



WRCA Mission and Service-Learning Update (March 2022)

Dear WRCA Senior School Families,

We are excited to announce our Mission and Service-Learning Programs will resume next school year (2022-2023). We've made a few changes, but our hope is to provide both local and global experiences for our students. For many years, WRCA has supported Mission and Service Learning (MSL) throughout the school community and beyond into the world. The school mission statement and the school values have guided our actions toward MSL; however, we feel it is time to formalize a delivery model for MSL that incorporates what has been done in the past and provides a framework for the future.



MSL means more than going somewhere or doing something. Mission is about being God's people with a salvation message that is both heard and seen. In Christ we inherited Abraham's blessing and his mission to go and be a blessing. This is who we are and what we are here for—to participate in God's promised mission of bringing people from all nations into the experience of God's redemptive blessing through Christ. This requires of us Christian faith, a holy life, a compassionate heart, sacrificial commitment, and caring generosity. We must therefore **teach** our students to **know** the Gospel of God, **pray** that they will **live** the Gospel, **provide** opportunities to **proclaim** the Gospel and equip and send them as **servants** of our Servant God.

This foundation underpins our understanding of MSL and enables consistent, sequential, age-appropriate Mission and Service opportunities from K-12. The following information will focus on MSL experiences for students in the Senior School. Please note that safety will continue to be our top priority in planning for these trips.

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 2022-2023 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** MSL experience in Duncan and Chemainus – **16-19 May 2023** (all students)
 - Info session- Fall 2022
- Grade 10- Global Christian Schools Network Student Gathering in **France**- Spring 2023 - (optional by application)
 - Info session- Fall 2022
- Grade 11- Global: **Indonesia** (Optional) **20-31 March 2023** – or Local (all students choose either one) –
 - Info session- Fall 2022
- Grade 12- Global: **Guatemala** (Optional) **2-13 January 2023** – or Local (all student choice either one to complete Grad Capstone Project as part of the grade 11/12 CAS and Bible programs)
 - Info session- Fall 2022



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Please note that there will be separate mandatory meetings in the fall for each of the respective Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 MSL experiences for the 2022-2023 school year to go over the trip logistics and details. Applications for optional global trips will be made available after spring break.

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 (2022-2023):

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	



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		<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>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>\$600/student approx. 16-19 May 2023</p>



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	curricular competencies for Grade 9 students.	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.	
Grade 10 Global Christian School Network Gathering (all around the world)	Students in Grade 10 can apply to participate in an optional MSL experience that involves a connection with the Global Christian School Network Gathering (GCSN) in France . 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.	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.	*GCSN trip costs vary depending on location – (upcoming host, France (spring 2023), cost approximately \$3000
Grade 11 MSL experience Global – Indonesia Local – Vancouver area	Our Grade 11 students will participate in a global or a local MSL experience. We have selected Indonesia as our global experience and will partner with another Christian school in Jakarta. Service experiences will provide students opportunities to express their faith and gifts and learn more about themselves by 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	Students who choose the global experience will serve with and learn from local organizations who are impacting the community around them. This may include the following: working with school children in disadvantaged area, assisting local church leaders, supporting girls and boys homes (orphanages), and being involved in service projects as requested (painting, gardening and clean up). Students will also have the opportunity to build relationships serving alongside students from a local Christian IB school. Our students are really impacted by	\$3200/student approx. 20-31 March 2023



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	<p>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>For students who choose the local experience, similar opportunities will be provided for them to express their faith and gifts and learn more about themselves by exploring how they might connect their faith to their future areas of study.</p>	<p>the people they meet, the stories that they learn from, and the opportunity to reflect on their faith in an international context.</p> <p>Local service opportunities will be developed and shared in the fall 2022.</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</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</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>



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	<p>and a formal presentation to the WRCA school community.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic, Grade 12 students have not been able to participate in any global experience, so we have decided to provide these students with a special MSL opportunity to visit Guatemala.</p>	<p>together personal and critical reflection as well as sharing about key experiences that have shaped their faith.</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 to Guatemala include the 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>	<p>\$3350/student approx. 2-13 January 2023</p>
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Prospective MSL Grade Progressions:

Grad class 2023 MSL Progression- Current Grade 11 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2022-2023	12	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - Guatemala	Living out our faith

Grad class 2024 MSL Progression- Current Grade 10 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2022-2023	11	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - Indonesia	Becoming Warriors
2023-2024	12	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - yet to be determined	Living out our faith

Grad class 2025 MSL Progression- Current Grade 9 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
Spring 2023	10	Global Christian Schools Network Gathering in France (Optional by application)	Faith in trials
2023-2024	11	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - Indonesia	Becoming Warriors
2024-2025	12	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - yet to be determined	Living out our faith



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Grad class 2026 MSL Progression- Current Grade 8 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2022-2023	9	First Nations- Provincial (all students)	Truth, Grace, and Reconciliation
2023-2024	10	<i>*Possible China or Japan MSL (optional by application)</i>	Building Relationships
2024-2025	11	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - Indonesia	Becoming Warriors
2025-2026	12	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - yet to be determined	Living out our faith

Grad class 2027 MSL Progression- Current Grade 7 students

Year	Grade	Description	Theme
2022-2023	8	Local MSL Student Projects and Exhibition	Jerusalem- serving in our own communities
2023-2024	9	First Nations- Provincial (all students)	Truth, Grace, and Reconciliation
2024-2025	10	<i>*Global Christian School Network Gathering - *optional by application</i>	Building Relationships
2025-2026	11	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - Indonesia	Becoming Warriors
2026-2027	12	CAS (all students)- Grad Capstone Local Project OR Global MSL experience - yet to be determined	Living out our faith