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CAMPUSWIDE NEWSLETTER

KELOWNA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A CHRIST-LIKE COMMUNITY PASSIONATELY TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.

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There were some technical difficulties in the previous version of the email that have now been resolved. Apologies to those for whom this is a duplicated piece.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Thank you, KCS community, for journeying with us over the past three months. We endured this storm as a community on a single boat, and I am grateful for this. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, I found myself waking up at 4:00 am, engulfed in wonders about leading at KCS during these extraordinary times. My rhythm became a 4:00 am prayer for Kelowna Christian School before heading back to bed with peace. I then awoke excited to serve our awesome school. Thank you, staff, students, and parents for sailing with us. We have learned so much, and continue to reflect on the many new opportunities that will ensure excellence and discipleship continue to permeate all we do.

We are looking forward to being back together again in the Fall. While we expect to be together onsite full time, we have some new investments to help ensure we adapt well to the 2020-2021 school year:

1. We are adding a third Music teacher to our middle/high school staff. We welcome both Mr. Will Friesen and Mrs. Stefanie Schumer to our teaching team as Connor Murdoch begins his studies during his sabbatical. Mr. Elijah Francis will continue to support the worship arts as well. Having three MS/HS teachers serving in music allows us to work with smaller groups of students and add new performing arts programming to our school.
2. We are exploring adding a Middle School Volleyball Academy to ensure player and character development alongside our Basketball Academy. We are thankful for the fantastic coaches we have on staff that are willing to creatively keep our students active. Team sports may look different in BC next year, and we want to ensure our students continue to develop their gifts, talents, g.r.i.t and love for athletics. I am the school's cross country coach, and I am hoping we will have a Fall season with many elementary, middle and high school runners.
3. We are increasing student support services in counselling. Mrs. Tanis Michaud will take on a new role in career and post-secondary counselling, affording Mrs. Janet Wielemaker more time to work with our students on a

personal counselling level.

4. We are Increasing programming in applied skills, including the acquisition of resources (i.e. Macbook Pros/ 3D Printer) to help our students learn about their God-given potential in Video Production and Media Design.

I continue to be amazed by God's providence at KCS. Our new teaching staff are deeply committed to Christian education and, their references gushed about their gifts as educators. We have already introduced you to Mr. Will Friesen and Mrs. Stefanie Schumer. We are eager to introduce you to Mr. Jared Duncan (Grade 8), Mrs. Sarah Gauvin (Grade 3), and Mrs. Sandy Groening (Middle School French) in the coming weeks. We have a great team, and our additions will help us meet our mission and vision well.

Lastly, we welcome Mr. Daryl Klassen into an expanded leadership role at KCS. Daryl provided substantial-tech leadership during our transition into offsite instruction and has recently started his Masters in Educational Leadership at the University of British Columbia-Okanagan. Daryl will take on the High School Vice-Principal role next year. We are also thankful that Mr. David O'Dell will continue to be on staff and expand his teaching role as well as take on some important strategic goals for Kelowna Christian School. David has a heart for Christian education and discipleship and seeks to further our mission and vision by advancing our school in these areas. Thank you, David and Daryl, for your continued good and faithful service at KCS.

I am prayerful that you all find sabbath and time with friends and family during this extended Summer season. We look forward to welcoming our staff back on August 31st and our students back on September 8th. There will still be some learning throughout the Summer for the Fall, but we do not foresee challenges, we expect opportunities.

Shalom,



Mike Campbell
HEAD OF SCHOOL



HOMESTAY FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED!



WELCOME THE WORLD HOME
CONTACT US + LEARN MORE!



Our International Program continues to be an important part of our school and we are in great need of Christian families to fill the homestay requirement for our International Program - starting once again this September 2020. Are you interested? A list of general expectations for homestay families can be viewed [here](#).

Please note that homestay families will receive \$950/month compensation to host an international student. If you wish to apply as a homestay family, please complete the (PDF fillable) KCS Homestay Application [Form here](#).

Once you have filled in your answers, simply save a copy to your desktop and email back to Cyndy Loewen - International Program Homestay Coordinator - at homestay@kcschool.ca.

KCS ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Attention KCS Family Business Owners!

This is a great time to check out [this link](#) to see if your business qualifies to be listed on our KCS online business directory. You must be the owner of your business and fit the rest of the criteria listed there. If you qualify, it's a great way to advertise your services to the parent community so we can support each other in this way.

VIRTUAL SPRING CONCERT

Did you miss our first-ever virtual concert? [Watch it here](#) to see the fantastic performances done by our students during off-site learning.

VIRTUAL CONCERT



KCS Virtual Spring Concert

OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURES



The Benvoulin office will be closed from July 1 - August 16. The office re-opens on Monday, 17th.

The Gordon office will be closed from July 1 - August 23. The office re-opens on Monday, August 24th.

School reconvenes on Tuesday, Sept. 8th .

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