

Dear WRCA Families,

While the covid-19 outbreak has forced us to suspend our MSL programs for this present (2019-2020) school year, we intend to continue to support intentional, holistic Christian Education at WRCA. It has been encouraging to hear about how your families are engaging in local and alternative service experiences during this season. I wanted to provide you with a bit of an update on our MSL programming for the 2020-2021 school year in terms of potential MSL experiences, projected costs, curricular connections and learning, and some relevant information that pertains to MSL grade progression. We do know, however, that we may make plans, but the Lord determines the steps (Proverbs 16:9). As such, we share this with you knowing that our plans may change, but our vision of cultivating citizens of godly character who transform their world for Christ remains the same.



Please note that safety is our top priority. Our team will be reviewing health and safety expectations for each trip to determine whether or not we can provide a safe experience. At this time, due to government expectations and the current state of the covid-19 outbreak, none of our MSL trips are guaranteed.

This document is intended to help for planning purposes only. With all these things in mind, we are looking at the following MSL experiences for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Grade 6-8 MSL Community Projects in the local South Surrey community— Term 1 and 2 (all students)
 - As part of the Bible 6-8 courses
- Grade 9- First Nations First Peoples MSL experience in Duncan and Chemainus – Spring 2021 (all students)
 - Info session- Fall 2020
- Grade 10- Japan MSL Team- Spring 2021 - (optional by application)
 - Info session- Fall 2020
- Grade 11- Guatemala MSL (all students)
 - Info session- Fall 2020
- Grade 12- Grad Capstone Project (as part of the grade 11/12 CAS and Bible programs)

Please note that there will be separate mandatory meetings in the fall for each of the respective Grade 9, 10 and 11 MSL experiences for the 2020-2021 school year to go over the trip logistics and details.

We look forward to seeing what God is doing in and through our community by inspiring citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ.

Thank you for your support!

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Rationale:

In alignment with providing holistic education from a Biblical Christian worldview, students will develop a Biblical theology of missions and service in order to become more active and reflective participants in God’s redemptive work. MSL experiences will promote a greater understanding of one’s place in the world and the gifts that God has given to serve others. In addition, MSL trips are to be comprised of the following: (a) relevance to curricular connections, (b) participation, reflection, and faith formation, (c) exploration of individual giftings, (d) intercultural understanding, (e) community building or partnering with organizations to develop projects and initiatives, and (f) some sort of stretching or purposeful discomfort in a local to global context.



Senior School MSL Experiences:

MSL Experience	Description	Student Action	Anticipated Costs/Additional Info
Grade 6 MSL Student Projects	Students in Grades 6-8 investigate and serve with local (South Surrey) organizations during terms one and two. We also attend missions fest, participate in a group service project to learn from a local Christian organization, and the students reflect on how what they are learning in their Bible class can help them to develop as citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ by becoming better learners. Students share their reflections and experiences at the G6-8 MSL exhibition.	The students take part in the “40-40-40” projects (they study Moses, Miriam, and Aaron and Israelite history) where they do 6 hours of mission and service-learning with a local community organization. Students initiate and plan the projects with support. We encourage students to choose something that would help them to become more active and reflective participants in God’s redemptive work by exploring their giftings.	*We would encourage families to start making a connection to a local organization that students can serve with. Or better yet, serve together as a family over the course of your child’s MYP program! *Built into student tuition fees
Grade 7 MSL Student Projects		The students take part in the “Timothy” project (we study 1 and 2 Timothy) where they complete 7 hours of mission and service-learning work a local community	*

		<p>organization. Students initiate and plan the projects with support. We encourage students to choose something that would help them to become more active and reflective participants in God’s redemptive work by exploring their giftings.</p>	
<p>Grade 8 MSL Student Projects</p>		<p>The students take part in the “Epaphroditus” projects (they study the Early Christian communities) where they complete 8 hours of mission and service-learning work with a local community organization. Students initiate and plan the projects but with encouragement to take more initiative. We encourage students to choose something that would help them to become more active and reflective participants in God’s redemptive work by exploring their giftings.</p>	<p>*</p>
<p>Grade 9 First Nations MSL Experience</p>	<p>We are working towards developing a strong curricular connection between the Grade 9 Biblical Studies and Social Studies classes through our Grade 9 First Nations MSL experience. All students will be participating in the partnership with Duncan Christian and the Cowichan peoples to learn about truth and reconciliation. Students will engage experientially about how Christians are called to be people of conciliation. This program satisfies BC Ministry of Education</p>	<p>The G9 First Nations MSL experience is largely centered around what it means to be a Christian learner by provoking questions about our Canadian and Christian heritage, listening to stories, reflecting, discussing, and experiencing the impact that land and water have played in our nation’s struggle and now journey into truth and reconciliation. Students will be participating in experiential learning opportunities where they will grapple with the stories of Indigenous peoples, learn</p>	<p>\$1000/student approx..</p>

	<p>curricular competencies for Grade 9 students.</p>	<p>from Christian Indigenous thinkers and community members who have been working towards truth and reconciliation, and gain perspective on how they can grow as citizens of godly character.</p>	
<p>Grade 10 *we offer different optional each year Japan MSL China MSL Global Christian School Network Gathering (all around the world)</p>	<p>Students in Grade 10 can apply to participate in an optional MSL experience that involves a connection with international Christian schools through the Global Christian School Network Gathering (GCSN), or one of our international partnerships in Nagoya, Japan or Jiaxing, China. The GCSN hosts a missions week and gathering, which takes place every two years and different countries take turns hosting. Students work together to learn about the issues that nations face and how God is working through locals to redeem those issues. Our MSL experiences support Christians in Japan and China, as students develop intercultural understanding and grow our relationships with the Grade 11 Japanese students and international students from China that join our school.</p>	<p>Students work together across schools to learn from one another through more experientially based learning and workshops. There are guest speakers that are invited to speak about relevant missions-related topics and develop intercultural understanding. Team sessions and planning meetings help prepare students to engage as an active participant and learner in their experiences. Students reflect on their experience and debrief in groups where they share about new ideas they have been processing.</p>	<p>*GCSN trip costs vary depending on location – (upcoming host, France (fall 2021), cost anticipated around \$2600-\$2800) *Japan MSL - \$2500 approx. *China MSL- \$2000 approx.</p>
<p>Grade 11</p>	<p>Our Grade 11 students participate in our international MSL experience. They select focus streams of service experiences where they can express their faith and gifts and learn more about themselves by</p>	<p>Students serve with and learn from local organizations who are impacting the community around them. Some of the things we've learned and experienced during our recent trips include the</p>	<p>\$3300/student</p>

	<p>exploring how they might connect their faith to their future areas of study. Students conduct a global engagement learning project. The purpose is to learn more about what it means to be a Christian learner. Our goal is to help students reflect on and evaluate their role as Christian learners in a global context. In the Bible 11 class, we discuss the theoretical and practical by using the experiential to make sense of what it means to grow as a citizen of Godly character.</p>	<p>following: serving in hospitals alongside professions working with people who have disabilities, supporting the development of an addiction recovery centre, assisting a local doctor with everyday duties, learning from the stories and experiences of Mayan school girls, participating in activities in the local village that we stay with, and reflecting on the experiences in a focused debrief time. Our students are really impacted by the people they meet, the stories that they learn from, and the opportunity to reflect on their faith in an international context.</p>	
Grade 12	<p>In Grade 11 and 12, students participate in the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) program, which has the students initiating and directing their learning opportunities alongside the curriculum. In addition, students also participate in a local MSL experience as a grade 12 grad class and make connections to prior learning from the grade 11 MSL experience, weaving in their learning into their Graduation Capstone Project, which includes a written personal exploration and a formal presentation to the WRCA school community.</p>	<p>Students write reflections about their experiences in relation to seven learning outcomes including ethical thinking, global engagement, identifying giftings, and initiating and implementing plans. There isn't a set number of hours, but students must demonstrate ongoing engagement over the course of their Grade 11 and 12 years in each of the three areas and complete a capstone learning project. Students create a culminating project, The Grad Capstone Project, which brings together personal and critical reflection as well as sharing about key experiences that have shaped their faith.</p>	<p>The Grad Capstone Project is a WRCA and BC Ministry of Education requirement for all students. To that end, it supports our core purpose to "cultivate citizens of godly character who transform their world for Christ."</p>



Prospective MSL Grade Progressions:

Grad class 2021 MSL Progression- Current Grade 11 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2020-2021	12	Local MSL Projects and CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Project *Possibility of opening up Guatemala to current grade 11 students due to covid-19 cancellation	Living out our faith

Grad class 2022 MSL Progression- Current Grade 10 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2020-2021	11	International MSL (all students)	Becoming Warriors
2021-2022	12	Local MSL Projects and CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Project	Living out our faith

Grad class 2023 MSL Progression- Current Grade 9 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
Spring 2021	10	<i>Nagoya, Japan (in partnership with Chukyo High School and Life Church in Japan) *optional by application</i>	Faith in trials
2021-2022	11	International MSL (all students)	Becoming Warriors
2022-2023	12	Local MSL Projects and CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Project	Living out our faith

Grad class 2024 MSL Progression- Current Grade 8 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2020-2021	9	First Nations- Provincial (all students)	Truth, Grace, and Reconciliation
2021-2022	10	<i>*Possible China MSL (optional by application)</i>	Building Relationships



		<i>*France MSL (Global Christian School Network Gathering; Fall 2021- optional by application)</i>	
2022-2023	11	International MSL (all students)	Becoming Warriors
2023-2024	12	Local MSL Projects and CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Project	Living out our faith

Grad class 2025 MSL Progression- Current Grade 7 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2020-2021	8	Local MSL Student Projects and Exhibition	Jerusalem- serving in our own communities
2021-2022	9	First Nations- Provincial (all students)	Truth, Grace, and Reconciliation
2022-2023	10	<i>*Global Christian School Network Gathering- Vancouver -*optional by application</i> <i>*Possible China or Japan MSL</i>	Jerusalem and Judea- serving in our own communities; Faith in trials
2023-2024	11	International MSL (all students)	Becoming Warriors
2024-2025	12	Local MSL Projects and CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Project	Living out our faith