

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 10 members in middle and high school and meets after school. An edition will be released seasonally featuring: sports updates, student exposés, advice column, and much more!

Knights in Action!

Grade 8 Basketball

With the score higher than they thought, the Grade 8 girls and the boy's basketball team were off to an amazing start. Defeating Rutland, the ballers took the win in their first game. Over the course of 5 weeks, the Grade 8 Knights were unstoppable, letting no one stop them from keeping their eyes on the hoop. Over the course of weeks being dumped by IMMAC they finally defeated them and took the gold in the final. Overall the Grade 8's enjoyed their season and now are looking forward to next year's season.



Jr. Boys Basketball

Thanks to Mr. Michaud and Ethan Grey, the Jr Boys Basketball teams were a hit. The grade 10 boys prepared for Valleys, they fought hard, persevered, and got 2nd in Kelowna. The grade 9 boys had a good season and played hard. That's awesome!

Jr. Girls Basketball

Our Junior Girls had an amazing season where they finished 5th in their league! Their coach Mallory Sader (a former KCS athlete) led the team well! Congrats Girls!

Sr. Boys Basketball

The senior boy's basketball season has been amazing at that. They have trained incredibly hard producing a strong team and a family on the court. They traveled out to Osoyoos, British Columbia for the valley championships on February 24-26. After multiple games, they came home with the banner, first place. So proud of our Senior Boys for being 'A' Valley Champions. From there they went on to provincials where they placed 7th in the province. So proud of our Sr. Guys Basketball team!

Sr. Girls Basketball

If you saw any of the huge signs in the halls or the strangers in the building you would know Sr. girls Basketball hosted provincials! It was a huge success for the school and the team. So proud of our girls for placing 2nd in the Valley and 7th in the province! Congratulations to the coaches and girls on their successes.



Is the Ministry of Education AGAINST Students???

An announcement from the Ministry of Education has emerged this past month regarding the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. If a student is unable to score a three or higher, they are required to retake English 12 in post-secondary institutions. The student will have only one chance to retake the test or suffer the consequences. This is a serious and detrimental issue for students who struggle with literacy and excel in other areas of study. It would seem that the Ministry is attempting to limit the success of students based on the results of a useless test that does not properly assess comprehension. A 2019 study on the effectiveness of government assessments used 300 students that have taken a Literacy assessment before and 5000 that have not. It showed that the assessments are a wildly inaccurate representation of a student's knowledge. 60% of students score lower than a three, and still achieve great success in life. This new requirement is unnecessary and leads to an increase in anxiety and depression amongst students. The Ministry is trying to impose its agenda on innocent children trying to find their role in society.

For more information click here:

<https://www.tiktok.com/@hannahlomm/video/7073614454503607558>

INTERVIEW WITH MR. FRIESEN

How did you come to KCS?

I was in Vancouver finishing a teaching degree, looking for where I could teach high school band. When I heard about the teaching position through Brad Martens, it was a dream posting because I would be able to be near my family in Vernon and it would be an ideal group to teach. I was able to get the job in June, finished my degree in July, and began working in August.

What is the biggest struggle about being a teacher?

It depends on the person. Sometimes teachers will struggle with different things. For me, my weakness is organization, but I really excel at connecting with students which I enjoy doing.

What kind of music do you most enjoy teaching?

I enjoy teaching jazz and worship music, in fact, I worked at a Christian summer camp as a leader. Concert band music is also fun because it includes so many different instruments working together.

For those who are unaware, Mr. Friesen produced an EP in 2020 called *Appearance*. What motivated you to make it?

Ever since I was in grade 8 I have been making music. It started with friends playing tracks of music and I would just rap over top of it. A friend of mine decided that I had a lot of promise and decided to take me up on recording some tracks. We recorded them in July 2020, edited it, and put it out in November that same year.

How did you feel about the feedback you received from the album?

I was really excited about the feedback I received from friends and loved the idea of people being able to listen to the music whenever; it was surreal. This feels like a stepping stone to me. I want to make sure that what I come out with next is really polished, and I'm hoping to dive deeper into what I can do as an artist. Next, I want to reach more people with my music.

Who are your top artists?

Kendrick Lamar, Earl Sweatshirt, Kanye, and Vince Staples. These artists are all so effective at expressing themselves through rap, it's the same thing that I'm trying to do. I've also been listening



to rap that really pushes the boundaries of what rap is supposed to be, abstract beats, and I'm trying to bring that into my own music as well.

Can you share a backstory of one of your songs?

My producer and I were discussing coming out with a song that basically only had one verse so we decided to come out with this song- *Volition*. The song is just 5 straight minutes of me rapping one rhyme scheme and one verse, it's definitely one of my more interesting songs.

How many instruments can you play?

I can play everything, technically, but my favourites are the drums. I've spent a lot of time over the years honing that skill, but I also enjoy piano and acoustic guitar. As far as concert band instruments, I tend to lean towards brass instruments; right now I'm loving the trumpet.

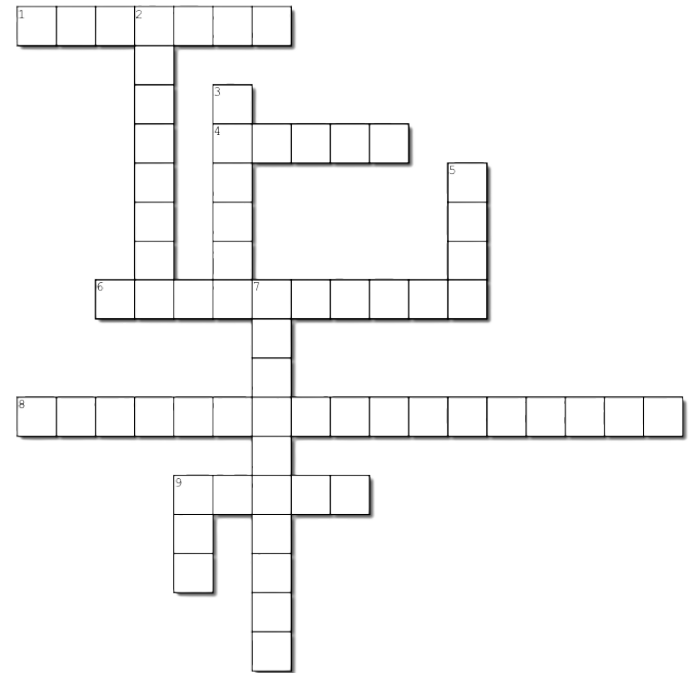
When did you know you had a passion for music?

My passion for music goes back to when I was really young. I once saw the musical "Stomp" in Vancouver and that's what really inspired me to begin playing drums. My parents put me through piano lessons too. Music has always been really huge for me and I don't see that stopping any time soon.

How did you come up with the name Tallboyeti and the name for your album *Appearance*?

I was hanging out with my friends one summer, drinking from Yeti mugs, and someone mentioned that they wished that theirs was taller. We were all making jokes and suddenly, Tallboyeti was born. As for my album name, since the Yeti is a mythical creature, I thought it would tie everything together if I called the album *Appearance* like the "Yeti has appeared."

On that note, we would like to conclude the interview by saying that there is a lot more about Mr. Friesen that the community of KCS has not yet had the opportunity to learn. We have loved hearing about his experiences in the world, in the education department, and in the music industry. We are grateful to Mr. Friesen for giving us some of his time to ask questions to help open KCS's eyes to the musical genius in our midst.



THE LATEST SCOOP

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

Word of the Month - Serenity - (noun) The state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.

Icebreaker Question- If you could have 3 people over for dinner - living, dead, fictional, or real - who would they be?

Fun fact of the month- The stickers on fruit are edible

Joke of the month - Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

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!



Across

1. a flower or a mass of flowers, especially on a tree or bush.
4. the fourth month of the year, in the northern hemisphere usually considered the second month of spring.
6. A diminutive supernatural being in Irish folklore, classed by some as a type of solitary fairy.
8. A holiday that observes of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.
9. the third month of the year, in the northern hemisphere usually considered the first month of spring.

Down

2. Direct sunlight unbroken by cloud, especially over a comparatively large area.
3. the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ
5. Water falling in drops from vapor condensed in the atmosphere.
7. a hard-boiled egg that is dyed and often decorated as part of the Easter celebration.
9. the fifth month of the year, in the northern hemisphere usually considered the last month of spring.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

This year's drama production is going to High School Musical! Rehearsals are already underway, and the performance is coming up in May. It's really exciting to finally have a production since we have been unable to do so for the past few years. We thought it would be helpful to do a small Q & A with Mrs. Hendren about the musical so people can get some information on it.

Q. When will the musical be and how many shows do you anticipate there will be?

A. Currently, the show is set for May 4-7th, stay on the lookout for when tickets go on sale. The show is double-cast, meaning all the roles have two people playing them. Essentially, that means that there are two casts and so there will be double the amount of performances as there would usually be, and the two casts will alternate performances.

Q. Which staff members will be involved in the musical and what will their roles be?

A. There are many staff supporting the musical in various ways. Mr. Heinrichs, Mrs. Francis, and I will be involved in play direction and auditions. Mr. Friesen, Mrs. Schumer and Mr. & Mrs. Francis will be involved in music, tech direction and auditions. Mr. O'Dell will head up set direction and Mrs. Folkerts (costumes) and Mrs. Taylor (props/set support) will also be involved. Miss Cunningham will be involved in overseeing the choreography team, media, and promotion as well as photography and set support.

There will also be other staff and volunteers involved closer to the performances, helping with ticket sales, intermission needs, set up, and takedown.

Q. What other roles are you still looking for?

A. We will be looking for crew (backstage and tech), costume support, as well as a team able to work on set construction and painting. We will be looking for hair and makeup support closer to the performances, as well as all the ticket sellers and ushers for the week of. If anyone is interested in helping with any of these aspects, talk to me, Mrs. Hendren.

Q. Do you anticipate that COVID will impact the musical in any way?

A. We hope not too much, but of course, it has an impact. As it stands now, we will likely be performing and rehearsing with masks on and we will do the best we can. Hopefully, we can avoid having to film it, as that is a lot more technical and doesn't have the same effect we are hoping for.

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