



Chairman's Message

A new school year is well upon us, meaning the hectic shuffle we all let slide (just a little) for the summer is back in force, keeping us all running from morning until night. Here on council, we are once again doing all we can to help facilitate and streamline the day to day operation of our schools. From creating policy that protects students and empowers parents, to safeguarding the importance of the teacher in the classroom to ensuring the overall viability of a Catholic education, our Council – through its volunteer members – works hard to ensure that our schools function as best they can. Oversight is by no means easy but it is an integral part of any multi-level organization.

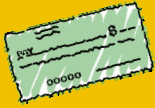
This school year, one of our Council's newest initiatives seeks to improve the general communication between our Council and the broader school community. As such, welcome to our all-new newsletter. This newsletter is the first of its kind (at least in recent memory) and looks to provide a basic insight into the workings and operations of our school council. As a body, we are tasked with overseeing many aspects of our shared school community. Things like finances, education, maintenance, ways and means, public relations and policy all fall under our collective mandate. Make no mistake, our members do a lot but they certainly don't do it all. Whether it's the many teachers, administrators, staff, volunteers or countless others it's easy to see that the successes we enjoy are thanks to the efforts of many. We're all in this together and the more we know about what each person does the better we can propel ourselves forward.

Take a moment and get to know those on council volunteering for our schools and please consider doing so yourself in the future. Make a note of the committees and the important work they do, and find out what they need by way of help. Whether it's proposing new ideas or making offers to volunteer, I am certain any efforts made to keep the lines of communication open will only help in allowing us to pull together as one to make this school year our best ever.

Let's have a wonderful 2010-2011 school year!

Jarrold Thalheimer, KCISC Chair

Give the gift of education with Tuition Vouchers



The KCISC now has tuition vouchers available. Full-colour, card-stock gift certificates appropriate for birthdays, baptisms, confirmations or even just to help out a family in need. Tuition vouchers are a wonderful way to promote Catholic education to friends and family. All tuition vouchers purchased receive a corresponding charitable tax receipt (see Cece for limited restrictions) for the amount purchased. Don't delay – get your KCISC Tuition Vouchers today!

Council Needs YOU!!!

Our Kelowna Catholic Independent School Council currently has FIVE openings available for lay members.

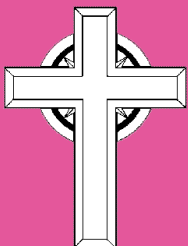
Representatives are needed from St. Edward's, St. Teresa's, St. Pius X, Holy Spirit and the Dormition. To stand for council

you must be a registered member of the parish in question and be willing to commit to regular, monthly council meetings, special or emergency meetings and the annual AGM. Volunteers are also expected to participate in at least two inter-council committees and be willing to represent our

schools in a leadership role. If think you can help our schools by volunteering at a higher level please contact your pastor directly or call Jarrod Thalheimer, KCISC chair for more information.

KelownaCatholic.org

Our family of websites is already one year old! Let's celebrate our first birthday by filling it up with NEW PICS from our school community. If you have any pictures that you think would be great for our school website and extended advertising efforts please send or deliver them to the PR Committee c/o our school. We need your help to keep our world wide web face fresh and inviting. Thanks!



New School Update

While fresh information on our shared quest for a new school may seem hard to come by these days it's important to know that the wheels are still turning. Tasked with fulfilling two new requirements requested by the CISND Board of Directors, our KCISC is currently seeking a new individual to help move the project forward. As the past New School Sub-Committee chair (Jarrod Thalheimer) was recently elected chair of the overall KCISC he unfortunately becomes unable to continue in the role of sub-committee chair. Accordingly, a search has begun for someone to continue on in this very necessary task. Still, while a new individual is being sought, work has nonetheless continued and we are now looking at breaking the project into several bit-size phases or elements to hopefully allow the budget to be more easily funded. The goal remains to move the new school project forward sooner rather than later. If you, or anyone you know, feel that they are the person to step up and keep this project moving forward please contact the chair of the KCISC, Jarrod Thalheimer for more details. No matter what, St. Joseph Elementary needs to secure its physical future and the KCISC is committed to making that goal a reality.



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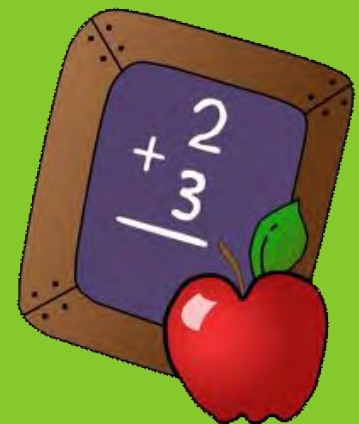
Two new leaders have emerged in our schools, one from within and another from afar. Our own Lois Ehman has stepped forward to take on the role of vice-principal (among others) at Immaculata Regional High while Andrew Wallace has recently joined our family as the new Principal of St. Joseph Elementary. Here's to their success in the years to come.

Did You Know?

The KCISC Ways and Means committee was originally formed to find ways (and means) to cover shortfalls in our school's annual operational budget so that tuition increases would always be a last resort. Budget deficits



were (and still are) targeted first by Ways & Means. Things like program selection, cost of living increases, school upkeep, etc. are preserved annually thanks to the various fundraisers held over the year. This commitment remains solid as ever as this year's annual fundraiser will work first to spare our families from prohibitive tuitions and then towards planning for the future.



Did You Know?

That anyone wishing to donate monies for a specific purpose not already in place in our schools must first present a proposal to the Finance Chair?

Additionally, anyone soliciting funds for a specific purpose for the schools must first present a proposal to the Finance Chairperson and/or the school Principal. They in turn are then obligated to present it to the appropriate committee of the Council, which then makes a recommendation to the entire Council. It may seem like a long, complicated process but the hoped for result is a school community that functions together, pursuing their shared goals as one.



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