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## The tap is turned. . .

. . . by Jackie Mertin and water begins to fill the new pool. It indeed was a happy occasion. The pool is open and a grand opening is scheduled for August 21. It is a state of the art facility, so grab your suit and enjoy the new pool.

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## SOLD - New owners for St. Angela's Convent



By J. TETLOCK

The News office received breaking news late Friday afternoon. As of Monday, August 15, St. Angela's Convent and Academy will be only a memory.

The Islamic College of British Columbia, a registered independent school has purchased the facility. The ICBC is a residential school for boys.

Mr. Mohammad Tayyab will be the administrator of the school. The ICBC is currently located in Hope, BC, the enrollment has increased to the point where

they have out grown their facility and a move is required.

According to their website "ICBC has designed a program that consists of religious as well as academic education. This well balanced curriculum will enhance the students' abilities to comprehend and apply a vast array of fields, helping them to develop to their fullest potential."

Studies are generally designed for boys ages 9-13 years. Administrator Tayyab hopes to eventually offer classes from Grade 5 to 12.

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on Friday afternoon.

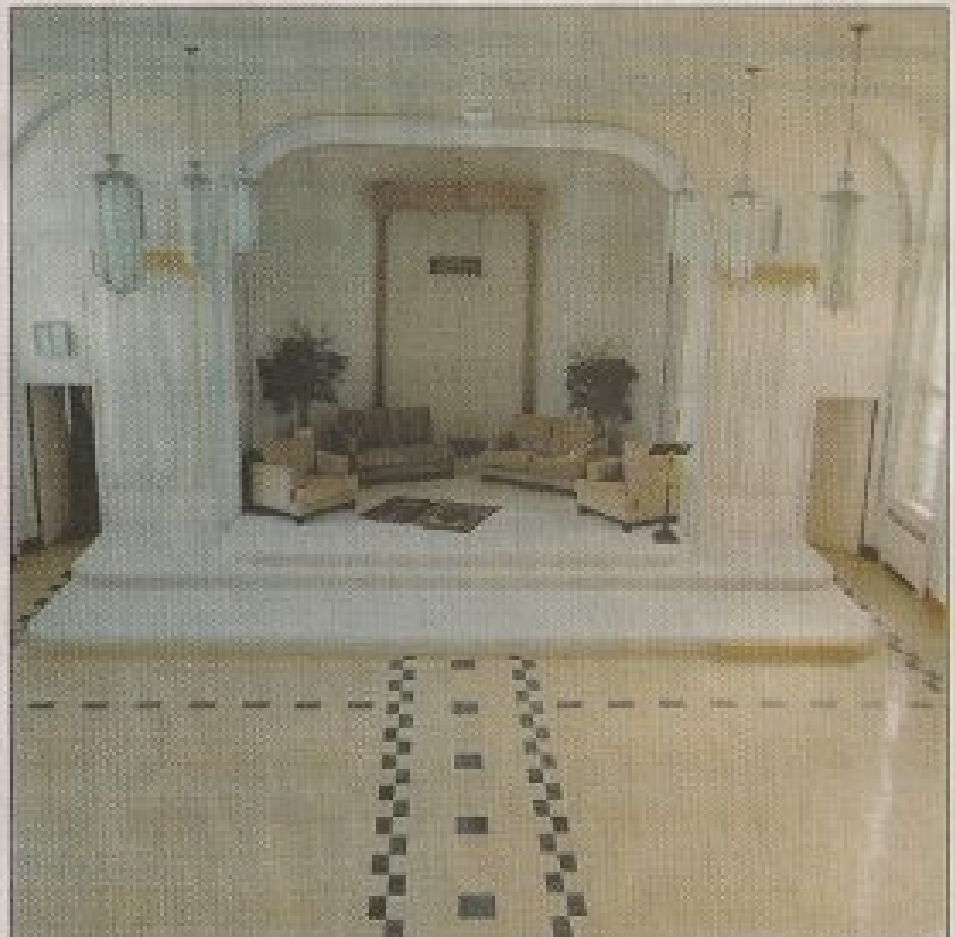


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A look at one of the classrooms at the new Islamic boys school in Prelate, Sask.

## School will feature many Islamic traditions

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Teachers have been attracted from Toronto and British Columbia.

The convent chapel has been converted into a mosque. In the Islamic tradition students will pray five times a day for five to 10 minutes. They will face northeast in the direction of Mecca, said Khan.

They will also memorize the Q'uran in the original Arabic language, which is something Khan was able to do in three years even though he does not understand Arabic.

It has not taken much effort to ready the building for the opening of school. The condition of the building was excellent, even though it had stood empty for a few years. Much of the school equipment such as desks, chairs, library books, a fully fitted science laboratory and indoor gymnasium was left in the building.

From Pakistan, Tayyab emigrated to Fiji before settling in Canada in 1999. As a religious teacher it has been his dream

God credit for making it all come true.

In 2000 he opened an Islamic school in Hope, B.C., but it could only accommodate 30 students. It has now been closed.

"God has brought me from the land of Hope to the land of happiness," said Tayyab excitedly.

Initially students and teachers will all be based in the main building. The bedrooms include an en-suite and a single bed complete with sheets and blankets courtesy of the convent plus a desk to use for homework.

Brainigam says the newcomers have gone out of their way to be friendly and kind to the residents of Prelate. Khan and his wife have already been shopping at the grocery store.

It is not clear whether any local residents will be employed at the school but Mazurick says the kids have already been in for ice cream and sodas just like children all over the province.

The town can also look forward to a rise in property taxes, bringing in much needed revenue.

