



Life Well Learned.



Learn with **PURPOSE**

MENNONITE BROTHERS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
2017 - 2018 VIEWBOOK

WHY MBCI?

The education we provide at MBCI is centered on the practices and values of a Christian community; we are committed to shaping an environment that nurtures the whole child, providing encouragement as well as growth and development.

Our passionate, caring and inspiring teachers want to see students flourish; communicating with, and working alongside parents in helping students to succeed, to grow, and to belong. Learning experiences are designed with intention to cultivate character, focus on skill and understanding, and promote the application of content. MBCI students are supported and challenged to value their learning and to develop a growth mindset in all that they do.

When students graduate, we are confident that their time spent at MBCI has equipped them for success in post-secondary study as well as the workplace.

At MBCI, we believe that an education focusing on these four elements helps students acquire the tools and develop the character to live a life well learned. MBCI students learn to be global citizens, to lead with integrity, and to view the world from a Christian perspective.

**LEARNING
AND
GROWTH**

FAITH

LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY

THE CHARACTER AND HABITS OF AN MBCI GRADUATE

MBCI invites students to develop the kinds of habits that will enable them to practice our vision: to **learn** **love** and **engage** with the world around us. These habits help teachers frame and measure student learning, and ultimately, the thoughts, words, and actions practiced by our graduates characterize them in distinct ways.



Learning & Growth

I have a growth mindset rooted in a foundational love of learning that will remain with me my entire life. I am able to solve problems in creative and innovative ways, thinking critically and with discernment in any situation.

Faith

I have a clear understanding of what it means to live a Christ-centered life, based on the teachings of Jesus. I am able to move into the world with compassion for all, because of the faith modeled by my teachers, and it fosters the passion I have for serving others.

Leadership

I have developed the character and skills necessary to lead with integrity. I am able to effectively communicate in a way that positively influences those around me, and I have a resilience that enables me to take on difficult challenges.

Community

I have a strong commitment to working with others as stewards of the world. I am a community-minded citizen who places priority on collaboration and developing relationships. I remain engaged and connected to the work of caring for our environment and those in need.

Life Well Learned.

100%

of 2016 graduates exceeded provincial requirements

67%

 of all students received 1st Class Honours or Honours in 2015/16

77% of 2016 graduates applied for post-secondary education

1:14

 teacher/student ratio

FIVE

 AP courses offered

All

 staff are Christian

\$160,000

In scholarships awarded to 2016 graduates

16

 exchange & international students

MBCI students have participated in community service at 50 not-for-profits, organizations and churches this past year

SIX

 STUDY TOURS

183,000 total # of service hours completed by MBCI students in the last 15 years

THREE

Schulich Leadership scholarship award winners in 5 years

Facility is 100% accessible to middle & high school students

2 full sized gyms

600-seat concert hall

75-seat drama theatre

Library with interactive study area

Current technology school wide

AVERAGE

CLASS

SIZE :

25

25

 musicals since

1968

7

AAAA MHSAA Varsity Volleyball Provincial Championships



LEARNING & GROWTH

Curiosity, innovation, problem-solving, and collaboration provide the focus and framework for learning at MBCI. Students who are encouraged to cultivate these practices grow into life-long learners, deeply engaged in understanding the world around them and capable of discernment and critical thinking.

This kind of transformational learning invites the commitment of everyone involved. Teachers, students, staff and families all have a role, and the growth that we witness in our students is well-worth the investment.

Wherever possible, MBCI 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.

Excellence in education is born from within the culture and practices of a school community, and we are confident that this framework for learning equips students for success in post-secondary study and the workplace.

VENTURES PROGRAM

MBCI is excited to bring Christian faith and the business world together through the Ventures Program, available to all grade 9 - 12 students in 2017-2018. MBCI students will be challenged to understand the fundamentals of business and leadership, while incorporating our faith and values.

Ventures is a valuable option for high school students interested in pursuing a future career in a commerce related field such as economics, entrepreneurship, business, marketing, technology, finance or to develop valuable leadership skills applicable to any profession. Ventures will be offered in a newly renovated classroom designed to complement the business learning experience.

“Business education programs provide rich opportunities for relevant, real world learning experiences. These experiences, often taught using a project-based learning approach, reinforce high academic standards and at the same time provide authentic contexts in which students can apply what they learn.”
(National Business Education Association)



MBCI VENTURES CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS:

- Business Innovation**
- Entrepreneurship**
- Accounting Essentials**
- Economic Principles**
- Ventures Portfolio**

WHY VENTURES?

Students graduating with a certificate in the Ventures Program will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and character necessary for business leadership roles.

Graduates of the program will develop an understanding of Christian ethics and philanthropy in business.

Students will have an opportunity to engage with and understand emerging technologies used in business.

Students will be inspired to think differently through partnerships with our constituent business leaders and post secondary institutes for an experience that includes:

- Interactive Classroom Learning
- On-site Tours
- Business Career Conference
- Business Interview Fair
- Ethics and Philanthropy Education



LEADERSHIP

Every student has a voice. Our goal at MBCI is to walk alongside students in developing the character and skills necessary to discover and raise their voices with integrity. We encourage our students to practice listening and discernment, knowing that effective leadership is best communicated in the context of relationships and servanthood. Within this environment, students can then grow as individuals who seize opportunities to speak for justice and the common good; who stand up for the things in which they believe; who call forward and celebrate the voices of others.

We expect more from our students, and we work to build in them the capacity to meet these expectations, confident that they can develop the resilience needed to take on difficult challenges and to make a difference both today and for the future.

Alongside a staff mentor, students are encouraged to explore starting a club, coaching a team, organizing intramurals and more. By helping to lead school events, students learn organization skills, develop character and discover new ways of building community. In addition to involvement in Student Council or League of Leaders (middle school leadership) all students are encouraged to find a way to plug in!



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Students at MBCI are taught to cultivate practices that allow them to become life-long learners, deeply engaged in understanding the world around them. Learning beyond the classroom is an integral part of our program where students have opportunity to be a part of clubs, one of the six study tours, competitive athletic teams or music groups.

Getting involved beyond the classroom is key to making new friends, learning new skills, growing confidence, having life-changing experiences and expanding one's worldview.



MUSIC

The tradition of music at MBCI runs deep in our community and being part of it offers a rich and rewarding experience. Students work on developing skills that lead to excellence in musical productions, school concerts and community performances. Being involved in music at MBCI promotes teamwork, builds confidence and gives students a life long appreciation of music.

The bonds which develop over time in an ensemble provide a strong community for students and build friendships that last a lifetime. This is especially true during music tours and musical productions.

ATHLETICS

As a student athlete at MBCI, you will experience a rich history of excellence and outstanding performance. Each team is led by coaches who are committed followers of Jesus and who are passionate and competent in their sport.

Both on and off the court, student athletes learn respect, teamwork and goal-setting. Each player discovers how to play with integrity and humility, recognizing that God is the giver of all gifts.

Students begin building a strong foundation of athletic skills in grade 6. This foundation is the key to success for varsity teams where many players have been teammates for years.



COURSES

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students begin to form a solid foundation of study skills and learning habits starting in grade 6 and continuing on throughout middle and high school. Courses allow students to discover what they are passionate about by allowing participation in a wide variety of subject areas.

HIGH SCHOOL

High School courses are where students will develop their passions and discover their paths for the future. Students will learn what it means to peer review, work in groups and present ideas in a public forum while adjusting their work along the way. These courses are designed for students to develop the skills and understanding that are in demand in the modern workplace and post-secondary studies. Below is a small sample of the elective courses available throughout high school:

Animation 2D
AP Calculus
AP French
AP German
AP Language
AP Literature
Biology
Broadcast Media
Canadian History
Chamber Singers
Chemistry
Computer Science

Data Collection
Digital Pictures
Drama
Film Analysis & Production
Global Issues
Introduction to Improv
Physics
Retailing & Marketing
Web Analysis
Web Design
Woodworking
Yearbook



“Everyone at MBCI is so kind and they would help you if you ask. Teachers are really unique and each class is interesting. I’m not a Christian, but I’m having fun at MBCI, it is a good opportunity and to learn about and experience another religion and culture.”

- Akane, Japanese Student

WHY WINNIPEG?

Winnipeg is a growing, multi-cultural city with a population of about 720,000 and has a long history as being a place for trade and inter-cultural relations. Winnipeg has both historic and modern buildings, including the new Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

In Winnipeg, International students will experience four distinct seasons; autumn, winter, spring and summer. People enjoy the outdoors throughout the year. A short drive from the city will take you to sandy beaches, picturesque lakes, dense forests and the rocky surface of the Canadian Shield.

Winnipeg has safe neighbourhoods and is known for having friendly, generous citizens

LEARNING SUPPORT

International students are given learning support and tutoring in order to be able to manage the demands of their academic courses. EAL/ESL classes are offered for credit. TOEFL/IELTS preparation is available at no extra cost.

GRADUATE AT MBCI

MBCI offers comprehensive 3 or 4 year high school programs for International students who are interested in attending a Canadian University. International students who meet provincial credit requirements may earn a Government of Manitoba High School Diploma.

International students graduating from MBCI have access to a full-time Guidance Counsellor who is available to support students seeking post-secondary studies.

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

International Connections is a club where both International and Domestic students gather and learn about each other's culture, the world around them and explore the diverse cultural offerings around Winnipeg. This is a great opportunity for students to practice English, learn about Winnipeg, and build community with other students.

