

## Education in a Changing World

*Principal Paul Tigchelaar, B.Sc., B.Ed., M.Ed.*

For ten years, Carver Christian High School's 21-century education programming has been based upon solid, biblically-grounded education *for* a changing world. We strive to equip students for a life lived above and beyond the cultural norms and mores of today.

The key competencies identified by the BC Ministry of Education 2015 Plan are educational goals Carver leadership has *always* held as critical: creative thinking, problem solving, initiative, curiosity and the ability to work collaboratively or independently. We strive for all of this as well as the exceptional relational value of education anchored in authentic faith in Christ.

We ask ourselves: are we simply training our students to be institutionally oriented - or does our programming lead them toward openness and trust in the triune God and *His* leading?

While these emerging young men and women are maturing in knowledge of self, others and the world around them, are they also opening their hearts daily to God? Do the lessons and activities go beyond just facts to invite greater curiosity for ultimate truths? Are our student volunteers learning to do more than help but also developing as able and caring servant-hearted leaders?

As we plan for 2015/16, we are grateful and excited by the work being done at both VCS and JKCS for permanent K-12 systems. Many of our students have had a fantastic start with Christian education there, as well as in their churches and homes.

The community of Carver Christian High School will continue to cultivate and empower all of our students in their abilities, while nurturing responsibility and maturity in every area – *for a life of transformation and service!*

### Gloria & Gallery

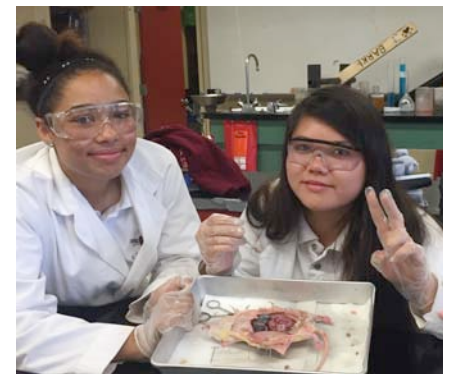
On May 1, Carver hosted the first-ever in-house Gloria and Gallery! Over 500 parents, grandparents, students and staff strolled through Carver's transformed halls to take in the spectacular Students' Art Gallery before heading to the gym for the annual 3-school Concert.

We marked 'Ten Years of Carver' with a reflective video created by several talented Carver alumni.

Again, we say  
**"Thank You!"**

for your generous support of

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**"The community aspect of Carver was exceptional; this seems unique to the size and faith-centred make up of Carver but also to the way teachers and staff interact with students." – several Carver 2012 Alumni**

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## John Knox Christian School - Building the Future: A New Foundation

*"...and all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid."*

Ezra 3:11

This spring the JKCS community came together for a Town Hall meeting to learn about architectural plans for our new high school in New Westminster, 21<sup>st</sup> century educational concepts, and Capital Campaign fundraising goals.

Attendees met in groups to ask questions about the building project. We appreciated the lively discussion that ensued and ultimately the sense of hope that people left with. Remaining fully committed to K-12 Christian Education and trusting the Lord is leading, we feel blessed with this opportunity. We are thankful for Carver, our partner high school, who will work with us in this process.



## Vancouver Christian School - Hope. And a Future.

During the past two months, VCS' Capital Campaign began with personal visits to current VCS families. We have received pledges from about 25% of our school parents and we are pleased to announce that our total campaign result stands at \$1.2 million! We are also excited to see that our feasibility study predictions are being realized.



Our Finance Committee is now considering a number of mortgage proposals and the Building Committee is in the planning stages for the actual construction process.

Our anticipated opening for K-7 is December 2017, and the high school program will open September 2018.

VCS already offers a quality educational program for elementary students and Carver offers an excellent program for high school. Together, consulting the new B.C. Ministry of Education expectations, we are planning for the future K-12.

Meanwhile, we ask for your prayers for Carver, VCS and JKCS as we move into the exciting future of Christian Education.

**Our Mission: Preparing students for a life of transformation and service through excellent Christ-centred education.**

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# Carver = Community

Linda Smythe, Development for Carver

"We love our institutions!" the speaker asserted from behind the podium. Do we? I confess to being a doubter.

While I cannot say I "love the institution" of Christian Education, anyone who has met me can tell you, I am absolutely crazy about the God behind it! He gave us His Word and Christian educators here are giving that to students daily, "so that they may have life, and have it to the full."

My heart surges with affection for the many students running around the hallways of Carver, each an interesting "work in progress." The human diversity here is wonderful!

I am extremely proud of our dedicated staff and administration, the skillful way in which they develop programs to meet the needs of students who struggle, while simultaneously finding ways to enable those determined A+ students to go above and beyond expectations. Go, Team Carver!

It is a delight, year after year, to hear the stories of our visiting alumni – *I hope that tree-planting alumnus of 2013 remembered to take lots of bug-repellent with him as trekked into Canada's great north!*

In just five years, Carver's students transform from children just starting grade 8 to young men and women graduating high school with lots of dreams and promise. As a parent, I need patience and trust in God's on-going work. *He is faithful!* This culture we live in is changing fast; it's exciting, challenging and full of potential – *just like each of them!*

Carver is far more than an institution – *this is a great community to grow up in!*

PEAK Week:  
Evan and a young friend in Costa Rica.



Nathan & Mr. Wasik enjoy the "fruits" of the squid dissection.



Mrs. Tigchelaar joins us for a special lunch to celebrate our beloved Mr. T's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday!



**"Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person's ultimate good..." CS Lewis**

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## Graduates of 2015: A Call Out from Your Valedictorian

I like to compare our high school experience to that of a young man in the Bible.

His name was Timothy, a student just like us and he was a companion of Paul's during his years of ministry. Timothy learned valuable lessons from Paul, much like we do from our teachers, and observed Paul as he was going from town to town preaching the gospel. He was the student and Paul was the teacher. Timothy would have taken notes, studied for test, probably crammed for them like we do but, most importantly he would apply the knowledge that he learned from Paul. Timothy was taught to preach the gospel unashamed and not conform to the ways of this world.

In a letter of encouragement to the young grad Timothy, Paul wrote, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."



Wow! Isn't that amazing? We as young people are called to such a high standard. Grads, Paul is expressing this to each one of you! So be bold and walk out strong in faith and embrace this calling.

**Levi Friesen**  
**Carver, Class of 2015**



**"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Tim 4:12**