

THE KNIGHT STAR

A WELCOME LETTER FROM THE KNIGHT STAR TEAM

The Knight Star is a newly established student-led organization founded by Elly Hanenburg. It has over 30 members in middle and high school and meets Thursdays after school. An edition will be released seasonally featuring: sports updates, student exposés, advice column, and much more!

Your Star Team

PARKING LOT

BY: MADI DENIS

KCS is a “Me Third” school, but is all of that thrown out the window once we reach the parking lot?

I am sure we are all aware of the ongoing issues within the school parking lot; being late for work, almost hitting students, along with the genuine anger that arises when trying to leave the school. It seems that the one rule we have been taught since preschool is being blatantly disregarded - God first, others second, me third.

We were all very excited when the school decided to create a new parking lot system by eliminating the third route towards the exit. It seems that this system worked for a short amount of time before cars began cutting through the student parking spots in order to skip the line towards the exit. This has completely taken away the purpose of the original rerouting plan.



Along with line cutters, the parking lot is full of new drivers. Our student drivers are noticing an increase in parents not letting them in, making it hard to get out of the parking lot. Resulting in more aggressive behaviours when trying to exit. If any driver sees a vehicle trying to exit their parking spot, they should practice their “Me Third” attitude and let them in.

We should stick to the “every other car” rule. It is a simple system to learn; one car is let into the line, the next car moves up, and then another car is let into the line.

While we're on the topic of the parking lot, Angelique Gouws asks “stop throwing food on cars please 🍌.”

ASK ANNE- ADVICE

Dear Anne,

An issue I am noticing is some division among opinions within our grade. How do you think I can deal with this?

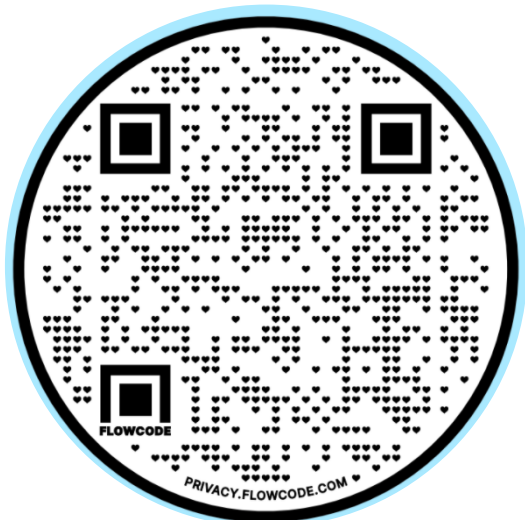
-Band Kid

Dear Band Kid,

Division among opinions is normal, but when it causes disputes it can be challenging. No one is ever going to 100% agree with what you think, and that isn't necessarily a bad thing. If everyone was the same, there would be no diversity within our school community. It is healthy to discuss and debate different opinions, but don't feel pressured to change your opinion just because everyone else believes something different from you. Make decisions on your own basis, not off of others.

When you are discussing opinions, make sure to be respectful of the person(s) you are talking with. Think of their background and where they are coming from, and how it may be different from yours. Keep an open mind and be willing to admit when you are wrong. Even if you cannot come to an agreement, that doesn't mean you have the right to be rude to the other person. Being kind and respectful is vital to keeping a healthy and safe community, and that is the type of community KCS should strive to have.

Sincerely, Anne



SCAN TO ASK FOR
ANONYMOUS ADVICE

THE LATEST SCOOP

Welcome to the Latest Scoop! This is where you will find all the latest in jokes, pictures, fun facts, new words, events, polls, and more!

Word of the Month - Serendipity - (noun)

An aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident. It also means good fortune and luck.

Joke of the Month -

What's the best thing about Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag's a big plus.



Icebreaker Question - If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life what would it be?

Fun Fact of the Month - The first successful vacuum cleaner was invented in 1901 by a British engineer named Hubert Cecil Booth. It was horse-drawn, operated by petrol, and it took six people to operate it!

Hey, reader! Do you have a favourite joke or word? Send it to ryleighscott9@gmail.com and you will have a chance to be featured in one of our next issues! Don't forget to include your name and grade!

TEACHER INTERVIEW MR. MACARTHUR



How long have you been at KCS?

Mr. MacArthur has been at Kelowna Christian School for 25 years.

Why do you like teaching?

"I love my job because of the students," says Mr. MacArthur. He loves the students because he cares about their actions, personality and learning styles. He enjoys getting to know everyone who walks in and out of his classroom.

Mr. Mac's Classroom

To help his students feel comfortable in his classroom, he decorates it. From Pink Floyd to math posters, you can find all kinds of encouraging decor to make you feel comfortable.

What is your favourite Bible verse?

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." - Matthew 26:39

Knights in Action!

HISTORICAL SEASON FOR KCS'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

This year Cross Country (XC) had the best season ever. Last year was the first for XC and it went well. However, never in KCS history have we had anyone qualify for provincials. This year, students between grades 6-12 competed at 5 different locations. The team ran at Mission Creek, Knox Mountain and near Myra Canyon. Grade 8 through 12's were able to go to the provincial qualifying race in Summerland. The race was 4 km for the 9's & 10's and 5 km for 11's & 12's. Chloe Shivers (Grade 9) made it to provincials as well as four other Grade 8's and our senior boy's team. While the junior boys finished in 8th place, it was not enough to compete in provincials. This race was held on November 7th, 2021 in Vancouver at Jericho Beach. The two competing teams had so much fun competing in the rain and mud. Thank you to Coach Mike Campbell for helping the team accomplish so much.

Middle School's Volleyball Season

The grade 6's and 7's had a blast in their morning practices and look forward to Volleyball Academy. The grade 8 and 9's are enjoying their morning Volleyball Academy Practices. They did well at all their tournaments all around the province. Grade 9 girls enjoyed their season coached by Mr. McHargue. The grade 9 boys crushed the court with some amazing spikes. The Knights are now done with volleyball for the year, but it's not the end! Basketball season is just around the corner! Go, Knights!

Junior A and B Boys Volleyball

The Junior Boys A (coached by Mr. Woolhead) and B team (coached by Evan Pasenau, Jared Hanenburg, and Mr. Mike Campbell) wrapped up their seasons. The Junior A team was made up of Gr. 10's and played in a tough league with KSS, OKM, and KLO. The Junior B team was composed of only Gr. 9's and finished 5th in their league. The teams both attended 'Best of the West' and the B team came 3rd in the Black Division. The A team competed in a tough Gold division and played competitively. After a year with no volleyball games due to COVID, the coaches were pleased with the ability and perseverance of their teams! Mr. Woolhead said that "The boys had a lot of great experience and challenges, and although the results were not what we might have hoped for, the year was full of excellent opportunities for learning and growth as players and as a team."

Junior A and B Girls Volleyball

Both Junior girls volleyball teams had great seasons! The Junior A girls played in three tournaments (winning the first one they attended) and had a fun trip to Revelstoke. The Junior B Girls finished 5th in their league with a team that was a mix of girls from Gr. 8 and 9. Coach Mallory Sader summed up the season by saying: "Throughout the season my girls played hard, fought for every point, and had lots of funny moments. It was amazing watching them grow as individuals and as a team. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to coach."

Swim Team

After a very successful inaugural season in 2019-20, the KCS Swim team was, unfortunately, unable to compete or practice in-person in the 2021-22 season due to COVID restrictions. Even though the swim team was not able to get back in the pool for a second year, Madame Kennedy looks forward to the opportunity to swim again next season in a hopefully COVID-free world!

Senior Boys Soccer

The KCS Senior Boys Soccer team had a very successful season! After finishing undefeated in league play, the team moved on to Valley's where they finished with a record of two wins and two losses to qualify for Provincials. At Provincials, the Senior Boys faced some much harder competition but still managed to finish 12th! Michayah Lauman (Grade 10) was one of sixteen athletes at Provincials to receive the Subway Sixteen award. Senior Liam McCartney said that, "We had a really good season! Considering the inexperience of a lot of our players and the size of our team, we did really good".



Senior Boys Volleyball

The Senior Boys Volleyball team has had a winning season! They finished second in league play. The team attended multiple tournaments which included a second-place finish in their division at 'Best of the West'. Most recently, at Valley's they came in first, bringing home the trophy. Senior Evan Pasenau says, "the team is competitive with every other 'A' team in the province" and that the goal is to be a top-five team at

Provincials. The team is a good mix of Gr. 12's and Gr. 11's (with a couple Gr. 10's) and it will be exciting to see the provincial results.



Senior Girls Volleyball

What a season for the Senior Girls Volleyball team! They won every game in league play except for losing two games to Summerland (who they also beat in two games). The team has played in a number of tournaments this season including a third-place finish at the BC Christian Schools Tournament and a first-place finish in their division at 'Best of the West'. Valley's was competitive, the girls played hard and came in third, ending their provincial run. Claire Pasenau (Grade 10) says that "it's been a really fun team to play on." KCS looks forward to the fight for provincials next year.



GRADE 6 FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Most of the first few weeks have been fun and simple but it's kind of hard getting used to the new school. We got lockers, which is different from elementary school. It is scary being with the big kids. The teachers are different too, they're a little less laid back. I got to meet some of the teachers that were new to me. I'm excited for explorations because I get to go with different teachers. I'm excited for band class because I'm learning how to play a new instrument, the trombone! And finally, I'm excited to help with the newspaper because I have something to do with my free time and I'm helping the school. This year has been going good so far, and I hope it keeps going uphill!

-Synnovae Hubert

My beginning few weeks of school were different from elementary. We now have lockers, band, and more numerous spirit days. Along with that, we have a volleyball team for sixth grade through seventh grade. I enjoy my subjects, and my classes have been a breeze. We are learning to act in explorations which we didn't get to do in elementary school. I feel like I also get to interact more with my classmates. I have been looking forward to the band performances and also volleyball tournaments with my team. I'm thrilled about these upcoming years of middle school.

~Cassandra Clarrice Aquino

Middle school is different from elementary school because there are lockers, and the work is also quite a bit harder. Also, in middle school, students have to take more ownership in getting their work in. I'm looking forward to developing new skills and making new friends.

-Spencer Parke

My first week at middle school was good. It was pretty simple. We just went over the basics of middle school and just had fun. So far grade six has been pretty good. It is quite different from elementary school. For one, we have lockers, not cubbies, and we also have explorations and different teachers for different subjects. We also have band and sports teams that actually play games and don't just practice. I am looking forward to playing volleyball games and doing explorations as well. Another thing I am looking forward to is drama.

-Emma Beekman

OUR TEAM

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Ethan Gray
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Mr. Woolhead