



Blues News

K.C.V.I. Newsletter

June 2017

Administration Reflections KCVI....Where Tradition Meets the Future!

Message From Administration

As the 2016-2017 school year concludes and we prepare for graduation it is important to reflect on all of the incredible accomplishments of our amazing KCVI students. This includes winning at the local, regional, and provincial stages in athletics, winning at the DECA international (business) championships, winning at Mathematics team competitions, and raising over \$26,000 in the Relay for Life event. These and numerous other achievements are truly amazing accomplishments that reflect on the excellent school that KC is.

Our 225th Anniversary Celebration will take place starting September 28th – October 1st, 2017. Students, staff and our K.C.V.I. Alumnae will be busy in the Fall preparing for this exciting event. For registration and event details please see our K.C.V.I. website. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on this celebratory weekend.

End of Year Remarks

This time of year is both exciting and sad for staff and students. Grade 12 students that many of us have gotten to know well over the past four years are graduating and moving on to new things. We are also sad to announce that five of our exemplary teachers are retiring this year. We would like to wish Sam Miller, Sandra Davison, Mike Patterson, Marc Bishof and Barb Halladay happy and fulfilling retirements.

Thank you!

I would like to extend a special thank you to our School Council Co-Chairs Linda Murray and Nicky Richardson for their unwavering commitment throughout the year. We would also like to recognize Deanna McConnell as she

was also an invaluable member of School Council. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the rest of the parents/guardians who joined us for these meetings and supported Council events. Staff are very appreciative of the support parents/guardians provide.

The first School Council meeting of the 17-18 school year will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

Student Timetables and Fall Start Up

Students should have received their timetable for 17-18 before the end of June. If required, timetables can be changed at the end of August (details in the information package). The school is open from Monday, August 28th onwards and the first day back is Tuesday, September 5th.

KCVI SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours for the summer are the following:

- July 3rd to July 20th open from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (**closed on Fridays**)
- **CLOSED** from July 24th until August 17th
- Reopened starting August 22nd

Parents and students will receive a package in the summer providing information about school start-up and report cards. Start-up information will also be posted on KCVI's website at <http://kcvilimestone.on.ca/> under "News and Events".

Please continue to follow us on Twitter
[@talyamckenna/KCVI](https://twitter.com/talyamckenna/KCVI)

STUDENT SERVICES

Timetables

KCVI students returning to the school for September 2017 were given a copy of their 2017-2018 timetable during the month of June. Students were encouraged to come to the student services office to make any changes prior to leaving for the summer. **In the event that your son/daughter still requires a timetable change, the student services office will be open Monday, August 28 - Thursday, August 31 from 8:30am-2:30pm.** Students will be seen on a first come, first-served basis. Please come prepared to wait. We will do our best to make the appointments as efficient as possible. As always, students will be issued a finalized timetable on the first day of school. Over the summer, the sequence of classes on a student's schedule may change as we attempt to balance class sizes and finalize our staffing. **Students should always use the schedule issued on the first day of school as their official schedule.** Student services will again be open during the first 2 weeks of school for any final changes.

Volunteer this Summer

Summer is a great time for students to work on completing their mandatory community volunteer hours. All students must complete a minimum of 40 community volunteer hours as a part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. We encourage students to get out this summer, and make a difference in their community! The Community Hour log form can be downloaded from the KCVI website. Completed forms can be returned to the student services office at KCVI in September.

Education and Career/Life Planning

Students heading into grade 11 and 12 are encouraged to spend some time this summer researching options for life beyond KCVI. We encourage students to consider the following questions: **Who am I? What are my opportunities? Who do I want to become? and What is my plan for achieving my goals?** The following three websites are used daily by our student services staff to show students where to research (include program requirements, mark cut off requirements, etc.)

- electronicinfo.ca (complete database of Ontario University programs)
- otariocolleges.ca (complete database of Ontario College programs)
- myblueprint.ca (all programs within Canada)

http://www.limestone.on.ca/Programs/Guidance/10FC8AB4-00870BC8.1/222016_115746_0.gif?src=.PNG



KCVI's Guide to Life after High School

The student services department, together with the help of our Student Association, made a special effort to connect with Grade 12 students prior to them leaving our school this spring.

Our ACW Emma-Jane Hamilton put together a wonderful resource called "KCVI's Guide to Life After High School" which includes information on such things as: career searching skills, time and stress management, maintaining healthy relationships, budgeting, and strategies for mental wellness and balance. She even threw in a few 4-ingredient recipes for those who will be cooking for themselves. Student services staff met with many of our graduates for a quick exit interview to share this resource, and check in about any questions about their transition to work or school for September 2017.

We were able to answer many questions regarding post-secondary course selection, where and how to access OSAP, and where to get additional support at various colleges and Universities. The remaining books will be available for pick up at Graduation.

IB PROGRAM

KC Goes to the Stratford Festival

At the end of May, Mr. Kevin Fraser and Ms. Helen Davis, accompanied 30 drama and IB English students for a wonderful two days of theatre at the Stratford Festival. Half the students attended the opening night of *Guys and Dolls* while the other half saw KC alumna Maeve Beaty in *School for Scandal*. Both shows were high energy, visually spectacular shows. Students took an informative Warehouse Tour where they learned about prop making, set design, and costuming. The dress up opportunity at the end of the tour was a favourite among all grade levels. *Romeo and Juliet* was the final play of the trip where students saw a pared down set and elaborate Elizabethan costumes in a faithful production of the famous tragedy.



International Baccalaureate (IB) Update



This past year we had a record number of students in grades 9-12 participate in the Limestone Pre-IB and IB Diploma programmes. 190 students enjoyed the more challenging classes and the principles of the IB Programme mission statement: “The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”

We wish our graduating class of 2017 continued success as they move on to their new endeavours at university next year. We will miss all of you!

IB Diploma students in next year’s grade 11 class will be taking part in a full day workshop on October 24th with Eric Lauzon on the IB Approaches to Learning. All IB parents and guardians are invited to save the date for the evening of Tuesday, October 24th for a special session designed just for them. More details will be sent home in the fall.



TedX

This past May, KCVI hosted a local TEDxYouth event, TEDxYouth@KCVI. Students Matthew Thompson and Joshua Auchincloss worked under the supervision of IB coordinator, Ms. Helen Davis, to have 10 talented individuals speak about their passions; with the assistance of a large group of student volunteers, the event was a success! KCVI student speakers Ava Waugh, Matthias Leuprecht, Hannah McNeilly, Blythe Dujardins, Joshua Auchincloss, and Garrison Mack, each held excellent TEDx talks for the event, with a few added professional speakers, Jill Downie, Jen Fitzpatrick, Mischa Kaplan, and Carl Richards, who volunteered to talk this year. Stay tuned for the next year's event and information, which will be posted to

Instagram (@tedxyouthkcvl), Twitter (@ib_limestone) and Facebook.



ATHLETICS

Athletics Update

KCVI congratulates all Athletic Award winners and athletes this year. It has been a hard year of training with many outstanding achievements.



Football

Welcome to the 2017/18 school year and football season. This year K.C.V.I. will be offering a JR football team in concert with

L.C.V.I. The team will be coached by Mr. B. Watt from KCVI and Mr. J. Day from LCVI along with community volunteers. The coaching staff is very excited about the opportunity to continue building an enjoyable and competitive program as we look forward to the construction of the new secondary school. We hope your child will consider being involved.

The SR football camp will begin **Tuesday September 5th from 3:00 pm until 4:15 pm at Winston Churchill PS** involving students from both KCVI and LCVI. This camp will in part help finalize some of the decisions around the running of that team. It is very important that all senior aged players (born between 1998-2001) attend the camp. We strongly encourage any interested junior age players (born in 2002 or 2003) to attend the JR camp starting September 5th as well so that coaches can begin the process of handing out permission forms and issuing equipment to

returning players. It is recommended that students have running shoes, shorts and t-shirts in order to participate in some of the activities. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Watt at wattb@limestone.on.ca

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

Congratulations to the following students who have earned an SHSM Designation in the following Sectors:

Arts & Culture

Shaylah Atkinson
Edward Brown
Kiersten Gilmour
Jack Little
Breesha Maylin
Isra Mohammed
Jake Norman
Ryan Peddigrew
Nicholas Serre
Adora Stinson
Rachael Walker

Health & Wellness

Michelle Whitley
Tara Whitley

Specialist High Skills Major

Students who complete the requirements for the OSSD and SHSM program will receive an OSSD embossed with a red "Specialist High Skills Major" seal. Credits earned toward an SHSM are indicated on the Provincial Report Card, and the completion of an SHSM program is recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. Additionally, students receive an SHSM Record card outlining their achievement with respect to the five required components, and a copy of that record is filed in the student's Ontario Student Record.

Key Benefits for the SHSM Student:

- Customized secondary school education to suit their interests and talents
- Specialized knowledge and skills

- Sector-recognized certification and career relevant training
- Essential skills and work habits developed and documented through the Ontario Skills Passport
- Defined career goals and informed decisions for the future
- Flexibility and the option to shift pathways, should goals and plans change.

How to Get Started with SHSM

Students in Grade 10 interested in SHSM Art and Culture should speak to a guidance counsellor or subject teacher.

Students in Grade 11 will identify with their guidance counsellor but the student and the parent should understand the SHSM program does have an added level of rigour applied over a two-year period.

To learn more about the SHSM, please contact the Student Services Department.

KCVI MUSIC

This year was a very rewarding and successful year for KCVI Music. The classes were lovely. The Concert Band was a joy to direct and conduct every Monday this year. The Band and the Semester one grade 9 class performed wonderfully in December at the Holiday Concert. This was followed by a terrific trip to The Body Guard in March. The Band performed in April at the Kiwanis Festival, and earned an A+ from the adjudicator. In addition to this phenomenal mark, they also won \$100.00 and the Kingston Kiwanis Music Festival Award for Band!

In May, the Semester two grade 9 class, the senior music class, and the Band performed amazingly at the Spring Concert. The Concert Band performed their challenging Kiwanis Festival piece---In The Presence of Heroes (by composer James Swearingen)---one last time at the year-end assembly in June. We have one final activity to close the year---the traditional Band BBQ at Ms. Davison's house!

I (Ms. Davison) am retiring this year after 31 years of teaching.....28 of them at the amazing institution, we affectionately call KCVI. I had the good fortune to teach many, many wonderful students at

this school (and a few others). It has been an absolute pleasure to direct and conduct the KCVI Concert Band in my final year with students who were wonderful, talented, dedicated, and enthusiastic. Thank you to all of you!

Finally, it has been an honour and a privilege to teach all the music classes (and a few math classes), and to direct and conduct every Junior Band, Senior Band, and Concert Band at KCVI over the last 28 years. I will always remember my teaching days at KCVI with fondness. I will look back at my career knowing that teaching was the only profession for me. A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing staff and students who made my 28 years at KCVI memorable and amazing!

Ms. Sandra Davison

BEYOND THE HURT

Teams of students were trained at the beginning of this school year to help promote healthy relationships and a culture of caring at KCVI. These students were trained by the Red Cross to deliver "RespectEd" workshops to their peers on topics related to harassment and bullying prevention.

The premise of the program is that peers listen to peers; a message delivered by adults is far less effective than when that same message is delivered by a peer. The Grade 9 health classes have been our biggest audience so far but we are planning to visit our feeder schools too. Workshop topics include use of power, stereotyping, bullying and cyberbullying, harassment, sexual harassment. The group has also run events like Pink Shirt Day and Random Acts of Kindness poster campaigns.

Thank you to our new recruits: Miles Brackenbury, Adam Chard, Jocelyn Danby, Lydia Elbatarny, Grace Jackson, Theo Tietzen-Braun, Reegan Tod, and Jonah Udovc and to our graduating members Alex Beamish, Erin Green, Sabira Sayeda, Dania Shaban, Erin Peterson, Tim Montgomery for helping make KCVI a positive place to be.

YPI

KCVI has just finished celebrating its 11th year of giving to the community through its involvement in YPI. Because of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative KCVI students are responsible for helping local social service charities receive \$55 000 since 2006. This project is funded by the generosity of the Toskan Casale Foundation and TD Canada Trust.

This year's \$5000 grant was awarded to the most convincing presentation of the issues addressed by Lunch By George on behalf of Miles Brackenbury, Ben Lienhard and Rhys Milne. Other final presentations championed Kids Inclusive by Bri Farrow, Madeleine Makarenko and Kyara McKegney and Lunch By George by Johanna Loock, Young Chang, Owen Bruce and Declan Lawford-Wickam.

Congratulations to these young active citizens for using their skills to raise awareness of some of the social issues in Kingston and the organizations that help. YPI is just the beginning!

littleBits **HAVE ARRIVED!**

Thanks to a grant from the Limestone Learning Foundation, the KCVI Learning Commons Makerspace is now the proud owner of 2 littleBits workshops. What's a littleBit? They're electronic building blocks from which any number of interesting gadgets and machines can be created and controlled through a BlueTooth littlebit. The Learning Commons is working with the Science Department to bring these 21st century learning components to our Grade 9 students as they work to understand electricity and circuits. Our first class spent two days creating games for each other to play. In the process, they learned how electricity moves through circuits and how BlueTooth devices work. And littleBits don't just fit into a science classroom, they fit in any curricular area and come with a huge sharing community to help teachers find ways to use them in their subject.

EXPLORING TECH

Students in the grade 9 Exploring Technologies program recently completed their skateboard design project. The project included vacuum forming veneers, shaping, and graphic design. The goal was to encourage healthy active living while providing students with a mode of transportation. Equipping the skateboards with trucks and wheels was made possible through a partnership with Zumiez, a local skateboard and clothing retailer.



