

# STORIES

## FROM THE JOURNEY:

KINGSWAY  
COLLEGE SCHOOL

### KCS Head of Senior School Update

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Exciting new Learning Partners, a four-day winter camping trip, new courses and clubs, and steady construction progress are among the highlights since the previous Stories from the Journey shared in December. Personal highlights also include the many meetings and interviews I've had with prospective parents and students. "I wish I could go back to school" is a regular response from the adults learning about our program. The affirmation fuels our ongoing effort.

#### Learning Partnerships with The Boulevard Club and the Argonaut Rowing Club (ARC)

We are nearing the completion of an Agreement with [The Boulevard Club](#) that will allow us access to their athletic facilities. More details will follow as soon as they are finalized.

Likewise, we are excited to announce that we have a Learning Partnership with [ARC](#) and are finalizing the written agreement that will allow a P.E. offering from grades 9 to 12 with two year-long options: one P.E. course that will offer a variety of fitness and skill development options, and another option that will focus primarily on rowing. Students choosing the rowing option will help us build our varsity rowing team with training taking place during the school day as part of gym class. A dedicated, certified rowing coach, hired by ARC, will join the KCS P.E. teacher to deliver this unique athletic offering.

#### A Dedicated KCS Bus

KCS will be securing a dedicated KCS school bus and driver that will facilitate our place-based learning program. It will also be available to support the shuttle of students to and from the Junior and Senior School first thing in the morning and at the end of the day, with another pick-up and drop-off anticipated at a subway station.



## KCS SENIOR SCHOOL MOMENTS



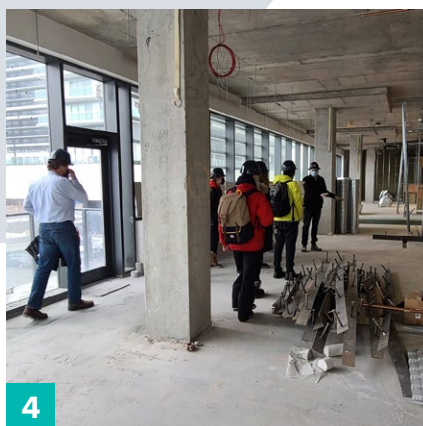
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**1:** Alive Outdoors winter camping trip;  
**2:** Path Program – visual art; **3:** Winter camping; **4:** Senior school building underway; **5:** Path Program – video production.



## WINTER CAMPING TRIP WITH ALIVE OUTDOORS



Our grade 9 students and staff joined Alive Outdoors' Matt Peters and facilitators from YMCA's Camp Wanakita in Haliburton for four days of winter fitness and personal growth.

Activities included cross-country skiing, quinzee-building, snowshoeing, tobogganing, skating, night and day hikes across the frozen Lake Koshlong, and more. As at the KCS Junior School, Outdoor Education trips will be regular sources of memories, learning, and character-building.

## LEARNING PARTNERS SINCE DECEMBER

We remain grateful to all the external experts who support enriched place-based learning at the Senior School.

Since our December update, here are the external experts who have engaged with our students:

- [Mitch Frazer](#), Chancellor, Ontario Technology University
- Elliott Bay and Alex Strain, [Real Programming 4 Kids](#)
- EcoSpark
- Aaron Alviano, Bonnie Warburton, and Cullen McFater, [Centauri Arts](#)
- Matt Peters, [Alive Outdoors](#)
- Ainsley, Josh, and Molly, [YMCA Wanakita](#)
- Jordan Mlynek, [Toronto Miracle](#)
- [Sami Jo Small](#), Three-time Olympian, Team Canada goalie
- Rudy Tomaini, Construction Project Manager, [TriAxis](#)
- Victoria Schaible, Communications and Events Coordinator, [Kingsway College School](#)
- Sam Murray, [Water First](#)

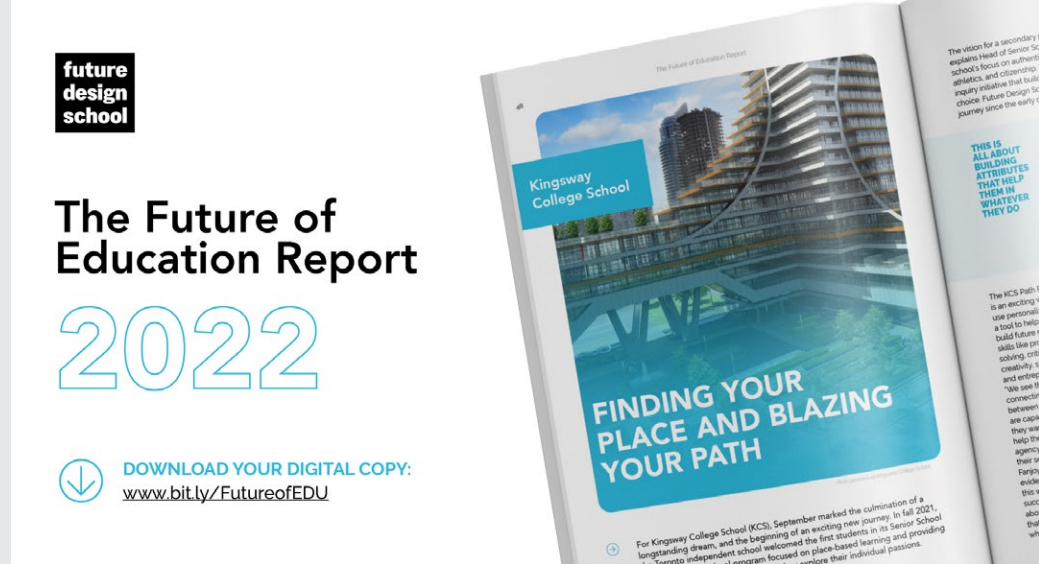
To learn more about KCS Learning Partners and the opportunity it brings to students and adults who want to make a difference, please visit our [Learning Community Program webpages](#).



## KCS SENIOR SCHOOL FEATURED IN FUTURE OF EDUCATION 2022 REPORT

The KCS Senior School model came to be thanks to the contributions of many, including thought leaders such as Future Design School (FDS).

FDS began working with KCS in 2015, helping us launch our unique KCS By Design student leadership Program. Since then, they've



helped us launch our student entrepreneurship program (StEP) and supported both strategic planning and professional development.

Serving progressive schools from around the world, FDS also publishes an annual report to support those

who know school can and must be more than the status quo.

We are grateful to FDS for sharing the KCS Senior School as a case study in their 2022 Future of Education report. Enjoy it here: 'Finding Your Place and Blazing Your Path'.

## KCS PATH PROGRAM UPDATES

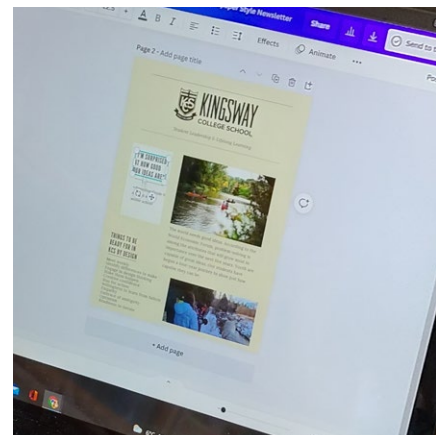
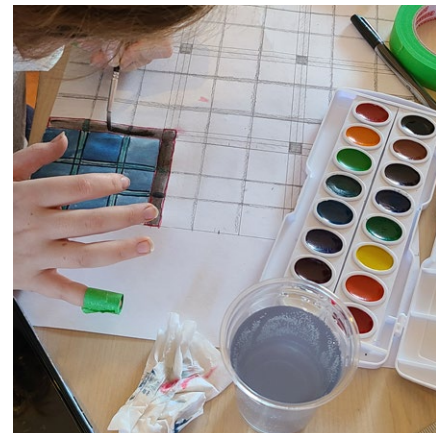
Each Wednesday afternoon includes dedicated time where students assume a lead role in their learning.

The program, spanning grades 9 to 12, will see students learning about their area of greatest interest from multiple perspectives as well as through an offsite learning experience, each year up to at least grade 11. This learning can connect to school assignments, when relevant.

Thanks to Path and our students' initiative, it's a pleasure to have the following as added areas of learning at our school:

- Design
- Dance
- Filmmaking
- Flight
- Technology
- Video game creation
- Visual art

As part of Path, two students are actively working to create a video game that will help in the upcoming launch of a significant (and as yet secret!) KCS project. Another student is applying recent learning in graphic design to create a soon-to-be-published document on our KCS By Design Program. Other student-driven initiatives include making a video tribute to athletics, a painting of a family tartan, and more. The student who chose filmmaking even stepped in to make our grade 9 contribution to the KCS Christmas showcase.





## KCS BY DESIGN

Following the KCS design thinking process, our grade 9 students have chosen water pollution as an area of the school experience they want to build.

They've learned about the challenges posed by stormwater runoff, e-coli, plastics, garbage, and other sources of toxins that threaten all lives that depend on clean water. Our December report shared multiple steps that had already been taken.

The following new initiatives are in the preparation stages:

- 1 One group is organizing a beach clean-up at Humber Bay Park West in May. We look forward to working with Learning Partner [A Greener Future](#) and some of our Junior School students to expand our community's commitment to freshwater stewardship.
- 2 A second group of students chose to focus on raising awareness at our Junior School and beyond. They're creating a presentation for a future school assembly as well as social media posts we can share in our various channels.



**Enrollment for next year is underway, hiring has begun, and course selection for next year's grade 9 and 10 students will add interesting new courses to our program.**

We look forward to sharing details as they are confirmed. In the meantime, I hope you've found this collection of updates as interesting as we've found the journey. Please email if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

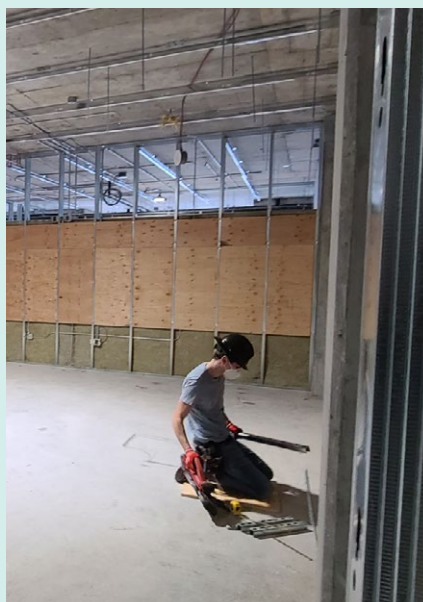
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## CONSTRUCTION AT 2183 LAKE SHORE

**Construction continues to be on schedule.**

A recent visit with the students allowed us all to walk through the various classrooms, hallways, and even the washrooms! Capturing the excitement of the visit, Rick Kunc, our Assistant Head of Senior School, interviewed one of our grade 9 students. Enjoy the resulting [vlog post here](#) and photos taken that day.



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