

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read [the attached memo](#) from the Deputy Minister of Education and a brief update from our Head of School.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Hello, Again,

While the world continues to be filled with anxiety, the school felt well today. There was a positive vibe around the school, and our Elementary students turned Dr. Seuss characters were adorable. I hope we are all able to reconvene on March 30th.

The COVID-19 global response continues to evolve by the hour. In a recent communication to our staff, I reiterated our need for community care and wellbeing as well as our inability to project what the BC educational landscape will look like on March 30th.

There is so much we don't know. However, we do know that our administration and our teachers have begun discussing an online platform for learning (just in case). We know that our administration and staff have started a school hygiene plan that we will further implement upon our return to school. We know that our staff will be mandated to self-isolate for 14 days after their return from any country outside of Canada. We also know that we will closely monitor updates from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, FISA, SCSBC, and our local public and independent schools. Almost all school decisions will be made through the wisdom of our provincial school communities and by the province of British Columbia.

For employers, the travel advisory is required for all staff. For BC families, the government is asking you to consider the advisory to be a civic duty. Kelowna Christian cannot advise you on whether you should or should not cross international borders. However, given that we do have several students and staff with suppressed immune systems, we request that your children self-

isolate from Kelowna Christian School for 14 days upon your return to Canada. We also require the same for all school community members, including parents, volunteers, grandparents, alumni, and any other stakeholders that could enter our school. The health and safety of all community members continues to be our focus. We do not have a tracking system of who has travelled and who has not. If one becomes available, we will let you know. For now, this is based on the integrity of community.

As a reminder from yesterday's memo, if someone from our greater school community tests positive with COVID-19, we will enact our health@kelownachristian.ca email address that we will monitor hourly. For now, please direct any questions to me at mike.campbell@kcschool.ca.

While the Ministry of Education aims to have our students back on campus on March 30th, some classes have been asked to bring extra things home in the event that our Spring Break is extended. We don't foresee Kelowna Christian School being locked up and shut down, but it is proactive to ask our staff and students to bring supplies home in case of an extension of our holiday.

I was reading Lamentations recently and found so much hope in many verses regarding God's faithfulness at a time where the likely author, Jeremiah, was in despair (or lament) over the death of King Josiah and the fall of Jerusalem. Jeremiah writes in Lamentations 3:22-23:

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Please tuck this verse in your pocket over the break and I am praying that we all find sabbath and stillness during an extraordinary time. I am going to try to learn to be still for the first time since infancy 🙏🙏

God Bless



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