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KELOWNA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Greetings from your beaches, pools, boats, decks, mountain tops and within proximity of your air conditioners and ceiling fans. During these hot days, I seek the same leafy plant that God provided Jonah with after he left Nineveh (without the worm).

As anticipated, the Ministry of Education (MOE) announced that schools will be re-opening, full time, on September 8th. My family and I cannot wait to be immersed in our community, together, again.

Schools are asked to keep students in cohorts/pods of 60 students from k-7 and 120 students from 8-12. While indoors, students will interact within their cohorts only, except for family bubbles and electives that provide full social distancing (i.e. music in the Anne Rauser Hall or Multipurpose Room). Multiple classes will occur within the cohort. While much more detail is expected from the MOE on August 10th and 17th, our early thought is that the cohort model works well for a school our size as we can primarily keep our entire grade groupings together (and perhaps some cross grades in the upper-middle school and high school). We don't expect our children to be isolated from any of their grade friendships.

There will still be some learning throughout the Summer. It is important that school feels as normal as possible for all students, and we feel this can occur with the current mandate given to us by the MOE and Provincial Health Authority. Team sport and school chapels will look different, but we will ensure that all students continue to learn about the big plans that God has for them in academics, arts, athletics, and applied skills. I continue to be prayerful for a safe and healthy August before we head into the school year.

As a staff, the next 5 weeks will be spent creatively exploring opportunities. Most of our leadership team is currently on Summer holidays but some meetings will begin next week to continue constructing an excellent 2020-2021 school season. We also seek to collaborate and plan with our staff to ensure staff wellness and to collaboratively implement a first-class educational and transformational experience for all. We recognize that we have some families with immune-compromised family members. We are prayerfully exploring how we can serve all of our families. Over the coming weeks, our leadership team will listen, learn, and partner as we plan out how to provide meaningful Christian education to all students, commencing on September 8th. More detailed updates will come from the school sometime after August 24th.

Because our admin team is currently resting and renewing for an exciting year, please do send any questions, ideas, or wonders directly to [me](#) (your children are welcome to email me a hello as well). I will try to respond within 48 hours. Also, please let your elementary-aged children know that I am fully stocked up on kinder surprises (stored in a cool space) and we will catch up from June and the Summer during our first week back (don't worry if you made it to grade 6 without getting your kinder surprise, I haven't forgotten you).

I look forward to greeting all of you within our special KCS community in 40 days. :)



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