

KCS Head of Senior School Update

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KCS MasterChef Competition

OUR MARKET PLACE

We always knew the Market Place would be the heart of the school. With the end of phase 1 construction, this bright, inviting space has all the heart and activity we hoped for. Here's a sample of all that happens there:

- A recent math class took place there so students could build ramps as part of a lesson on slope.
- A couple weeks ago, our Grade 10 P.E. students joined Grade 6 students in a MasterChef cook-off as part of their respective health classes.
- Two students have used the space to raise money for charities related to their Path topics—one selling face masks and cards to identify problem moles (topic: dermatology) and the other selling cookies and cupcakes for her fundraiser in support of primates (topic: primatology).
- Spirit events in the Market Place have included a Beach Ball Basket Challenge as well as Mario Kart races for House points.
- An earlier event had us all singing in rounds, enjoying student-made baked goods, and building community with other fun challenges.

PLACE-BASED LEARNING THROUGHOUT TORONTO

KCS Senior School students regularly learn about their subjects by seeing them in action. Here are the locations visited since the February update:

- Boulevard Club (Grade 9 and 10 P.E.)
- Argonaut Rowing Club (Grade 9 P.E.)
- Colonel Sam Smith Park (Grade 9 P.E.)
- St. Andrew's Church (Grade 9 Music)
- Toronto Metropolitan University (whole school coding and video game design)
- Roy Thomson Hall (Grade 9–10 Music)
- St. Patrick's Church (Grade 9 Music)
- Metro grocery store (graphics design in Communications.Tech and Learning Strategies)
- Sherbourne Commons (Grade 9 P.E.)
- CinéFranco Film Festival (Grade 9–10 French)
- Array Music (Grade 9 Music)
- Annette Community Centre (Grade 9 P.E.)
- MetalWorks (Grade 10 Careers)
- Toronto Congress Centre (Toronto Skills Competition)
- High Park (Grade 9 Communications Tech)
- Alliance Française
- Museum of Illusions (Grade 10 Science)
- Centre for Social Innovation (Grade 9 CommunicationsTech)
- Central Gallery (Grade 9 CommunicationsTech)
- Graffiti Alley (Grade 9 Communications Tech)
- Nathan Phillips Square (Grade 9 CommunicationsTech)

KCS SENIOR SCHOOL MOMENTS



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- 1. Rowing Team
- 2. Ultimate Frisbee
- 3. Museum of Illusions
- 4. Argonaut Rowing Club
- 5. Lakeshore Art Session

"I am excited to be working with my Interior Design Path Mentor on our own home renovation which will allow me to get highly involved with the project and gain valuable first-hand experience!"

Ben (Grade 9) – Politics

- Created and delivered a presentation to the grade 10 Careers class on U.S.A. government
- Co-leading the Senior School Debate Club
- Walking Bloor Street to collect primary data on accessible store fronts
- Created an infographic on how to create effective campaign posters

Aria (Grade 10) – Dermatology

- Created a 3-D model of a cross-section of skin
- Spent a day learning at a Medcan dermatology clinic
- Led a fundraiser for the Skin Cancer Foundation, selling face masks and cards showing signs of problem moles
- Created an infographic "Working Out While Protecting Your Skin"
- Wrote an essay on the interaction between genetic and environmental factors on skin disorders

Finn (Grade 9) – Canadian Military History

- Researched and wrote a five-page essay "It Wasn't Over by Christmas: Canada and the Great War"
- Challenged himself to earn silver level in the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Fitness Challenge
- Learned to play The Last Post and Reveille on his trumpet
- Participated in the 2022 provincial Remembrance Day ceremony at City Hall



Student Path Project

Anna (Grade 9) – Literature and Psychology

- Writing a book set in war-era Germany
- Created a model of a German home from the era in her book
- Engaged in primary research on the impact of exercise on creativity
- Bringing the KCS Wall of Service to the Senior School

Avery (Grade 10) – Interior Design

- Researched and presented to Grade 10 Careers class on Toronto Metropolitan University and their Interior Design program
- Interviewed an Interior Design expert
- Designed and created a 2D and 3D model of a kitchen
- Toured Toronto Metropolitan University's Creative School, home of the Interior Design program

KCS LEARNING PARTNERS

While offsite learning usually includes meeting external experts, we're also grateful to have experts visiting us in school. Here are those who did so since February:

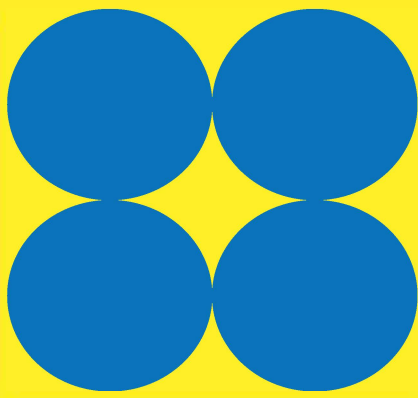
- Lorena Rodriguez, Carleton University (Grade 10 Careers)
- Zachary Nixon (KCS Alumnus)
- Julie LeMay, University of Guelph (Grade 10 Careers)
- Chris Mendoza, Centauri Arts (Grade 9 Communications Tech)
- Lucas Chang, Y2 Entrepreneurship Labs (Grade 10 Careers)
- Navid Nathoo and Damian Matheson, The Knowledge Society (whole school)
- Dianne Hadad, The Power of Right Mindfulness Karate workshops (Grade 10 P.E.)

CLUBS AND TEAMS

Based on student interest and thanks to teachers, Learning Partners, and student leaders, here are the clubs and teams offered this spring:

- Student Ambassadors
- Fitness Club
- Environmental Club
- Service Club
- Basketball Club
- Ultimate Frisbee Team
- Student-led Café Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Debate Club
- Yearbook Club
- Book Club
- Art Club
- Yoga Club
- Coding Club





All student leadership committees have identified how they want to build the school experience and are working hard to achieve their goal by the end of the year. Here are the outcomes they're all working on:

KCS BY DESIGN

Athletics Committee: Organizing the KCS Senior School's first Sports Day, being held the morning of May 19 at Humber Bay Park West.

Spirit Committee: In addition to leading multiple House and spirit-raising events, this committee put forward a proposal for an innovative student leadership framework that we hope to launch next year

Arts and Academics Committees: These two committees merged when they each landed on a similar goal to enhance the Senior School with more student artwork in the shared spaces.

A lot of back-and-forth has landed on the idea of creating a Mural Club starting next year and beginning a legacy of creating artwork on plywood that will be mounted for long-term display.

Citizenship Committee:

Civic Literacy – Two students are leading our first Debate Club.

Health Care – Students are creating cushions to provide comfort for people in the health care system.

Human Rights – Students will begin a KCS Senior School garden to grow food and herbs that could eventually go to food banks.



AN AMAZING SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADE 6-12 STUDENTS!

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(AN IN-PERSON PROGRAM)

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A unique and intensive 5-Day Program on Leadership and Creating Future Change-makers

PROGRAM DETAILS

- 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th July 2023
- Grades - Group 1 - 6th to 7th, Group 2 - 8th to 12th
- In-person Program at Kingsway College School - Senior School Campus
- Program Fee: USD 800
- 5 Days
- Students earn certificates from Harvard Model Congress San Francisco and Learn with Leaders

Scan QR code to apply

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OPEN HOUSES

We're still accepting applications for Grades 9 to 11 for this coming September.

Please visit <https://www.kcs.on.ca/academics/senior-school> to learn more about the KCS Senior School and the program distinctly designed to help today's high school students thrive at school and beyond.

Please reach out to Cindy Hu, Office Administrator, at chu@kcs.on.ca to book a personal tour. I hope you've enjoyed this update as much as we've enjoyed the journey.



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AN UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the KCS Glow Gala on Saturday, May 13. It was wonderful to witness the support of our alumni families, alumni, staff, and current families come together to raise money for our Junior School Art room renovation and the next phase of our Senior School construction.

Special thank you to our generous sponsors. We are truly grateful for their dedication, which has allowed us to create a memorable evening for all who attended.



KCS Junior School: 4600 Dundas St. W, Etobicoke, ON M9A 1A5

KCS Senior School: 2183 Lake Shore Blvd. W, Etobicoke, ON M8V 0J2

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THE FUTURE IS **Bright** GLOW GALA

Saturday May 13
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Support the renovation of the KCS Junior School art room and the final phase of construction at the KCS Senior School

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