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## Welcome to the KCVI School Newsletter



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A regular update of news and events  
from KCVI School Council

September 2009

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### Greetings!

Welcome back! And warm greetings to all the incoming parents of Grade 9 students. While summer seems to be coming to a speedy end, we are pleased to welcome you to the first newsletter of the 2009/10 school year. We're glad you signed up for this newsletter and hope that it is a useful source of information to you. Feel free to contact us if there are things you'd like to know about which we haven't touched on. Many KCVI parents have yet to sign up for this newsletter, so please forward this message onto other parents you know. It's easy to sign up. All they need to do is visit the KCVI website (<http://kcvilimestone.on.ca>) click on the school council link, and follow the directions.

### September Council Meeting

The first meeting of the KCVI School council takes place on Tuesday 8th September from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Centennial Room at KCVI. The Centennial Room is across from the main office on the first floor.

At our first meeting of the year, we will have introductions and reports on what is happening from KC's Head Girl and Boy, the Principal, and teacher representative. We will also be asking you for input on what topics you would like to hear more about to help plan future meetings.

Membership of School Council is by election, and elections will take place at the September 8th meeting. Council is only as representative as the people who attend, so be sure to tell your friends, in order to ensure a strong turnout on the 8th.

### Reminders from the June School Newsletter

#### Attendance Calls and School Announcements - Improving Communication With SchoolConnects

Beginning this September, KCVI will be engaging the services of Synrevoice Technologies and using a program called SchoolConnects. This company focuses on providing solutions to help schools enhance communication with their communities as well as increase administrative efficiency. This powerful two-way communication tool for educators is interactive and delivers daily attendance and occasional school-wide messages to parents, staff and students.

Parents and/or guardians will be notified by receiving automated telephone messages when a student is absent. This level of increased communication has been shown to enhance student safety, reduce absenteeism and tardiness. The program is web-based, and imports attendance data from our Student Information Management System and automatically calls parents and guardians to notify them of student absences. It conveys information specific to each absence incident,

including the date of absence and periods missed. It also asks parents to indicate the reason for the absences using the telephone keypad or by leaving a voice message. In situations where certain students routinely intercept the messages, PIN numbers can be given to the parents to let them authenticate receipt of the messages.

The school updates contact information early in the semester with a form handed out during the home room period to students. If you would like more information, you would like to update your contact information, or need to report inaccurate calls, please call the Attendance Office at 613 544-9051 .

### **Timetable Changes**

Student Services will be open from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm on the following dates for timetable changes.

Tuesday August 25th - Gr 9 & 10

Wednesday August 26th Gr 11

Thursday August 27th Gr 12

### **Student Activity Cards...**

\*\* All Students need to purchase a student identification/activity card for participation in team and school activities \*\*

Student cards have lots of great local discounts on them and are needed for discounts at city transit, ski hills and anywhere else offering "student rates".

Cards will be available every day at lunch for the first two weeks of school for \$20.00. A cheque payable to KCVI is acceptable

### **Staying informed**

While most of us continue to rummage through backpacks in an often vain attempt to find out what's going on in our children's school community, it is possible to find this information out in other ways. This newsletter is one way, as is regular perusal of the school website. The student newsletter (the Student Blues) is posted on the School website ( on a two/three times weekly basis) and is a great way to learn what your kids have learned about upcoming events.

**The Cave.** Tune in to the station, 91.9 FM in Kingston or Live on the Net, to hear the CKVI students hard at work

**Feel free to call the school (613-544-4811) if you've questions about activities or events.**

### **Student Blues**

#### **Students in Grade 11 or 12?**

If you have a student in grade 11 or 12 and are considering university, the Ontario University Fair is an excellent resource in you and your students search for information. There will also be scheduled visits from universities at KC during the school days to come, but the number of representatives and student representatives at the fair is a fantastic opportunity.

#### ***Graduating from secondary school?***

#### **Considering university for the first time?**

Come to the Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF), September 25 - 27, 2009, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building).

Senior secondary school students, their teachers, family and friends are invited to attend this free event. Faculty, staff and students from Ontario's universities will be available to answer your questions. Approximately 108,000 students, parents and educators will attend the OUF this year. View photos of the 2008 OUF at the website (link below).

Visit eINFO to begin your research into Ontario's 21 universities and the programs they offer.

**OUF website for more information**

Remember, Council meetings take place the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm! If you can't make it to meetings, use the website as a way of keeping in touch with what's going on. We look forward to seeing you in the hallways!

Sincerely,

KCVI School Council

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