



MENNONITE BRETHREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE



Among the many significant happenings of 2020, last year marked the 75th year of the MBCI story. As anniversaries (and pandemics) tend to do, 2020 has caused us to reflect. Despite the twists and turns of the last 12 months, we have leaned even further into our vision and mission as a way of finding our footing.

Whether teaching and learning at home or in the classroom, we must practice the resilience necessary to equip students to learn, love, and engage with the world around them; digging deep into our stores of energy and creativity to do so.

Our anchors of meaning, purpose, and belonging have served as the lens and filters through which we have developed distance learning plans and applied public health protocols. Learning safely in-person as much as possible, a continuing focus on student services support for students experiencing academic or emotional challenges, moving chapel online, and community-building activities within cohorts, are all part of how we have worked to connect as a community during a season of separation.

We appreciate the opportunity to connect with you as well! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to learn more about life at MBCI and to see a weekly look back through our yearbook archives. Visit YouTube to take a virtual tour of the campus and get a glimpse into how students learn and grow at our school. We look forward to the day when we can connect in person once again.

We are grateful that God has entrusted us with this work, of educating and being present with our students and families, during this unprecedented school year. Now, more than ever, we plan and build upon our founding verse: *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.* 1 Corinthians 3:11.

Sincerely,

Andrea Neufeld
Principal

Life Well Learned.

MBCI AT A GLANCE: 2020 - 2021

Staff: **54**
Students: **397**
International Students: **14**
Students with membership
in MB Churches: **21%**

LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020-2021

- Spiritual and emotional care remain a priority through 2020-2021. Chapel has moved online with our campus pastor, Adrian Enns, pre-recording chapel content including prayer, worship videos and guest speakers. Our Student Services department remains engaged with students by providing academic support and counseling services, and Student Council planned community building Spirit Week and Christmas events in which students could participate within grade-based cohorts.
- MBCI's Christmas Band Concerts are a long-standing tradition. In order to adhere to safety guidelines, this year's concert was a virtual performance. Wind players individually recorded audios and videos for their own parts at home, while percussion and electronic instrument players did a mix of at-home and in-school recording. The audios were then combined electronically, with the band recording a silent video in class to match the audio.
- Looking ahead to 2021-2022, MBCI is adding a grade 5 class to our Middle School. With a focus on collaborative and "hands on" learning, this new class will be designed to meet the particular social and academic needs of this age group while also providing younger students the opportunity to enjoy the enhanced facilities and opportunities that MBCI has to offer.