

StuyMSA 2011-2012
Interest Meeting
September 23rd, 2011

Things to Remember to Bring In:

*Food

- **Faizah** - cake
- **Menna** - cookies...maybe brownies!
- **Nasrin** - cookies

*Napkins/small plates (**Farzana**)

*Surveys

- I printed out 10 sheets (20 surveys). We'll have around 40-50 people iA but some of them are alumni so another 10 sheets should be fine? You guys can each print a couple. (**Farzana**)
- I printed 10 also! (**Menna**)

*Wristbands/dog tags (**Farzana**)

*The "hat" with scenarios

*MIST banner (**Rizwan**)

*MIST team trophies (**Ms. Rajwant said she'll leave her door open**)

*Parade banner (**Nasrin**)

*Tray (**Farzana**)

*Paint (**Menna**)

*Newspapers (so we don't get too messy with the paint) (**Farzana**)

*If you can, at least one person wear last year's MIST shirt! I'll be wearing the one from the year before and I'll bring in my hoodie as well.

Times are tentative but we will officially start talking at 3:45.

3:30-3:45

- As they walk in, hand them each a wristband and a survey to be completed by the end of the meeting. There will be plates and food on the desk in the front for them to take themselves before they sit down.

3:45-4:00

- Someone starts off with salaam, and then we play the game. Have someone choose a scenario out of a hat, write it on the board, and then everyone that raises their hands will introduce themselves (so we don't have to have a round-table introduction). Keep choosing scenarios if people get stuck. **Try to pick people who are a little quiet and try to make them feel comfortable.**

'Bad Scenarios':

- A brother walks into a bar...
- A sister is talking to a guy...
- A guy is walking down the street at night holding a paper bag with what looks like a bottle inside...
- Someone in the hallway takes down an MSA flyer...
- During salah time, you see a local brother drive past the masjid and continue driving...
- Someone leaves through the window of your roommate's room...
- A hijabi is holding what looks like a bacon sandwich...
- A Muslim is standing in line at a place which sells haram food...
- A brother walks out of the girls' bathroom...
- A sister is looking through the profile pics of a male friend on facebook...
- Your friend comes to school every day with pockets full of money...
- A regular MSA attendee suddenly stops coming to meetings...
- A brother buys a bunch of flowers from a Valentine's Day sale...
- A brother and sister are laughing together...

The moral of the game is to avoid being suspicious and always think the best of other people. This does not mean that such situations or even the excuses are acceptable but rather that if a Muslim is in a doubtful situation, it is his duty to explain him/herself and for others to find out for sure before jumping to

conclusions/giving into bad impressions.

4:00-4:30 or less

- Introduce ourselves, and then each say something different about MSA. We can add in filler for someone else but avoid talking over each other.

Farzana: what is MSA, our purpose, MSA isn't just for "service credit, etc.

Nasrin: basic rules about meetings and MSA events: guys on one side, girls on the other; respect each other, don't talk over others, etc

Syed: the general things we hold like daily prayers, meetings (give examples), 8th lunch, tell them to indicate what meetings they'd like this year on the survey

Niyaz: MSA events within Stuy - eid parties, gender-separated meetings/"chill" days for the girls and hopefully guys this year over breaks, this year we'll try to promote community service events/tutoring MSA members, last year's Health Fair, movie days, etc.

Menna & Rizwan: MIST - what it is how we started competing annually three years ago, how more and more schools have become involved. Go briefly into signing up/specific competitions and things we do for MIST specifically like tshirts, bball practices, wristbands/dog tags, etc. We MAY start signups during end of October/November and may invite MIST representatives come introduce MIST themselves

Nasrin: working with other MSAs - making new friends at MIST, MANY & promotion of MSAs in other schools, New Horizons annually, invite them to the parade and tell them what we're doing with our banner after the meeting (*one or two people should prepare banner, newspapers, and trays of paint in the hallway as she talks*)

4:30 or less -

- Farzana will finish off. Invite them to join our facebook group/add us as friends and to come to our future meetings/the parade. Each person will go outside, handpaint the banner, and can then leave.