

2021 Balvihar Remote Schedule

Dear Parents,

Due to COVID, the program's sessions will be conducted remotely on Sunday mornings (Details below). We will be utilizing Zoom for the synchronous portion of our classes and YouTube for live Aarti, Topic of the Day and Yoga. We are making changes to ensure effective delivery of the curriculum remotely. We have capped students per class at 15, added additional books, and for the younger children distributing pre-packaged crafts for each lesson. Teachers are also developing ways to make the material more engaging through the use of interactive games and media. We may also lengthen the year if required to finish the curriculum. We believe that our efforts will result in positive experience for the students and allow us to deliver our curriculum. We will announce our plan for the spring sessions in late fall. Below is an outline of the Balvihar schedule. We anticipate setting up material pick up sessions for weekend of September 12th. We will send an update email with additional details at the end of August.

Pre-K to 1st Grade

Synchronous portion of class will be held for approximately 1-1:15 hours inclusive of a break. Classes will start and finish within the 10am to 12pm window. Class will align with the published curriculum of the grade and include a craft. The craft materials will be included in student backpack.

2nd and 3rd Grades

Synchronous portion of class will be held for approximately 1-1:25 hours inclusive of a break. Classes will start and finish within the 10am to 12pm window. Class will align with the published curriculum which includes secular and religious tracks.

Pre-K to 3rd Grade (Topic of the Day & Yoga)

On the Saturday morning prior to Balvihar, two 5-10 minute topic of the Day videos and a 15 minute yoga video will be made available on the ITA YouTube channel (link will be provided in weekly newsletter). You are encouraged to have your child watch the video when time permits.

4th Grade to 6th Grade

Synchronous portion of class will begin at 10am and end at approximately 11:45 inclusive of a break. Class will be broken down into three segments, History, Hinduism and Conversational Hindi.

7th & 8th Graders

Synchronous portion of class will begin at 10am and end at approximately 11:45 inclusive of a break. Class will be broken down into three segments, History, Hinduism and Gita.

Aarti

The Temple's pujari, Sudhirji, will be conducting live Aarti and recitation of Shlokas over YouTube from the Temple at 12pm. We ask students and families concurrently perform Aarti at home.

Optional Shloka Classes

Beginner, Intermediate and Advance Shloka Classes will be offered over Zoom from 9:30 to 9:55 prior to every Balvihar session. A separate link will be included in weekly newsletter.

Balvihar Fall Session Dates

Sept. 20th / Oct. 4th / Oct. 18th / Nov. 1st / Nov. 22nd / Dec 6th / Dec 13th

Please contact Samir Patel at samirkpatel@yahoo.com or call at 201-657-8661 with any questions.

-BV Admin