

March 1, 2024

Dear Parents,

I want to welcome you into our 22<sup>nd</sup> year as a society. I am proud to have been a part of the organization for half of its life! I expect the momentum of our beautiful new location to carry us forward long into the future.

For the 2024-2025 school year we hope to live into the momentum that fresh space brings, embracing the growth and development of both students and staff. We are looking forward to a continued commitment to growing our Grade 9 program; partnering with our preschool program to develop a solid Kindergarten group; and sustained academic excellence. We welcome back a team of committed teachers and support staff to make this our best year yet.

As always, our staff continues to grow and develop as teaching professionals and mentors to our students. Our school focus is largely academic, and yet Bible integration and character growth weave throughout each day. Through Outdoor education, the Arts, use of advancing technology, as well as traditional teaching methods, we are seeing student successes as they learn in ways that both inspire and challenge them. It is our great joy and privilege to walk alongside your children as they learn. We see your children as whole people and strive to offer an education that:

- Allows students to engage in hands-on activities, utilize technologies to deepen understanding, and develops leadership skills.
- Offers students opportunities to learn alongside classmates of different grades so that they can both learn from and teach their peers.
- Invites home-learners to join us for a flexible blended learning program with our sister school, CHEK ABC.
- Integrates Biblical content across subject areas in authentic and meaningful ways.
- Engages our school community, larger local community, and global community in different acts of Service Learning.
- Offers diverse learning opportunities for a wide range of learning styles and needs.

As we look forward to yet another year of learning in the Kootenays, we thank you for choosing Nelson Christian Community School. We know that you made a choice for your child(ren) to attend this Christian Education program and that continues to motivate us towards excellence.

Tracy Ashley  
Principal