

Dear KCS Parents,

Over the last few months, the topic of technology has been on my mind, in particular the use of devices by each of us. If I am honest, I am on my phone too much, sometimes for good reasons but also for a mindless distraction and escape from life.

I see our students with ear buds (headphones) as well as their phones, and I wonder and worry about our ability to connect, to develop meaningful relationships, to be creative. It is not just our students who have this "problem" but also us as parents and staff.

A speaker/author that I've been blessed by over recent years is Andy Crouch. His latest topic is "The Tech Wise Family" and I'm recommending his book and/or video presentation. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeszZRwtQUg>

The presentation (linked above) is one he did at The Village Church and includes a Q & A afterwards. In his message, Mr. Crouch addresses families in particular as the foundation for a families learning, however I believe there are snippets of wisdom for us as a school as well. In a recent Education Committee meeting, this concern was brought up and so, during the February 12th PD day, our staff will be exploring the topic together seeking ways we can teach and model wisdom in regards to devices and technology.

For those of you who watch the video, Andy suggests an intentional approach to bringing an improved balance to our use of devices and thereby improving family communication. "One hour a day, one day a week, one week a year" be device free. For the one hour, his family chose supertime. The one-week a year they utilize is holidays.

A second area of concern he addresses, that I echo, is the effect screen time is having on our sleep patterns. I have heard in my classes repeated statements by students expressing how their "game play and screen time" the previous night allowed them very limited sleep. It is little wonder why middle and high school students often request naptime at 10:00 A.M.

Challenge yourself and your family to examine how the devices enhance or control your life. This is not just a child/teenager concern, but also one that each of us, young and old, faces.

May God grant you wisdom as you explore wise practices in all areas of life.

Mr. Brandsma
Principal

Note from the KCS Library

Mrs. Erasmus, our school Librarian, is grateful for all of the book donations that have been passed along to KCS this year! As a result, the Library has reached its capacity for processing and storing donations and will be unable to accept further books until September 2021. Thank you again, for your generosity.

*For from His fullness we have
all received, grace upon grace.*

JOHN 1:16

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Important Dates

Feb. 12 Pro D Day
Feb. 15 Family Day Stat. Holiday
Feb. 26 Enrolment Intent Deadline
Mar. 3 Grad Photo Day
Mar. 15-26 Spring Break
Apr. 2 Good Friday
Apr. 5 Easter Monday

KCS Enrolment Intent 2021-22

Please ensure that your family has submitted the online Enrolment Intent form for the 2021-22 school year. **The deadline for the Intent Form is Feb. 26, 2021.**

If you would like the link to the form resent to you, please email Pam Treleven: adminoffice@kingschristianschool.com

KCS K-12 Applications 2021-22

KCS is now accepting K—Grade 12 applications for the 2021-22 school year. All of our application forms are available on the school website under the **ADMISSIONS** tab. Please feel free to call the office if you need any assistance: 250-832-5200.

Preschool Registration 2021-22

Registration is now open at King's Christian Preschool for the 2021-22 school year. Please contact Susan Kamstra (Preschool Director) for more information: skamstra@kingschristianschool.com