

MARCH 18TH UPDATES FROM MIKE CAMPBELL

Hello KCS Families,

I just returned from a family hike to Crawford Falls. While this is an anxious time, I have found self-isolation to be an opportunity to connect in new ways with my family. Racing around to sports, music, and school activities has been replaced with family Lego building contests, 3v3 wiffleball baseball, and stunning hikes that are a mere 5 minutes away.

Yesterday, the Minister of Education and Premier announced that in-class instruction has been suspended until further notice. This includes all curricular and extracurricular activities (BC School Sports suspended the Spring season today). [The press release from the Minister of Education, the Honourable Rob Fleming, is attached here.](#)

This news is still fresh and there is wisdom in learning from other Central Okanagan independent schools, SCSBC, FISA, the Ministry of Education, the Director of Independent Schools, and School District #23 before launching Kelowna Christian School's plan.

In the next few days, our Senior Leadership Team will be participating in meetings with other Christian school administrators in BC, planning how Kelowna Christian School will continue to educate, equip and inspire our school community to become disciples of Jesus who love and serve God and others.

We have the right team of staff to find creative ways to offer Christian education through a new platform. Several of our staff already are seconded (contracted) by our Society of Christian Schools because of their expertise in education. We are excited to explore, invent, and implement how to offer 21st-century education well, for all families from K-12. We are committed to finding creative ways to continue being a Christ-like community passionately transforming our world.

Kelowna Christian School will implement an intentional platform for learning from K through 12 for the remainder of the year. As our knowledge of the new landscape grows, the information we can share also grows. I commit to communicating with our school families every 2-3 school days over the next month, providing you with more and more details about how we are going to be leaders in supporting the learning and wellbeing of all children at KCS.

We see this as an opportunity to continue living out our core values in new, fun, and

hands-on ways that will bring us together and not pull us apart. Our approach to learning is relational and this will continue during this new phase of learning.

To conclude:

Kelowna Christian School and our awesome team of teachers and support staff will continue to provide the instructional leadership, materials, and planning needed by our students to not merely stay busy during the rest of the year, but to extend their skills, learning competencies, and relationships, so they are ready for the next year whether that be in the next grade or post-secondary. There is no need for parents to be working on building an educational program for their children; KCS will continue to partner with you to do Christian education well. As families, you should enjoy Spring Break, enjoy the fantastic weather, enjoy chasing waterfalls, and enjoy family time together (all within the confines of social distancing, of course).

Thank you, KCS families, for your prayers during this extraordinary time as we explore how to be together from afar. We are praying for you as well.

Blessings,



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