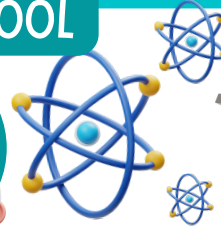


WELCOME BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL

LETTER FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MR MIGUEL ZHOU



Dear BCCA families,

Happy School 30th Anniversary! Well this summer has felt like we have gone out of the fire and into the frying pan. I believe this is the fifth year in a row of record breaking heat. As a prairie boy from Saskatchewan, I am no stranger to heat, but our present coastal humidity is a doozy. God designed humans to beat the heat with sweat by having the evaporation of the fluids on our skin absorb our body's heat, therefore cooling us down. You may think of a refreshing summer spritzing. However, when it has been as humid as it has been, it defeats the sweating mechanism and so your body will just keep sweating hopelessly while building up heat, in an unfortunate repeating cycle. But here is a cool fact, this humidity is also why any air conditioned space feels extra refreshing because the machines also strip excess humidity out of the air, therefore providing relief in temperature and humidex. This reminds me of Christ's words in Revelation 3:15-16. Although Jesus is speaking of drinking water, the sentiment is similar. We can enjoy the heat, we can enjoy the cool, but a muggy day is displeasing to all.

I would like to reach out and say hello from BCCA as we are about a month away from the beginning of school. I hope you have all been finding time to spend with friends and family, whether on a pre-booked day at Buntzen Lake or "chilling" at the mall. My family has been able to get a way a couple of times to enjoy the vast beauty of this land God has created. It is my prayer for you, our community members, that God give you ample time for rest and recreation, that you may have clear vision and also the courage to do as we have been called by Christ to share the gospel with all the nations.

Here are a few things to note for our upcoming school year:

1. School starts September 06, 2022

a. Please meet at 1019 Fernwood, The Elementary and Middle School Campus

i. this first day of school only.

b. It is our standard half-day to start with a special wind-up following our morning together

c. Sept. 07, 2022 is our first full day at Christmas Way Campus

2. There are a couple of parent meetings upcoming at the beginning of the school year on September 8, 2022. Parent 101 @ 6:00 pm and the Parent Information Session @ 7:00 pm

3. Students are expected to be in full uniforms from day one

a. If you need to purchase, update, or refresh any items, please make your orders ASAP through the Neat Uniform store.

b. Here is a link to our current Uniform Code/Standard, which I repeat is mandatory for all students k-12.

c. Please also note expectations for PE Uniforms

d. With repeated uniform violations, students will be sent home to retrieve their appropriate school attire in order to be allowed to attend classes, tests, or exams. If parents cannot pick up their children, then students will be sent home through a transportation service and families will be charged to their account.

4. The School Day schedule is the same as last year

a. Students arrive at 8:15 am

b. Classes are finished by 2:50 pm

c. Students must be off campus by 3:30 pm, unless they are meeting with staff for pre-arranged appointments, such as extra-curricular activities, tutoring, or office hours

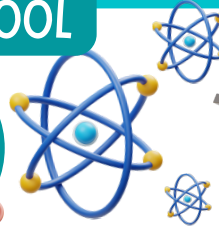
d. For shuttling service, please check with our office staff

5. We have switched to a Trimester scheduling this year to better accommodate our students' learning needs and the demands of our academic requirements, this means we will be running 2 terms with three courses each for 13.5 weeks, and a final term that will have only two courses for 9 weeks at the end of the school year



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- Term 1: Sept – December
- Term 2: January – mid April
- Term 3: mid April – June

6.. Only students in grades 10–12 may leave campus for lunch upon the completion (which means submission) of the Off-Campus at Lunch Permission form. Grade 9 students are not included in this privilege.

7. We will be continuing with our ban on mobile devices during school hours, as this demonstrated a significant improvement in students behaviour and academic success.

a. If students are using mobile devices when they are not supposed to be, meaning in the classrooms or during breaks in class or between classes, then these devices will be confiscated and taken to the office

b. If students want to retrieve their devices, they may do so with either a minimum donation of \$5 to a charity of the school's choice, like our school's Compassion Sponsor Child, or a parent/guardian may pick-up the device at the end of the school day.

8. Students are expected to be present with their classes during the school day. Although we did have an exception granted for online learning during the government ordered lockdowns, it has been widely proven that the best learning environment for the average student is in the classroom with their teachers and peers.

a. This means that if your child is sick, please stay home and focus on resting and getting better

b. If you are needing to be away from school for non-medical reasons, the school will not be providing auxiliary services beyond the standard class notes, it is impossible to reproduce the quality of learning provided by live, interactive, in-person learning.

9. Families who are planning trips during the school year must fill out a Vacation Request Form for their children from the office, to be reviewed and approved by the principal.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns on the above. We can be reached at our school office in-person, over telephone at 778-819-8534, or over email at office@bccaschool.ca. May God continue to bless you and keep you under His wings of protection.

"The LORD bless you and keep you: the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you..." (Numbers 6:24-25)

With sincere gratitude,

Miguel Zhou

High School Principal

BC Christian Academy

