



# MENNONITE BRETHREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

As we make our way through the 2016-2017 school year at MBCI, two Scripture verses have been important points of reference for staff and students. The first is a verse chosen by our founders, 1 Corinthians 3:11: *"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which Jesus Christ."* The second, John 15:5, was chosen by our Student Council Presidents, John 15:5: *"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing."*

Both verses are rich in imagery; instructive and encouraging for answering the question of "What is required of us?" at MBCI. As we pursue our goal of "remaining in Him", and as we seek to bear fruit, we are focusing our attention in four areas:

**CULTURE** - We're working to create and sustain a culture at MBCI in which our community practices the things that are most important; where students and staff practice love for each other and the world around us, and most importantly, practice love and hunger for God.

**LEARNING** - We are seeking to be a community of growth-minded learners in which students engage curriculum in ways that foster connections: with their peers; with the culture that surrounds them; with the broader community; and - of crucial importance - with the development of their own character and identity.

**STORY** - The stories of God's work among us and in the lives of our students need to be celebrated and shared - in our homes, our communities and in our churches - as the evidence of our vision at work.

**STRUCTURES** - These are the guardrails that allow our school community to flourish and for the desired culture, learning, and story to take hold. We want to be good stewards of the people and resources entrusted to us, and solid structures help to direct us on the right pathways.

Our vision for MBCI also includes finding renewed ways to work together within the Mennonite Brethren community in our shared goal of teaching our values and beliefs to our young people as they learn to know God and to live out their faith. The work that we are engaged in now, is the work and vision for the future of MBCI so that it may continue to provide Christian Education for our children's children.

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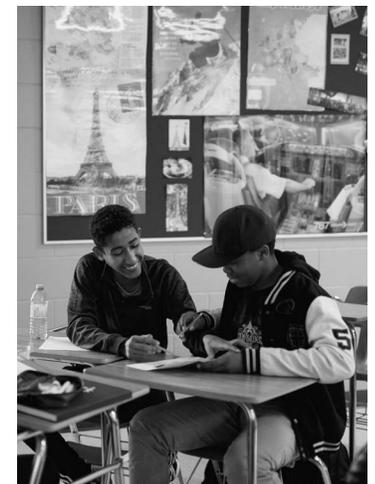


## MBCI at a Glance: 2016 - 2017

- Staff - 48
- Students - 424
- International Students - 8
- Students with membership in MB Churches - 34%

## What's New for 2017-2018

- STAR 6 - helping grade 6 students to become innovators and problem-solvers through STEAM.
- Ventures Program - a certificate program for grade 9 - 12 students that teaches the fundamentals of business and leadership, while incorporating our faith and values.
- An adjusted tuition structure designed to help ensure that financial limitations don't get in the way of experiencing Christian Education at MBCI.



# Life Well Learned.