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Dear BCCA Families,

Summer Mailout for High School SY 2021-2022

Greeting

Greetings from myself and the BCCA High School staff. I'm thankful to be writing this message to our high school community. The last school year ended with a phenomenal grad trip with our departing senior students, and I hope they, and all of you as well, have kept the pace by enjoying the beauty of God's creation all throughout British Columbia. As a native Saskatchewanian, I am still amazed at how beautiful and green this province can be in the warmer seasons. My family has been all over the province this summer as we try to camp as much as possible, while also getting as far away from telecommunications as we can. Like a 90's computer that has been left on for a couple of days, it's good to restart or reset every once and awhile. I hope that our students have done well in their camp service, time with friends and family, or just resting, and that you are all ready to reverse your nocturnal habit and rejoin us in our school community.

Devotional

David writes in Psalms 19:1 that, "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." Our God is great, and He has embedded His glory and skill into the fabric of creation itself; its very existence, our existence, points us to our Creator. David also sings that God's law, testimony, statutes, commandments, and judgements are perfect, sure, right, pure, enduring, and true. In times of fear and uncertainty, when the world around us seems to have lost its way, we can use these gifts of our Lord to be a reliable foundation to keep us steady and compass to keep us true.

First Day Back

High school supplies list has not changed but students are reminded to charge up their devices the night before so that their batteries are ready for a day's learning. Welcome back day is September 07, 2021, with grades 9-12 meeting at our Christmas Way campus. As usual, it will be a half day with dismissal around 11:30 am, when we will be having our Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. Parents are welcome to come up and receive some ice cream as well, just park at the back parking lot and come up if you like, or students can be summoned to meet you at your vehicles.

Student Uniform Code Reminder

Students are to be in full uniform as of the first day. That means the proper clothing and attire from the uniform store, Neat Uniform. Please remind the students that hair and jewelry need to be in accordance to the Student Uniform Code. That means only simple basic piercings for our young women, including a single nose piercing if necessary, and no piercings for our young men. If male students do have piercings, they must use clear plugs while at school, worn before and after arriving at the school. Hair colour for all students must be natural colours, for example no greens or pinks (all colours except for natural colours are not permitted). Young men's hair must be kept short, meaning hair should not cover their ears and should not make contact with their shirt collars. Young women's hair should also not be styled in a way that are too extreme or immodest. As with all matters relating to appearances, our

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guiding principles are clean, modest, and appropriate. Please refer to the Uniform Code if you have other questions.

School Covid Update

The last information received by the ministry of education at the end of June stated a relaxing of almost all Covid-based restrictions by the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. However, with rising concerns about the Delta-strain variant, we are on standby for new guidelines. Until such time, we are planning inline with the instructions already provided. Unless otherwise stated, neither masks will be required by students in school, nor vaccinations. These are of course personal choices and recommended by the Health Ministry, so please talk to your children and make the best decisions for your families.

School Camping Trip

We are going to be postponing our trip to Mt. St. Helens with our upper grade students because of the challenge of navigating the borders during Covid and Delta based constraints. An alternative trip will be planned and provided at the beginning of the school year and we'll be making up that excursion later in the year.

School Life Information

Unless otherwise required by the ministry, the school will be reinstating all of our regular functions of student life, including lockers and lunches. This means that students will be able to heat up their food during lunch period. For students 10-12, they may receive permission to leave campus during lunch period to purchase their food locally, whereas this privilege will not be held by grade 9 students who must remain on campus. This permission only extends to the lunch period, if students need to leave campus at any other time during the day, they must do so with parent/guardian permission and clearance from the administration.

New Staff

Please see the notice below for some bios of our new staff this fall. We're excited to welcome our brother and sister in Christ to our school community.

Conclusion

Thank you for your continual support of our school in establishing a safe and caring environment that is based on our school's values around biblical standards. Everyday, we appear less and less like the world and that's okay. Our goal is not to be like the world, or conformed to the world, but rather we are here to help in the transforming of the students in the renewing of their minds that they may be good and acceptable according to the perfect will of God (Romans 12:2).

August 17, 2021.

Sincerely,
Mr. Miguel Zhou
High School Principal
BC Christian Academy

*As always,
The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*



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Introducing new High School Teaching Staff 2021-2022



Nathan Paul

Hey, my name is Nathan Paul and I'm so excited to be joining the team at BCCA! I also work full time as the Youth Ministry Director at Broadway Church in Vancouver, and I have a passion to see young people step into all God has for them. I believe they have so much potential to do amazing things for God and I love seeing them step into that and live up to that potential. Growing up, my youth pastor made such an impact on my life, giving me someone to look up to at a time in my life that I was more lost than ever. Now I get the privilege to make that same impact on students' lives today.

Image 1 Taken from Broadway Church Website

I love anything creative! Everything from art, to music, to writing. And by far, my favourite thing to do in the world is go surfing. At least twice a year I make the trip to Tofino, or Washington to spend the weekend on the beach surfing. And if I'm not at the beach, you can find me at a coffee shop fueling my addiction to caffeine (pray for me). Lastly, the thing I love most is Jesus, and my hope and prayer in life is that I can glorify God and introduce others to Him.



Lila Lam

Growing up in Hong Kong and Australia, I attended a Christian school and knew I wanted to be a teacher. After graduating from university, I started my teaching career at a Christian international school, which has allowed God to continue to grow and stretch me as I strived to become more like Him. Through these experiences, I was able to put my faith into action and learn to trust and be guided by Him in new ways. I am grateful that He has now brought me to BCCA to serve. As for my interests, I am an aspiring foodie and love pottering around with arts and crafts projects on the weekend.