Coach's Corner – We are almost there!

Good afternoon friends and families of MCS,

We are nearing the end of one of the most challenging years many of us have gone through. We were all tested and rose to the challenge! Thank you to our wonderful teaching staff. This has been a year like no other. We all see the countless hours you are putting in to deliver learning for your students and it is inspiring to see. I feel so blessed to be part of this team!

Parents, a big thank you to you as well. I know that balancing work and supporting at-home learning is a near impossible task. With your efforts, our students are positioned well to move into their next grade in September.

MCS community, there is light at the end of this tunnel. We are almost there!

Blessings,

Mr. Martin

Note for next week Friday: June 18

## Pick up/drop off time by last name

A-H - 12:30pm - 1:30pm I-P - 1:30pm - 2:30pm Q-Z - 2:30pm - 3:30pm Bonus time - 6-7pm

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# Class of 2021 We will miss you at MCS!

My name is *Aidan* and I joined MCS in Grade 4. My favourite memory of being in MCS would have to be painting the shed with the class. I will always remember making new friends every year and growing friendships I already had. I joined some extracurricular activities during my time in MCS, like the basketball team, the track and field team, the hockey team, and the volleyball team. I had a lot of fun during grade 8 and learned a lot. My favourite subject was History. MCS meant getting closer to God and some things I liked were playing soccer during recess, and having fun while learning. I'll miss some of my friends that won't be going to the same high school as me. I am going to

Milton District next year. I think I want to be a crane operator or heavy machine operator. A bible quote that I live by is Matthew 22:39, "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

Hi, my name is *Alastair* and I joined the wonderful school MCS at the beginning of this year. One thing I learned at MCS this year is how to make better friends because at my other school, you could say my ability to make good friends was not so good. I also learned how to divide decimals! My favourite subject this year was history but after we finished the year, I really started to like geography. To me, MCS meant a place I could express who I am, as I do at my home with my family, so that's how I felt about the people at MCS... like a new family! But as all good things come to an end this will too,

though I hope the people I met through this year I will someday see again. Next year I will be going to MDHS (Milton District High School). When I grow up, I want to be a surgeon or a lawyer. A bible quote I live by is:" Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

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My name is **Zach** and I joined MCS in the first grade. Some of my fondest memories are always with my friends- whether going outside to squeeze in a quick game of basketball even in the cold of winter. My friends will be the thing I will always remember, as I've known them for the longest time now. I will always remember each and every extracurricular, though plenty, these handfuls of activities is what built me up as a person. Grade 8 was by far my

favorite year: Mr. Miedema made the school year entertaining even if I was stuck behind a screen. I've learned many things about how I should treat my situations; I've learned to build myself up and what to value as a human being. My favourite subject is music, it is the one thing that has been with me for a long time. MCS had a nice, friendly community with the teachers and students equally fun to be around. Even though I am excited to go to Kings, I will miss what I will be losing, such as friends and teachers. I don't really have a future career in mind, though I am leaning towards something in music. A bible verse that stuck with me ever since I learned it is Jeremiah 29:11: ``For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." It is the verse that keeps me looking forward.

I'm *Taylar* and I joined MCS 11 years ago when I started pre-k. Some of my fondest memories include the way these classes, especially this one, stick together like a family. I can remember our class games of capture the flag and soccer and I just love how most was done as a class. Especially in grade 8, as we all prepare to split, I noticed we all kinda cling to whatever the last year together would provide us with. I will definitely miss my class and the community it brought as well as the teachers and staff who were always there, and supportive towards me. One thing I really appreciated about these teachers was how they always told me places I could improve in, as well as places I was doing well. This feedback will definitely help me in the future and I am grateful to them for it. I also liked the way that the teachers want to connect with you and know you personally through conversations and comments to them. Now the time has come for me to leave MCS and pursue secondary education. In the fall, I will be attending Toronto District Christian High school (TDCH). I hope to find resources there that will assist my future college and full-time career after my high school

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education. I hope to pursue a career that involves using my influence and occupation to make an impact locally and globally. I want to close with a quote that I have discovered is so true in the past multiple years. It comes from an actual quote that I tweaked to better fit the circumstances of my life, "The people who are meant to be together are the ones who go through everything that is meant to tear them apart and come out even stronger than they were before." Thank you, MCS for everything you've done for me over these 11 years.

I'm **Rebecca** and I joined MCS in Grade 5. Over the past 4 years, I have met some amazing people and have made good friends with most of them. I will never forget the Christmas parties, end-of-the-year parties, pool parties, and birthday parties because those are my favourite memories of being with my classmates and celebrating! This school has taught me so many things, like more about the gospel, and I found my favourite verse: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) This verse helps me understand that I don't have to worry about anything because God will always be there for me and will

always have a plan for me. I also learned a lot in my other subjects, and at recess, I learned how to play more sports. Before Covid, I used to do extracurricular activities like volleyball and soccer. Even though I will not be back next year, I will always cherish many memories of being in class and how the students loved playing soccer with everyone, and we were all one big group of friends. I will miss playing big soccer games at recess, art class, gym class, the last day before Christmas break, every teacher, having 2 weeks off on March break. This coming school year I will make new friends at my new school. I am going to a holding school in Burlington until the new high school in Milton is built. The new school will be called St. Kateri. After all my years of schooling, I hope to be a pediatric surgeon or just a normal surgeon or be an architect.

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My name is *Elena* and I joined MCS in 2011. One of my favourite memories at MCS is from grade 6 when we painted the shed. An experience at MCS I will never forget is the hike we went on as a school each year. I really enjoyed being in nature with our school and roasting marshmallows, hiking, and sitting by the campfire. One of my favourite



events at MCS was cross country. I always enjoyed running the cross-country race and spending time with my friends afterward. Grade 8 has been an amazing year despite all the difficulties throughout 2021. I've been able to grow a lot and I have really enjoyed some of the activities we have been able to do. Even with the pandemic and online learning, I've been able to learn a lot, not just academically. In art class, I really enjoyed being able to have some time at the end of the day where I was free to listen to music and draw with my classmates. Something about MCS that I will miss is the small class sizes and the relationships that I have had with my classmates and teachers. I know a lot of schools don't have teachers that care so much, and I will always be grateful for the support of the teachers and students at MCS. I'm very thankful for all the opportunities that MCS has given me, and I'll never forget my years at this school. A verse that has encouraged me throughout the pandemic and this school year is Deuteronomy 7:9, It says, "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenants and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."



Hi, my name is *Lincoln* and I joined MCS in SK during the year of 2012. Some of my favourite memories are playing full parking lot games of soccer with the whole class. One memory I have of playing soccer is probably when Alastair would scream "Chicken Tendies" while he would play goalie, it made me laugh every time. Something I will always remember is the friends I made here: Zachary, Aidan, and Israel are probably some of my closest friends. They have been in my class since grade 2, and I have had some good times with them. My favourite subject at MCS is PE. I have always loved gym

class because I love being active and we always play games that I love, like dodgeball, basketball, or soccer. One thing I learned while in this school is how to love God and live for him. Mr. Danielson, the bible teacher, always taught us how to treat others and show God's kindness and love towards others. I hope I can take this going into high school and show others God's grace.

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Grade 8 has been a very different year than I ever expected it to be. We have been in and out of school multiple times and being online has been way tougher than I thought it was going to be. With the help of my teachers and peers though, I was able to finish elementary school strong! Something I will miss from MCS is how small it is. I feel like I know everyone here from grades 5-8 and going into a much bigger school, I will know no one. Despite these things that I will miss, I am excited about the high school I am going to, King's Christian Collegiate. One bible verse that will stick with me through high school is Jeremiah 29: 11-13: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

......Watch out for more from the Class of 2021!

# Upcoming Events

June 16 SK Graduation
June 17 Grade 8 Graduation
June 18 End of the school year

Wednesday Chapel- June 16 Mr. Leon Brown - Speaker

Thank you for reading the Connector!



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