#### MENNONITE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

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High School Education Rooted in Faith



## Welcome to MCI

#### WHO WE ARE

Choosing a high school is a difficult decision for anyone to make. From academics to extra-curricular programming, there are various factors to consider.

People come to MCI for many different reasons. Some come to explore their faith in an intentionally Christian environment. Others come to experience the tight-knit community. Still, others come to take part in our excellent music program. Whatever their reasons for coming, students at MCI often discover something they treasure for their lifetimes.

This "something" is the MCI difference. It's classrooms and hallways where students

don't get lost in the shuffle. It's a place where you don't have to worry about how you dress. It's a group of teachers and staff that care about you as an individual. It's a student body where friendships develop across grades, and last long after graduation. It's an environment where matters of religion and faith aren't silenced but rather embraced, wrestled with, and addressed head-on.

MCI prides itself on being a place where everyone is welcome and included. No matter where you come from, there is a place for you here.



MCI isn't simply a school - being part of life at MCI is like becoming part of a family that spans generations. Welcoming and encouraging staff and students, along with smaller class sizes and the focus on community life, has helped our child become happier and more confident.

Anita Wiebe, MCI Parent

#### WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

# Our Core Values



#### **PEACE BUILDING**

Promoting authentic relationships through forgiveness and reconciliation.



#### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

Preparing students for a life of service and discipleship.



#### **COMMUNITY & BELONGING**

Providing a safe space for students to develop their God-given gifts.



#### **SERVICE LEARNING**

Practicing living out our faith in tangible ways.

Our purpose is to educate young people in an Anabaptist Christian context, seeking to develop their God-given potential in terms of physical, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being; and to grow in them an appreciation of our Mennonite heritage.

Our aim is that our students accept Christ as Lord and that they be disciples who express Christian hope by serving others, promoting peace, and providing Christ-like leadership within the church community and secular world.

#### **JESUS CENTERED**

# Faith Formation

At MCI, we strive to provide an environment where our students can encounter Jesus Christ on a daily basis. We're grateful for the freedom we have to explore and strengthen our faith through all aspects of school life.

MCI students come from around the world and from many different walks of life. This diversity creates a student body that is rich with opportunities to learn. We work to create a safe and inviting environment, in which students can learn from one another and grow in their faith. We aim to work in close partnership with their local churches, as we guide them in their journey of following Jesus.



#### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

From missions trips to helping put together refugee welcome kits, we provide opportunities for our students to grow closer to God, while being the hands and feet of Jesus.



#### **DAILY CHAPEL**

Faith is the centre of all we do at MCI. Each morning, students and staff gather for a chapel service led by students, staff, or guest speakers.



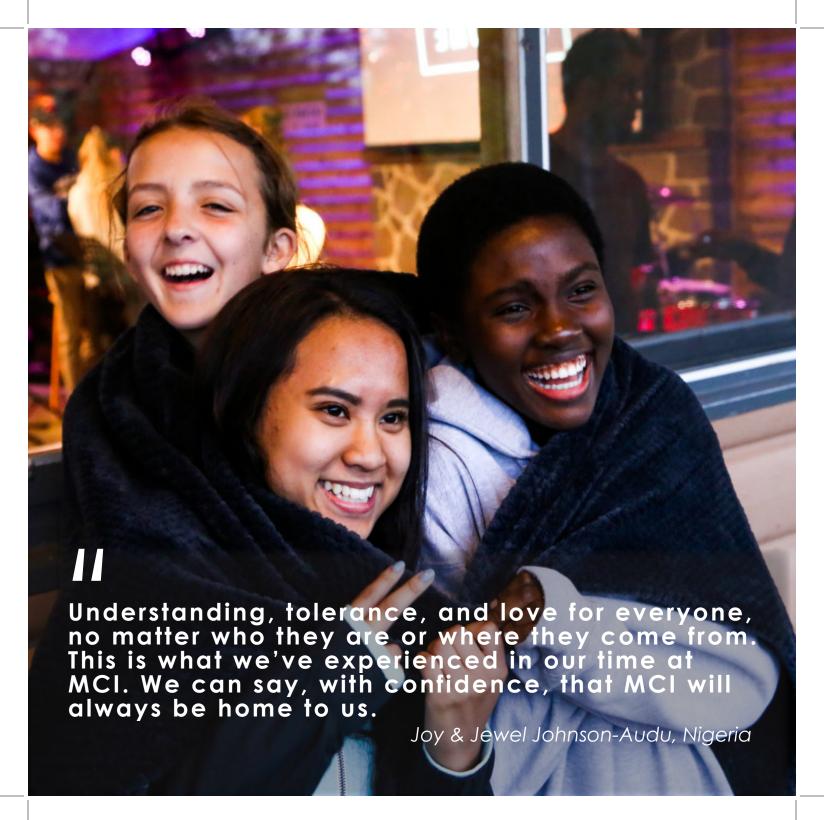
#### **CHRISTIAN LIFE RETREAT**

At the beginning of each school year, staff and students gather together at a Manitoba camp, for a time of community building and spiritual growth through Bible study, worship, and group activities.









### Life in the Dorms

#### HOME AWAY FROM HOME

While in dorm, students learn to respect others, manage conflict, build life-long friendships, and practice independent living skills, in a structured environment. Students living in our dormitory are responsible for their community and are taught to take ownership of the place in which they live. MCI's dormitory experience is something that many students treasure for their lifetimes.

Our deans work hard to ensure that each student has a positive and meaningful experience in the dormitory. Deans are responsible for monitoring student behaviour and ensuring student safety. They provide mentoring for students through social, personal & spiritual guidance; and 24-hour supervision.

Dorm rooms have two beds and a desk area for students to study. A full bathroom is shared between two rooms.





#### **CREATE & INSPIRE**

### The Arts

We aim to foster and develop each student's God-given inclination towards creativity. From our school-wide choir to theatre tech, visual arts, concert band, worship band, and our annual musical theatre production, our students have many opportunities to discover and develop their artistic gifts in the classroom and co-curricular settings.

Our arts program accommodates everyone from beginners to experienced artists and musicians. Our students are given a safe space to learn, grow, build confidence in their artistic abilities, develop leadership skills, and become independent artists and musicians.

Our state-of-the-art performance facility, Buhler Hall, gives students the opportunity to work on the same stage as professional artists. Our students are an impressive sight to see on stage at Buhler Hall. Use this code to check out some of our favourite performances!

The Arts at MCI allowed me to express myself creatively while still being pushed to further my artistic techniques. I was able to develop skills in connecting with my peers and communicating to an audience, which continue to be prevalent in my life today.

Laura Woelk, Grad 2016





#### **VISUAL ARTS**

Visual arts enable students to observe, explore, and respond to life through media and design, drawing them to God, the ultimate creator.



#### **BAND PROGRAM**

Our band classes teach students to work together as a team and build leadership skills, both in and out of the classroom.





#### **EXCELLENCE**

MCI choirs have a long tradition of choral excellence. Many of our choristers have gone on to successful music careers after graduation.







#### **PERFORMANCE**

Our choirs have a busy schedule throughout the year, singing at church services, festivals, school concerts, and banquets throughout Manitoba.

# Choral Program

#### A RICH HISTORY

Choral music is a vital part of MCI's unique history. It is an act of worship that inspires our performers and their audience, allowing us to glorify God together. We believe music is a key part of a holistic Christian education and an important exercise of our creative gifts. In a welcoming, safe environment, students are taught how to combine their voices in song.

With a repertoire that ranges from classical to contemporary, students learn vocal skills, musical literacy,

confidence, and leadership skills. Through performance, students share what they have learned with friends, family, and the community.

Our choirs provide an experience which stretches the imagination, touches the soul, and fosters the development of ideas, character, and values. MCI is typically home to an all-school choir, an auditioned chamber choir, and an auditioned vocal jazz ensemble.



#### **BEYOND THE COURT**

### Blues Athletics

MCI participates in Zone IV of the Manitoba High School Athletics Association in many sports including: Soccer, volleyball, golf, cross-country, basketball, badminton, track and field, curling, and baseball.

We see athletics as a venue for developing people of character. From teamwork, to sportsmanship, to self-control, students gain a wide range of qualities from their involvement in MCI's athletics program. Character is particularly important, as our student athletes represent the school and

their families, wherever they travel. Expectations of them are quite high. In addition to playing with purpose on the court or in the field, athletes are expected to work hard in the classroom.

We offer our athletes the opportunity to excel regardless of their level of experience. As a result, students at MCI can step into roles they may not find at larger institutions. This allows our students to discover athletic gifts they may not have known existed.











# Academics

#### **EDUCATION ROOTED IN FAITH**

As a comprehensive, holistic school, MCI helps students with diverse abilities and interests become all they can be, both in and out of the classroom. Service is an integral part of how we express our faith and our identity as an Anabaptist school. MCI students participate in a variety of large group and individual volunteering activities.

In addition to provincial curriculum requirements, we offer options like Theatre Tech and Digital Photography. Each student is provided with a Chromebook when they begin studying at MCI. Our students are expected to participate in Bible classes each year, and a Mennonite Studies course in Grade 12. MCI students rank higher than average in English & Mathematics provincial testing, with a large percentage of graduates pursuing post-secondary education.

We've incorporated Weekly Independent Learning & Discipleship days, called "Day 3", into our schedule, which encourages independent and flexible learning that reflects a University setting, with the supervision of a high school classroom.



#### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Every year students from around the world come to study and live at MCI, allowing our students to share in new cultural perspectives and experiences.



#### STUDENT - STAFF RATIO

We offer students a comfortable, safe, and caring environment to learn and grow. Our size allows students to receive the attention and encouragement they need to thrive.

Visit **mciblues.net/courses** to see a full list of courses offered at MCI.



#### JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

# How To Apply

1

#### LEARN MORE

Visit our website, tour the campus, or give us a call! We would love to answer your questions!

2

#### **COME FOR A "DAY IN THE LIFE"**

Experience classes, lunch, chapel, choir, evening sports and even a night in the dormitory.

Email admissions@mciblues.net to book your visit.

3

#### **APPLY ONLINE**

Head on over to mciblues.net/apply-now to begin your application process with us.

We can't wait for you to join our community!





# Flexible Tuition

Are you interested in a quality Christian education, but concerned that cost may be a barrier? At MCI, we aim to make quality Christian education available to as many families as possible.

We are proud to offer Flexible Tuition to support our students and their families. This means that MCI tuition rates differ for each family depending on their financial position. Therefore, tuition at MCI is not "one-size fits all", it's a range.



#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Families interested in flexible tuition simply submit a financial profile, which is then assessed to set a rate specific to their family. It's as easy as that. Visit the link below for application information.

#### LET'S CHAT

Give us a call at **204.327.5891** to talk to our friendly Admissions & Finance team about how to make an MCI education a reality for you and your family!

#### **FAMILY DISCOUNT**

If more than one child is in attendance from a family, each additional child's fees are reduced.

For a more detailed description of all school fees, visit:

mciblues.net/student-fees



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