

Vaheguru Ji Ka Khalsa  
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Parents,

Just a few reminders, announcements and requests.

1. **Please help your children be prepared for class.** This involves helping them to practice at home any new content learned during class. It is also very important that the notes given out during class be put into a binder or into a book. This not only helps to keep everything together but makes it easier for the students to refer/review/practice shabads already learnt. In addition to practicing, please ensure that when your child attends class, he/she brings their notes to each class. Sometimes the teachers may have a couple of copies available, but we don't always have enough for everybody. If you have misplaced handouts given in class or need to print more copies, you can find them here: <http://tampagurdwara.com/tampa-gurdwara-kirtan-class-notes/>
2. **Please try to keep attendance regular.** When a student takes a day off, it not only affects that student but it affects the whole class (which is why classes were cancelled when a large number of students cancelled). Due to the limited number of teachers, it's difficult to give equal time to non-regular students and regular students because the students are now at different levels. The students who show up regularly suffer since they end up getting less attention than the students who missed class. There has been some irregular attendance on the part of the keertan teachers the last little while due to family emergencies, severe cold/flu, large number of students not attending, etc. but thank you for being patient. Moving forward we will try to be regular and hold classes each Sunday with the exception of holidays for everyone's convenience. Here is the schedule for cancellations dates for the rest of the year:
  - November 1 (Halloween)
  - November 29 (Thanksgiving)
  - December 20 (Winter holidays)
  - December 27 (Winter holidays)
  - January 3 (New Year)
  - Classes will resume again on January 10, 2016.
3. **Volunteers needed.** We have gotten such a great response from students that we need help to make sure everyone gets enough attention. Depending on attendance, we have had up to 20 children in one class! If you know the basics in Gurmat Sangeet and are able to come in to the class regularly on Sundays to teach from 9:30am to 10:30am please send me an email: [hardeep.gida@gmail.com](mailto:hardeep.gida@gmail.com). Your help would be greatly appreciated.
4. **Harmoniums.** If you own a harmonium/tabla, please bring it to class. If you do not have a harmonium/tabla, we request that you buy at least one harmonium or tabla so that your child(ren) can practice at home. We will be ordering 5 harmoniums for Gurdwara for the purpose of practicing keertan during the class. This should allow for everyone in the class including siblings to have access to a harmonium. The keertan class donations you have been giving each month will help to fully fund these harmoniums. I will be placing an order for the 5 harmoniums for the use during Gurdwara this coming week. If you would like to place an order for your harmonium with this order, please let me know by 9am on Wednesday, October 14. The harmoniums will take at least a month and a half or so to arrive in Tampa.

5. **Groups & Curriculum.** Below is a breakdown of which group each student is enlisted in and the material that they are or will be learning. Students within each group might be learning different material depending on their individual level. At a date that is yet to be decided, a quiz may be held to ensure students are ready to move onto the next set of planned material.

**Group breakdown:**

Group A	Group B	Group C
Rubani Kaur	Eveleen Kaur	Simran Kaur
Karen Kaur	Agam Kaur	Esha Kaur
Jasmine Kaur	Baani Kaur	Devin Singh
Preyana Kaur	Aashna Kaur	Emaan Singh
Anchal Kaur	Anouksha Kaur	Anmol Kaur
Divjot Singh	Kristal Kaur	Gurmastak Singh
	Priya Kaur	

**Curriculum breakdown:**

Group A	Group B	Group C
Intro	Thakur Tum Sarnayee Aaya	All Raag shabads from Group B
Sargams	Jaisa Satgur Suneedha	Eihay Baenantee Sun Prabh Maeray – Raag Bhopali
Mool Mantar	Sant Paiyee Gur Satgur Pooray – Raag Bhopali	Thir Ghar Bai So Har Jun Piyaray – Raag Bhopali
Naam Simran	Simar Mana Raam Naam Chitaaray – Raag Bilaval	Jap Man Satnam Sada Satnam – Raag Dhanasari
Hay Gobind Hay Gopal	Maeray Lalan Ki Sohba – Raag Kalyaan	Anand Sahib – Raag Ramkali
	Anand Sahib Easy	

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Sincerely,

The Keertan Teachers