King's CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Educating for Life

Supporters Newsletter

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Greetings! Thank you for making me feel welcome at King's Christian School! It has been a pleasure meeting parents, grandparents and families out on the parking lot and hearing your heart for the flourishing of this school.

Over the past few weeks, I have met with staff for "10 min Meetings" to hear their deep hopes, ways I can support them...and "one thing" that I should know about King's. The most common response to the "one thing" question about King's - can you guess it? Community.

Again and again, I hear staff speak about the community they have witnessed and experienced in this place. It is tangible. From teachers to bus drivers, coaches to front office staff - there is a clear priority on relationship and a recognition of connectedness that we have in Christ and the good work He has called us to as educators and parents.

Sometimes, an organization's core values are more aspirational than a reality. To be sure, core values should never be taken for granted; but in my first weeks, it is clear to me that King's core value of "community and relationships" is deeply rooted and flows naturally. Can't think of a stronger witness in a world starved for real community. Let's continue to shine!

Shane Nelson
Principal

A note from our Board Chair

Bill Hodson



Dear KCS Community,

The 2026 school year begins with exciting transitions and the joy of seeing visions become reality. Last year we said goodbye to our outgoing principal, Paul Sutherland, and this year we welcomed Shane Nelson. We are so grateful to God for answering our prayers and providing someone with Mr. Nelson's experience and passion to take on the leadership of our precious school.

We also received permission to begin using our two modular classrooms. What a joy to go from ideas on paper to seeing dedicated teachers decorating their new classrooms and children walking up the steps into these expanded facilities.

This year also marks the beginning of another five-year lease with Broadview Church. In a world marked by division and broken relationships, we marvel at God's grace in allowing our two organizations to continue partnering together after so many years.

Our preschool, which was located at Shuswap Community Church for the past 16 years, has now moved into the school proper. Transplanting a secure and well-established ministry was a significant challenge over the summer months. The Board wants to thank the many volunteers who played a role in making this transition a reality.

Also new this year, KCS begins a dual-credit agreement with Okanagan College. One of the challenges we face as a smaller K–12 school is providing meaningful educational experiences for our older high school students who have set their sights on trades-related vocations. Our dual-credit program is an important first step, allowing some of our high school students to receive both high school and college-level credit for trades-related courses.

Mid-summer, our former Board Chair, Curtis Meliefste, departed to begin a new pastoral ministry in Alberta. It was both sad and exciting to say goodbye to Curtis, who led with such passion for and attention to Christian education. He remains a member of the Board through to the AGM, but I took over as Board Chair following his departure.

Principal Nelson began our opening assembly by asking us, "How do we know when we are loved by someone else?" Before us was the image of Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, paying attention to His every word.

As Board Chair, I have a view to the hundreds of people who spend much of their day paying attention to KCS—to its students, its staff, its vision, its bus routes, its policies, and its sports schedules. Sometimes this work of paying attention is light and filled with laughter. On other days, it is difficult. But in love, we do it together.

Join us in prayers of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and pray that we might receive His wisdom as we steward KCS forward.

....urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph. 4:1-3



King's Christian School 2026-2027...

- Approx. 300 students from Preschool to grade 12
- 41 staff
- A dedicated Board
- A Group 1 Independent School

Public/Private/Independent schools... what's the difference?

Every student in British Columbia is assigned a certain amount of education funding by the province. The percentage of that funding received by a school varies based on the school's designation:

- Public schools receive the full amount.
- Private schools receive no funding from the province.
- Group 1 independent schools like KCS receive about 50% of the funding.

While group 1 status allows King's to present curriculum from a biblical worldview and the funding helps to moderate tuition rates, it does not fully fund the mission of KCS.

Financial contributions from our valued supporters is key to sustaining KCS as the Christian Education option in the Shuswap.





This Fall, Mr. Nelson encouraged faculty members to spend some time ruminating on their deep hopes & prayers for this school year. This provided a wonderful glimpse into how God uses alignment and diversity to work through his people as they seek his leading. Enjoy this glimpse into some of the hearts invested in KCS.

My Deep Hope is that...

"every preschooler who comes through our doors - through our words, actions, and body language - know they are loved by their teachers and their creator." SK

" as our community sits at the feet of Jesus and experiences His transforming love, King's Christian School shines as a place where students, staff, and families are deeply known and loved - overflowing with compassion for one another and the world around us." SN

"we navigate the complexities of science with critical minds and humble hearts, holding space for diverse interpretations while remaining firmly anchored in our primary calling: a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus First, Wonder Always." JN

"students know, feel, and believe how important they are, that they are beautiful as they are and that they were created with precise intention as they are. The hope is that they leave our classroom with confidence out into their world and that their words and actions are a shining light to those around them of something much greater than themselves." EW

"my students will better understand how to love God and their Neighbour through my games." BB

"my students will grow in awe and wonder of who God is and all he has done for them. Ultimately, I pray they are compelled by His love to live lives of joyful service to God and their community.." CH

"my students experience belonging within our class community shaped by Christlike kindness, empathy, and trust, where grace and forgiveness are freely offered when those bonds are challenged and relationships are strained." KN

"my students, in communal gatherings and as individuals, would be challenged to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with the God who created them in HIs image.." SK

"Jesus will shape us as a community united in purpose, healed by grace, growing in confidence, and investing faithfully together in the life and mission of the school." PT

"my students learn to see the good in this chaotic world by going back to the Lord Jesus' teachings and not getting caught up in increasingly polarizing public discourse, while at the same time, be upstanding members of the community who emanate Christ-like qualities in an out of the classroom.." CF

"we faithfully live out our school values by cultivating an inclusive community where every student is known, valued, and empowered to thrive, and encouraged to reach their God-given potential through Christ-centered learning, meaningful relationships and a commitment to service" CO

"my students will start to understand who they are as image bearers of Christ, that they will seek Him first and not the glory of this world. I hope that my students leave in June more confident of their self-worth in Christ, and more empathetic towards their peers, family , and community.." LG

Opportunities for Giving

There are many ways to contribute financially to the mission of KCS; one-time, annual, and monthly gifts are all gratefully welcomed.
If you'd like more information or to share an idea, we'd love to chat with you!

All Year Legacy Gifting	Supporters who wish to bestow a donation to honour a life event, such as the passing of a loved one or the graduation of a student, are welcome to do so throughout the year.
All Year Tuition Fund	We invite you to partner in our dream that tuition would never be a barrier for families who value Christian Education.
All Year King's Annual Fund Appeal	Donations designated to the Enhancements Fund will be directed to Enhancing the Student Experience - including the **Fresh Space Campaign**.
All Year Armstrong Co-op locations	Use #94945

2026 Donation Tax Receipt Deadline: Dec. 15
To receive a charitable tax receipt, 2026 donations must be received on or before Dec.15.

Thank You!

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Fresh SPACE campaign
GROW • CONNECT • THRIVE

We are seeing some really FUN progress in our outdoors Fresh Spaces!
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Windmill Meat fundraiser, and to summer volunteers for ALL your hard work!











Learn more about the

Fresh Space Campaign

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MISSIONS 2027

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45

Putting our KCS value of Service into practice, throughout the 2026-27 school year we will be building increased awareness and opportunity for students of all ages to participate in local missions and service projects. Grandpals, gr. 8-12 Service Day, and the Christmas Market are a few of the ways the kids of KCS will be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbours.

2027 is also a travel year for the KCS Missions Team! 20 grade 11 & 12 students will spend a week at YWAM Mazatlan, serving and building a home for a local family. This trip is a formational opportunity for our students to experience the fulfillment that comes from valuing others above yourself.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

Philippians 2:3



Askew's Gift Cards	Purchase gift cards at the school office (cash or cheque)
Refundables	Bring your clean refundables to the school or take them to any Return-It Express depot, create a personal account, and opt to donate the funds to King's Christian School.
flipgive	Use your *regular shopping* to support the Short Term Missions Team trip to YWAM Mazatlan! flipgive link enrolment code: PMXR2NWNXN7C

SAVE THE DATE!
FEB. 6, 2027
DESSERT AUCTION

COMMUNITY at KCS, *you're invited!*

Society Annual General Meeting

Nov. 3 @ 7pm
BEFC Youth Room
voting privileges are reserved for "members in good standing"

September 2027 will mark
50 YEARS
of King's *educating for life!*

If you have a history with KCS, please use the "to connect" link below to help us keep you informed about anniversary celebrations in 2027-28!



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