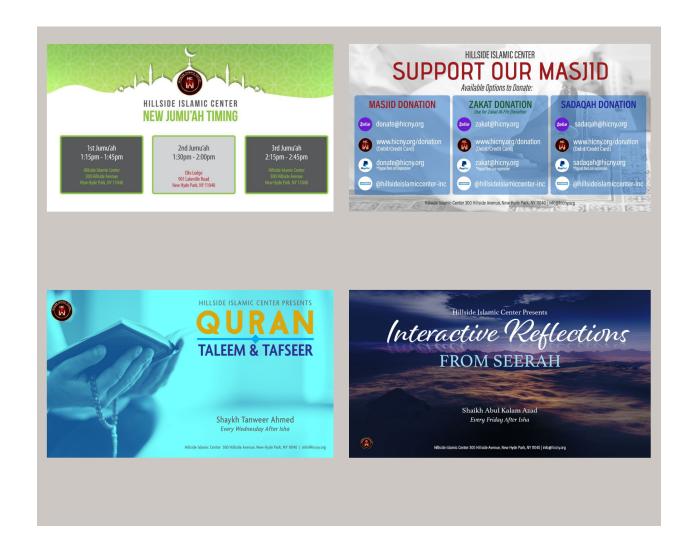


إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسَٰجِدَ ٱللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِٱللَّهِ وَٱلْيَوْمِ الاخِرِ وَأَقَامَ ٱلصَّلَوٰةَ وَءَاتَى ٱلزَّكَوٰةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا ٱللَّهَ

Only those shall maintain Allah's mosques who believe in Allah and the Last Day and maintain the prayer and give the zakat and fear no one except Allah.

(Sūrat al-Tawbah, No 9, Āyat 18)

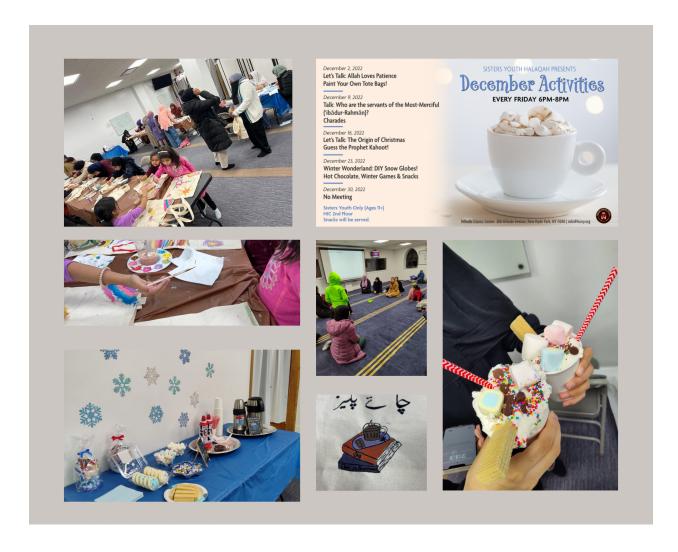
Jumuah Timing and Weekly Lectures 🕌



Sisters' Youth Halaqah 🗱

Alhumdulillah, in the month of December, Sisters' Youth Halaqah hosted a number of educational workshops. We began with learning about the special servants of the Most-Merciful (Allah), and being patient for Allah's sake. They also made tote bags as a fun activity. Next, there was a workshop on the origin of Christmas and its dangerous practices. The sisters, then, played educational games such as Guess the Prophet.

We ended the month with a winter themed event where the sisters made snow globes, hot chocolate and had a Polaroid booth. The topics discussed in our halaqah are relevant to the youth. Alhumdulillah, the masjid's youth community is growing by the week. We pray Allah ta'ala allows HIC Youth to flourish and become the beacon of light for others.



Brothers' Youth Halaqah 🏫

Alhamdulillah, the Brothers' Youth Program had a very beneficial month of December. We talked about the importance of seeking knowledge and had discussions with our beloved youth about how to solve problems in Public and Islamic Schools. Many questions were brought up and were answered by our guest speakers and our beloved Chairman, Br. Abdul Aziz. We held a nerf war, which many kids liked. Lastly, we had an I'tikaf in the last week and day of the year.

Alhamdulillah, we had an amazing year full of fun and knowledge and we look forward to many more activities in 2023 inshaAllah.

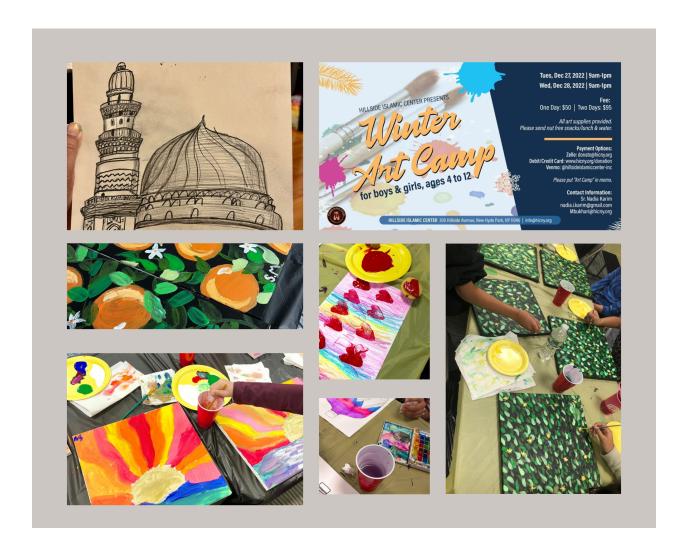


Winter Art Camp 🎨

NKartclass is a mobile art company whose aim is to provide art classes/events for children and adults in a safe and nurturing environment.

Winter Art camp at HIC was a 2 day 4 hrs a day event where children ages 4-12 came together to unleash their creative energy in a safe and fun filled way, while keeping in mind the teachings and values of Islam.

Children were divided into 3 age groups with 2-3 projects per group/per day. Sr. Nadia Karim was the host and instructors who taught alongside her 4 assistants. Everyone had an amazing time and left with many fond memories.



Winter Arts and Crafts 👘



Alhamdulillah on December 31, several children and their moms enjoyed a fun afternoon in our Winter Arts and Crafts program. We started off with a story & movement activity led by the following book: "Down The Hill We Go!" by Nabeel Akbar, a fun rhyming story about Muslim kids sledding in the snow. Then we talked about Allah's unique creation - snowflakes! - before making 2 crafts: snowflake suncatchers and a winter scenery. The children got to take an extra craft activity to keep them busy at home: a winter-themed tasbeeh so that they remember to praise Allah when those first snowflakes start coming down!



Mommy & Me Playgroup 🐋

This month, our little Muslims covered the Arabic letter رح for حوت. We used our fine motor skills to cut out our حوت (whale) and decorated it. Our tots also had fun with bubbles and learned how to work cooperatively with others.

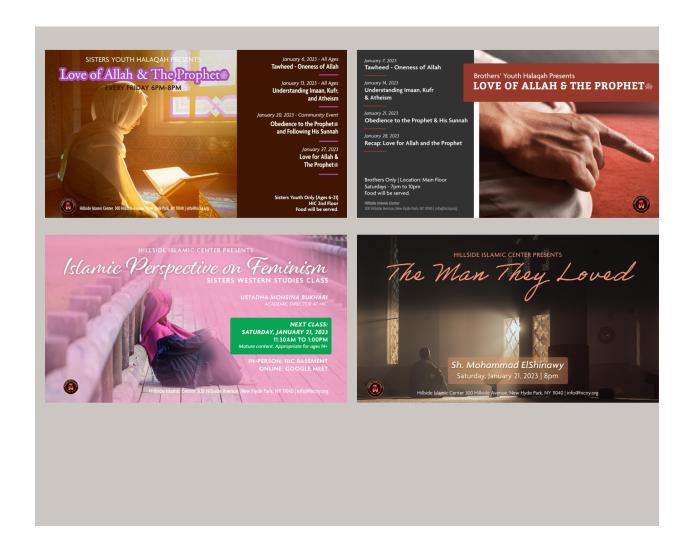


Upcoming January and February Events



Islamic Perspective on Feminism Registration Link:

https://forms.gle/ETycFKjtexs9Ehn18



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