

Jain Society of Toronto

Pathshala 2009-2010

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another exciting and fun filled year at Pathshala. With your support we had a successful Pathshala year, full of hands on learning. We look forward to working together for another successful session of dynamic teaching and learning of our Jain values and philosophy. Thank you for your continued support of sponsoring lunch on Pathshala day. For those of you who are interested in sponsoring lunch on Pathshala Sundays, please email Rameshbhai Varia.

Outlined below is important information regarding schedules, procedures for lates and absents, class levels and Pathshala books. Also please fill out the registration form you receive from your class teacher on September class, and hand it to Rameshbhai Varia (not the classroom teachers) between 10:00am and 10:30am the following class in October.

Class Levels

The class levels correspond to your child's grade level at their regular school.

Rookies - JK/SK

- this class is for students who are currently attending kindergarten at either junior or senior kindergarten level

Level 1 - Grade 1 and Grade 2

Level 2 - Grade 3 and Grade 4

Level 3 - Grades 5, 6, and 7

Level 4 - Grades 8 and up



Class Schedule

10:00am- 10:30am sharp: choir (all children are encouraged to join but must have regular attendance to continue in the choir)

10:30am-10:45am: morning assembly (children of classes meet together for announcements and Navkar Mantra)

10:45am- 12:00: instructional time (according to grade level, children are in their classes)

12:00: lunch

Pathshala Books

The texts books will be made available between 10:00 and 10:30am on Pathshala days. Books are made available at this time so that instructional time is not disturbed. The books are \$5 each and the cost will be subsidized for those who require it. Please note that all JAINA educational series can be downloaded from: Our Society's web site www.jsotcanada.org/pathshala

Pathshala Schedule for the Year 2009-2010

September 27, 2009 -Registration Day
October 25, 2009
November 22, 2009
December 27, 2009
January 24, 2010
February 28, 2010
March 28, 2010
April 25, 2010 - Earth Day Celebration
May 23, 2010
June 27, 2010 - Year End Assembly
July 25, 2010

Rules and Responsibilities

Parents are **not** allowed to sit in the classroom; however parents of children in the Rookies and Level 1 classes are requested to stay in the building during Pathshala sessions.

To ensure maximum learning, full attendance is expected. Pathshala teachers spend considerable time to prepare for the classes; students' absence disrupts the planned curriculum for the entire class and especially for your child. Please email your child's teacher in **advance** (**not** Rameshbhai Varia), if you know in advance that your child will be absent.

Choir commences at 10:00am sharp and classes begin at 10:45 am sharp. Please ensure that your child is in class/choir on time. Students who are late disturb the class and effect their learning since make up time or assignments will not be available.

Please check all Pathshala related emails on a regular basis.

For the upper levels, each student must complete all homework assignments and bring it to class.

All students are expected to bring a folder, pencils, pens etc. Although optional, it is a good idea to bring crayons, pencil crayons etc.

Teacher Contact Information

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* Once again this year , we are fortunate to have Anita Mehta Sheth, Shilpa Mehta and Urvi Joshi as our classroom assistants to support and help our pathshala program.