35 YEARS OF GROWTH

Annual Report and Donor Tribute







Our Mission

To be the defining force in developing lifelong learners by stewarding a learning environment that inspires us to reach our ultimate potential.









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Board Chair

Tiffany Jay

This year's Annual Report and Donor Tribute marks a significant milestone in our 35-year journey as a school dedicated to fostering a vibrant and connected community. Since our founding in 1989, Kingsway College School has grown remarkably, evolving into a fully accredited JK-Grade 12 institution. Our progress has been driven by a steadfast commitment to educational excellence.

As we reflect on another incredible year, we celebrate the achievements of our remarkable students. Every project undertaken, every challenge embraced, and every moment shared with a classmate or a learning buddy adds to the vibrancy of our school. You are the heart of our community, and we take pride in celebrating the diverse talents and contributions of our students across academics, arts, athletics and community service.

I would also like to extend gratitude to our dedicated staff and teachers. Your unwavering support, passion, and deep commitment to nurturing our students create an environment where learning flourishes. You are the heart of what makes KCS such a special place.

I want to extend my thanks to our parents for your active involvement as both supporters and volunteers. Whether you assisted with classroom activities or took on broader roles in school, your contributions have made a significant impact. A special thank you to the Parent Network leaders and our entire volunteer community for their outstanding efforts in organizing both new and returning events. Your dedication enriches our students' experiences and strengthens our community. I also want to acknowledge the volunteer parents and alumni families who have served on our Board of Governors and committees, playing a crucial role in advancing the school's mission and strategic goals. The Board of Governors remains focused on supporting KCS and ensuring we continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for all of our students.

I encourage you to take some time to read our 2023-24 Annual Report and Donor Tribute. As with many initiatives at KCS, this wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our donors, whom we proudly recognize in this report. From parents to alumni, staff and community partners, your support enhances our school's spirit and enriches the lives of our students.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Kingsway College School.

TIFFANY JAY

Board Chair



Head of School Derek Logan

Kingsway College School was founded on a combination of spirit, hard work, financial support, and a vision for a better educational alternative in this community.

What began with just 50 elementary students has blossomed into a thriving JK-Grade 12 school with over 450 students. This growth reflects the unwavering dedication of our Founders, donors, faculty, staff, students, and their families.

Founded in 1989, our school has been built on a foundation of academic excellence, character development, and the nurturing of each student's potential. From the very beginning, KCS has adhered to our Three School Rules: Respect, Manners, and Try Your Best. These principles continue to guide us today and remain central to how we interact with others as we've grown.

Over the past 35 years, we've expanded our campus and enhanced our programs to equip students for the challenges of today's world. What started as a dream now includes state-of-the-art facilities, including our award-winning Senior School campus, arts and outdoor learning spaces, play areas, innovative classrooms, and our ongoing partnerships for physical education at locations such as Humbertown Park, the Boulevard Club, and the Argonaut Rowing Club. These spaces and more enrich our Four Doors to Learning Program, offering students opportunities in academics, arts, athletics, and citizenship. KCS has also been a pioneer in promoting wellbeing and mental health support for students, ensuring that well-being is integral to the educational process.

At KCS, our strength lies in our community. Our students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni embody respect, responsibility, integrity, and compassion. We celebrate diversity and support one another in learning and growth.

As we wrapped-up our 35th anniversary, we look toward the future. The 2024-25 school year holds special meaning—it's my final year as Head of School before retirement, and it's also the year our first Grade 12 class will graduate. This milestone is significant for us all, and we are eager for what lies ahead.

I encourage you to explore our Annual Report and Donor Tribute for 2023-24 and immerse yourself in stories of inspiration, achievement, and community.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our journey.

DEREK LOGAN

Head of School



Director of Advancement Hallie McClelland

This year's Annual Report is a tribute to the remarkable achievements made possible by our extraordinary community. It is our sincere expression of gratitude to everyone who supported KCS during the 2023-24 school year and at any point throughout the past 35 incredible years.

Volunteers continue to play an essential role in enhancing both classroom learning and experiences beyond the school walls. Volunteer's commitment, time, and passion help open doors to new opportunities, enriching the lives of our students and strengthening our community. From supporting school events to sharing knowledge and lending skills, our volunteers' efforts make a lasting impact.

Our community's collective generosity has been pivotal in enriching the learning experiences and facilities for both our current and future students. Throughout the 2023-24 school year, your steadfast support allowed us to expand what's possible at KCS. Together, we made significant financial investments across the school, focusing on key areas such as technology, music, the renovation of our JK-Grade 2 Outdoor space slated for summer 2025, and the final phase of construction at our Senior School, expected to be completed by Spring 2025. We extend our deepest thanks to our current families, alumni and their families, Board members, past Board members, grandparents, staff, and the entire KCS family for their enduring impact through their generous contributions.

KCS also proudly marked a significant milestone with our 35th Anniversary Alumni Night. This memorable event brought together past and present members of the KCS community, offering a special chance to reconnect with old friends and the teachers and staff who have shaped our school's rich history, while reflecting on our shared journey of educational excellence. Alumni, alumni parents, and current and former faculty and staff gathered to share laughter, reminisce, and celebrate the collective achievements that define our community. It was a night of camaraderie, filled with pride in our school's legacy.

As we celebrate the successes of our 35th anniversary during the 2023-24 school year, we eagerly look forward to continuing to nurture a thriving and exceptional learning environment at KCS.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey and for helping us shape a bright future for our students.

HALLIE MCCLELLAND, CFRE

Director of Advancement

Board of Governors and Committees



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KCS Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee

Mark Rogers

During this past year, KCS students and faculty enjoyed enhanced facilities at the school's two campuses at Dundas Street West and Lake Shore Boulevard West. The Junior school students had access to a newly renovated Art Room. In April 2024, construction commenced on the final phase of the Senior school campus, which is projected to be completed in the Spring of 2025 (the first phase was completed in January 2023). The school continues to invest in its technology and computer equipment for all students. In fiscal 2024, KCS invested a total of \$1,976,688 in capital assets.

KCS provides outstanding education programming, athletic and after-school programs, extra-curricular programs, clubs and teams, and award-winning facilities. This is delivered by experienced, committed staff and faculty who together support academic excellence and growth of the program offering. Our operating philosophy is to maintain and enhance the quality of the Junior School as we transition fully to a Kindergarten-to-Grade 12 school.

As anticipated in the financial plan, the educational program runs at an operating deficit. Operating deficits are expected to continue for a number of years, until revenues from increased student enrolment grow sufficiently to cover substantially all related operational and programmatic expenses, and finance costs. In fiscal 2024, the operating deficit of revenues relative to expenses was \$1,807,974. About half of this deficit (\$929,080; 51%) was finance costs related to \$15.7 million of long term debt. The remainder (\$878,909; 49%) related to the excess of operational and programmatic expenses relative to revenues.

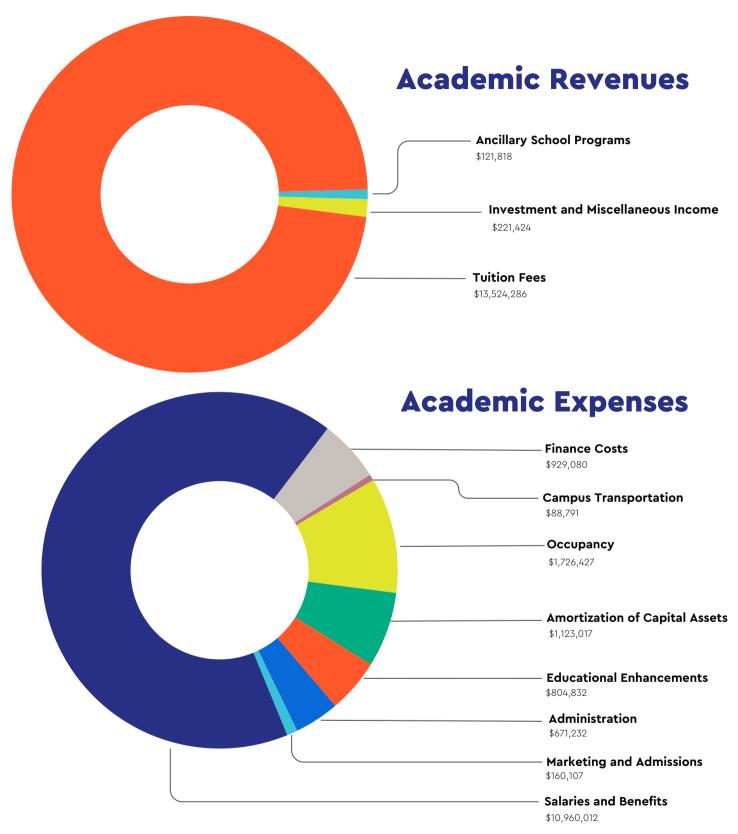
The combination of large capital investments and sustained operating deficits places fundraising at a premium (\$734,427 in fiscal 2024). As well, the school continues to place emphasis on strong management and oversight of its working capital balances, investing activities and financing activities.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the members of the KCS Finance Committee. Their dedication, commitment and insights continue to be invaluable. In closing, I would like to thank you, our community, for your unwavering support and commitment to the school.

MARK ROGERS

Treasurer of KCS Chair of Finance Committee





School management, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Governors continue to monitor expenditures through budgeting and financial planning that are focused on financial sustainability. Accompanying charts provide financial highlights of school operations including a breakdown of KCS's academic revenue and expenses. More detailed financial information on the financial operations of the school is provided in our audited financial statements which are available on our website at https://www.kcs.on.ca/about-us/publications.



Head of Junior School Dr. Matina Mosun

At KCS, we are committed to providing a vibrant learning environment that nurtures curiosity, engagement, and overall well-being. Our mission is to equip students with a strong foundation that will support a lifetime of learning. We take pride in this responsibility and are delighted to share our progress with our community through our 2023-24 Annual Report and Donor Tribute.

Grounded in our Four Doors to Learning Program and guided by our Three School Rules of Respect, Manners, and Try Your Best, we strive to inspire a genuine love for learning in every student. From the earliest stages in Junior Kindergarten, we set high standards and expectations for both our students and our community. At the same time, we offer a supportive, inspiring environment that fosters growth and exploration. By the time students reach Grade 8, we witness them independently embody the <u>Habits of Mind, Body</u>, and Action, emerging as exceptional leaders and compassionate citizens ready to make a meaningful impact.

In 2023-24, our focus remained on creating deeper learning opportunities within the curriculum. Through thoughtfully designed projects and programs, we fostered connections and friendships that span grades and subjects, and continued to work to ensure that every KCS student could benefit from our environment that encourages them to reach their fullest potential.

We also enriched the Junior School experience with a variety of guest workshops.

Younger students explored dance and drumming, met authors and scientists, and participated in identity and belonging workshops. Faculty and students engaged in hands-on project-based learning, cross-curricular initiatives, and crosscampus programming, with students in every grade participating in rich curricular programming at our award-winning Senior School campus. For our older students, we offered workshops on study skills to prepare them for exams, and the KCS Electives Program provided enriching experiences at local businesses and our Senior School campus. Our students proudly represented KCS in math contests, robotics tournaments, and athletic competitions, showcasing their skills and confidence.

Building a culture of belonging remained a priority at KCS. We joyfully welcomed our community to numerous classroom showcases, music concerts like Wake Up with the Arts, Grandparents and Special Friends Day, KCS Has Talent, and our school musical. These events gave students the opportunity to share their learning with others, while also allowing us to celebrate the caring, supportive KCS community that makes these moments so special. We couldn't be prouder of our shared achievements and the meaningful partnerships we've built together, and continue to build as we grow.

DR. MATINA MOSUN

Head of Junior School



Head of Senior School Andrea Fanjoy

The 2023-24 school year at the KCS Senior School marked significant milestones: expanding to Grade 11, the return of the European Battlefield Trip, notable student leadership, and the launch of our final phase of construction. We continue to build on the foundation of the Junior School thanks to exceptional educators and a mission to help students realize their potential.

Our award-winning campus fosters dynamic learning that is regularly tied to student leadership. The Market Place, the heart of our Senior School, hosted experiential classes like Food and Culture, Grade 9 math challenges, and Grade 11 physics projects. It was also the hub for key events like our first Senior School dance, 'Winter Wonders' community gathering, and Closing Ceremony—traditions in the making.

Fifty-two students and 12 faculty brought to life a variety of clubs and teams. Highlights include KCS's debut at OFSAA, CISAA basketball games, DECA's growth, and the student-led café generating almost \$1,000 in profit. House Captains, Service Club, swim and ski teams, and a wide range of extracurriculars kept students engaged.

Entrepreneurship thrived through the KCS By Design program, guiding students in design thinking and innovative difference-making. Our growing business courses, including Grade 11 entrepreneurship, flourished with a partnership with Humber College's Longo Centre for Entrepreneurship, where four students won top prizes in the 'Be Your Own Boss' challenge. The KCS Path Program continues to grow, with students exploring topics like law, psychology, genetics, and animal science. Guided by faculty and Path Mentors, students led impactful projects such as launching the school's library, mentoring young refugees, and creating coding tutorials.

External experts and organizations enhanced learning with over 50 excursions, including hands-on experiences at University of Guelph and Toronto Metropolitan University. KCS Senior School is designed to nurture both academic excellence and the self-driven leadership students need to thrive, now and in the future.

This is what 'Respect, Manners, and Try your Best' looks like at the KCS Senior School.

ANDREA FANJOY

Head of Senior School

Message from the Parent Network Co-Chairs







Sarah Horrocks

Linda Forte

Aneta Gauthier

The Parent Network has a mandate to support and advance the KCS culture while building community; both internally – among students, teachers and staff, and KCS families; and externally – among prospective families and the community at large.

We were fortunate to have had 250+ parent volunteers lend their time and resources to the school for various events throughout the school year. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated community that cares about adding to the enhancement of the student life and culture at KCS.

We want to thank the KCS families who have given so much of their time to the Parent Network. We are very grateful for your time, enthusiasm, and hard work. We could not do this without all of you!

Linda Forte, Sarah Horrocks, Melanie Alexson & Aneta Gauthier

Co-Chairs, KCS Parent Network 2023-24

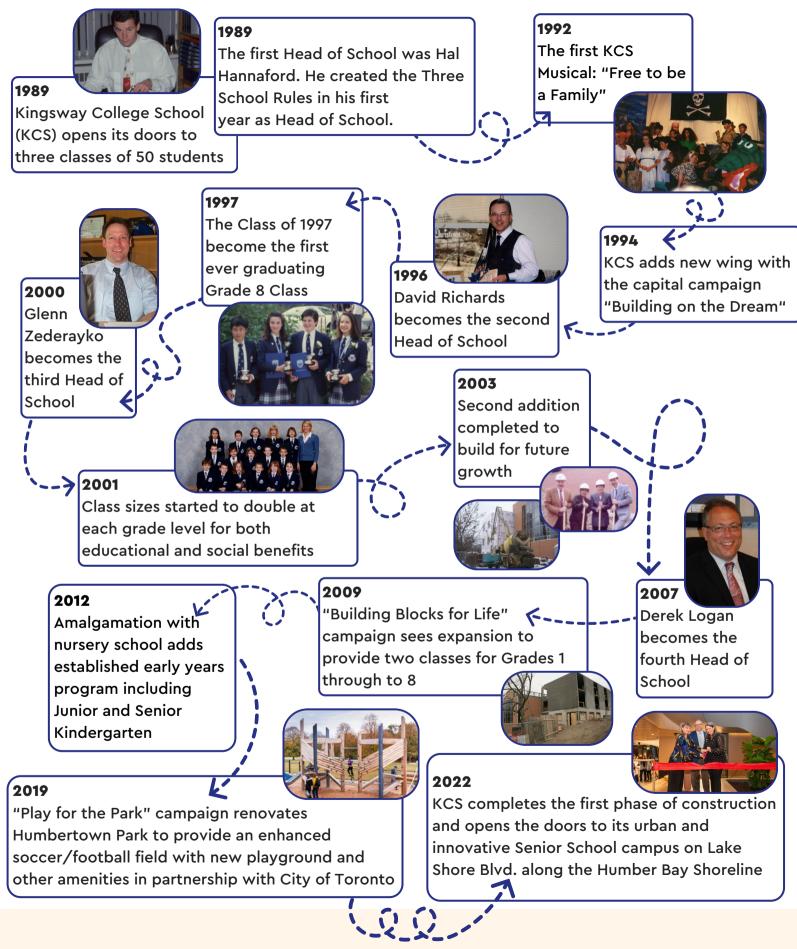
SNAPSHOT OF 2023-24 PN ACTIVITIES

- Host Families
- Class Parents
- Welcome Back Fun Fair
- Library volunteers
- Seasonal decor
- Used Uniform Program Drive and Sale
- Birthday Book Program
- Athletics support- volunteer recruitment, event management and support
- Pizza lunches
- Halloween Parade
- Grade 6-8 Halloween Dance
- Terry Fox Run support
- Musical support

Melanie Alexson

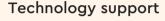
- Open House volunteers
- Encouraging Dialogue: Paul Davis Speaker Series
- KCS branded tent purchases for external events, such as track meets
- Purchase of recreational equipment for use at Be Active
- Holiday ornament craft
- Kindergarten Community Chats
- The Reason for the Season Campaign
- Holiday decor night
- Gingerbread house sale and raffle
- Parent Network Holiday Luncheon
- Holiday staff appreciation
- Ella Minnow Book Fair Volunteers
- Used battery and marker recycling program
- Green bins at Pizza Lunches
- Yeti mug sales
- KCS flannel pajama pant sales key events and initiatives
- PN Instagram account
- Valentine cookie kit sale
- JK-5 BINGO Night
- Tulip sale
- PN Social
- Grandparents and Special Friends Day volunteers
- Diversity integration
- Volunteer appreciation thank you
- Campfire Circle Walk community support
- Cold treats on sports Day
- Welcome bags for new students on Sports Day
- Year-end BBQ for students and staff
- Lip Sync and Acting Out
- End-of-year performance for students (BMX Bikes)
- Senior School Fun Fest
- E-Zone afternoon
- End of the year, PN Morning Mingle
- JK-3 New Family Welcome Event in June
- Year-end staff appreciation lunch and Everything.ca gift card

35 Years of Growth Milestones



2023-24 Fundraising Priorities

Your support creates opportunities for our students today and in the future. You made an investment in our mission by contributing to our four priorities and other designated areas. The following pages recognize the generosity of our donors who gave in 2023-24 between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.



In a fast-evolving digital world it's crucial for our students to have the best tools at their fingertips. Funds were allocated to purchase new laptops and iPads for the Junior School and for advanced streaming systems for Grade 6-8 classrooms.

Junior School musical instruments

Music is the heartbeat of culture and creativity. Donations helped us enhance our Junior School's music department by funding new instruments and updating existing equipment.

Final Phase of Construction at the Senior School

Contributions directly funded the final phase of our Senior School's construction, ensuring a state-of-the-art learning environment for our budding leaders, thinkers, and creators. The Senior School continues to expand possible at KCS.

JK-Grade 2 outdoor space renovation

Outdoor learning and play are crucial for our youngest minds. Scheduled for Summer 2025, we aim to renovate our outdoor space for JK-Grade 2, ensuring it's a safe, engaging, vibrant environment for play and exploration to expand activity.

Your Donations in Action Junior School Art Room Grand Opening



We are grateful to the donors whose generous contributions made the renovation of our Junior School Art Room possible. This transformed space offers tremendous benefits to our JK-Grade 8 students, providing flexible workspaces that cater to both collaborative projects and individual pursuits. The thoughtful design offers a peaceful environment that promotes focus, inspiration, and balance between group interaction and personal reflection.

Junior School Art Room in Action



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Your Donations in Action









Donor support plays a vital role in enriching our community. Over the past year, thanks to your generosity, we've enhanced classrooms, improved resources, and introduced new initiatives that inspire our students. Every donation strengthens our ability to provide an exceptional learning environment, helping students thrive both academically and personally. We're deeply grateful for your continued support, making an impact for students today and in the years to come.









On behalf of KCS, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Grade 8 Graduating Class of 2024 for their generous donation of a new digital House Board, now proudly located in the Gallery outside Canada Hall.

Your Donations in Action

Senior School Final Phase of Construction

The final phase of construction at the Senior School commenced during the 2023-24 school year. Throughout the fall, we engaged in an extensive consultation process with our architects, Architecture Council, and collaborated closely with a diverse range of stakeholders to refine and finalize the plans for this significant project. By January 2024, the design phase was complete, and the contract was issued for tender.





MacLachlan Hall

During February and March, the Construction Committee carefully reviewed the bids, ultimately selecting PCL as our general contractor in March. April was dedicated to developing mobilization strategies, and construction officially began in May, with a projected completion timeline of approximately ten months.

While our KCS Senior School program is deeply integrated with the rich resources of the city of Toronto and our current learning spaces, the addition of this award-winning campus will elevate our educational offerings even further. We are thrilled to soon unveil several state-of-the-art spaces, including a Makerspace, Communications Technology Lab, Student Success Area, Music Room, Recording Studio (for both video and audio), and an Editing Suite. One of the most anticipated features will be MacLachlan Hall, a versatile space designed to accommodate our entire school community for assemblies, theatrical performances, and other major school events.

These new spaces, alongside our existing learning environments, will undoubtedly enrich the teaching and learning experiences at KCS, enabling students to thrive and innovate like never before.

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