

Welcome to the 2020/21 School Year

Kootenay Christian Academy

Welcome Back from Mrs. Zurrin

I trust you all had a safe and restful summer holiday - spent with family and friends! It is that time of year that the staff at KCA start planning for the return of our much loved students and families!



Kootenay Christian Academy's administration has been working diligently at developing a re-entry strategy that allows for flexibility, transparency and safety for our school community. KCA is currently preparing the physical campus to support students in September.

We recognize that there is a wide range of perspectives when it comes to schools opening. Regardless of these perspectives, KCA will be compliant and follow the directive given to us by the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Officer.

The most current direction is that schools will begin in Stage 2. As we plan, we continue to pray for wisdom. We are prioritizing staff and student safety. We are implementing all required directives and our heart is to care well for each other.

Of the changes, the most notable is that Stage 2 now provides in class instruction for students K-12, using cohorts, or learning groups. A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school term, semester or year and who primarily interact with each other. Learning groups were recommended by the Provincial Health Officer to help reduce the transmission of COVID -19.

Learning Groups provide a range of benefits for students including more in class learning time, increased peer interaction and support and decreased feelings of isolation.

The decision was made with great care and thought by our Provincial Government and health leaders. With 2/3 of BC students having been out of school for 175 days come September, the priority is to safely return them to school. This is critical for learning, mental and physical well-being and the provincial economy. ***Students are returning to school because it has been deemed safe to do so as schools are controlled environments with implemented safety protocols.***

Please see and read over the separately attached Health and Safety Plan for our return to class. I will be sending home another, "less formal", more practical document by the end of the week. As always, ask your questions and voice your concerns. I will do my best to answer them :)

I am confident this is going to be another great year at KCA and I am excited that we get to be together soon! We continue to put our trust in God and I know that the amazing staff, incredible families and wonderful students that make our school community are going to THRIVE. That is exactly what God has planned for each one of us!

School Schedule

School begins Tuesday, September 8th, 9:00am to 11:00am
September 9th 8:45am-12pm

***Regular school hours will begin Thursday, September 10th. ***
(Kindergarten parents, please follow kindergarten's gradual entry schedule)

*** Kindergarten - Grade 6 ~ whistle blows at 8:45 for students to enter the school, classes begin at 8:50 AM. Grades K-6 dismissed at 3:10 PM**

***Grade 7, 8 & 9: Whistle blows at 8:35 for students to enter the school, classes begin at 8:40 AM. Dismissal at 3:15 PM**

****Supervision begins outside at 8:30am. Students are not allowed in the building until the whistle blows****

School Supplies

All school supplies have been purchased for your child by the school. The only thing your child will need is a pair of non-marking indoor running shoes that stay at the school, a lunch kit and backpack.

Criminal Record Checks/Driver's Abstracts

For the safety and well-being of all children, it is the policy of the school, that all parents/adults working/volunteering at the school, provide the school with a Criminal Record Check **every five years**. It is hoped that all parents will at some point desire to help in the school or with field trips and it is therefore advised that everyone provide the school evidence of a Criminal Record Check. We also require a driver's abstract and proof of insurance for those who wish to drive for field trips, etc. Please see the ladies in the office for more information on how to get these completed.

Even though field trips will be limited at this time, we encourage you to get this paperwork done for use later in the year.

STAFF for 2020 - 2021 School Year

Preschool - Miss Michelle, Miss Lydy, Miss Rachel

Kindergarten – Mr. Cam Boender

Grade 1 – Mrs. Kya Macbean

Grade 2 – Miss Tammy Bain

Grade 3 –Mrs. Leah Bettcher

Grade 4 – Miss Kaitlyn Zurrin

Grade 5 – Mr. David Zimmer

Grade 6 - Mrs. Priscilla Penner

Grade 7/8/9– Ms. Dawn Hildebrandt, Mrs. Colleen Morrison, Mrs. Cathy Kennedy, Mr. Doug Steel

French – Mrs. Trisha Reimer

Music (K-6) – Mrs. Sharon Dueck

Student Services- Ms. Liz Mansfield, Mrs. Kate McWhirter

Library – Mrs. Sue Spyksma, Mrs. Selina Burnham

Education Assistants –Mrs. Roz Johnson, Mrs. Davianna Haslam, Mrs. Sheri Lord, Miss Kailee Peters, Mrs. Heather Davis, Mrs. Stacey Spyksma

Counselor – Mrs. Andrea Spowart

Public Relations Coordinator - Sue Spyksma

Office Manager – Mrs. Laura Cutler

Office Assistant - Mrs. Roxane Boardman

Principal – Mrs. Wendy Zurrin

Office Procedures


To limit the amount of visitors in the building, please call ahead if you need to see one of the gals in the office. Only one person will allowed in the office space at a time.

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