

March 31, 2020

Moving forward in ever changing circumstances - COVID-19 Update

Staff, Family, Friends, and Community:

We have been closely monitoring and responding to developments related to the spread of COVID-19. This is a very dynamic situation that seems to be constantly changing. As a board, we have been working very closely with Maureen and the staff team to make the best decisions for our children, staff, and families, given the information we have. Last week the board established a COVID-19 Committee, with representation from the administrative team and the board, in order to be able to make timely decisions in these ever changing circumstances.

We are preparing to continue with At-Home Learning to finish the school year if necessary

Moving into March Break, we followed the provincial direction to close the school building until Monday, April 6, 2020. Today, the province announced that school closures will continue until May 4, 2020. We are hoping that we can begin classroom learning again at that time. However, we are preparing to continue with At-Home Learning to finish the school year, if necessary.

We have made the decision to cancel the remaining planned events for this year, with the exception of the Spring Membership Meeting and Graduation. We will proceed with those events as planned, however, they may look much different. If public health officials indicate that school buildings can reopen over the next few months, we will look at the opportunity to resume some of the planned events.

Our staff team has been hard at work creating an At-Home Learning experience for our kids. Thank you to the team for the extra hours they have put in, for their creativity, and for rising to the challenge of delivering education in a different way. We are truly blessed to have such an incredible staff team!

Help will be available for families who may need assistance with tuition

COVID-19 has impacted KCS in how we deliver education, but also from a financial perspective. As always, we continue to review the operations of KCS so that we can be efficient and effective. This includes reviewing the financial impacts of COVID-19 so that we can continue to be good stewards of our resources and ensure that we remain in a strong financial position. We also know that each family will be impacted in different ways. We are developing information for families who may need assistance with tuition through this time. Our plan is to be able to share that information the week of April 6. If you find yourself in a circumstance where you have been financially impacted and can't wait until then, please contact Lana, our Financial Administrator, at finance@kingchristian.ca.

This is an opportunity for the KCS community to shine

The future for KCS remains bright. We continue to experience many requests from prospective families for tours and information. Enrollment for the upcoming school year has increased by 10%, and we are excited to welcome new families into our community. God continues to watch over and bless KCS in so many ways!

With life changing each and every day, it can be challenging with so many unknowns. We are here as a school community to support each other, whatever situation we find ourselves in. This provides an opportunity for King Christian School to shine. To be the light of the world, to show love in our community, to be consistent in providing great education, because as a Christian school, that's just what we do.

Thanks for your flexibility, collaboration, and understanding during this time.

On behalf of the Board, Maureen, and the COVID-19 Committee, all the best and keep well.

Josh Scholten
Board Chair

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:14-16