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Carver Weekly Newsletter  
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## This Friday: Gloria and Gallery 2016!

Have you got your tickets yet?

You do not want to miss this performance by  
Carver's Gold Winning Choir!

*"Of all the choir performances of Tres Cantos that I  
have heard, Carver's was The Best!"*

**Doors open at 6:00 pm - tickets are just \$10**

Come out and support your child's high school -  
make a donation for a piece of Student Art and  
receive a tax deductible receipt.

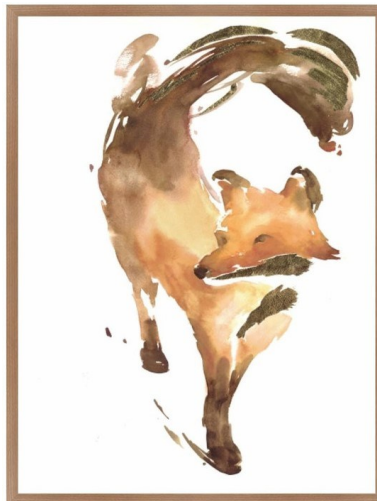
### ***Awesome Auction Items:***

*Tickets to Pacific Theatre, Cineplex, the VSO,  
Handel's Messiah, Aura Hair Salon, Qwanoes, two  
nights at the Whistler Pinnacle Hotel, Capilano  
Suspension Bridge Park, Science World, BC Lions  
Football game, a night for two at Hotel Le Soleil,  
Museum of Anthropology, Cineplex Theatre,  
Splashdown and Watermania. There are Baskets  
and Books, Appliances and Art, Nifty Knick  
Knacks and Nutty Stew and MUCH MORE!*

### ***We also have special culinary experience offerings:***

- *Indian Dinner for 010 by Mrs. Ana Das*
- *West African Groundnut Stew dinner for 10 by Principal Paul Tigchelaar*

We've got a Milano dining table, a Golden Fox giclee and a Felix den chair!



Our goal for this Spring Fundraiser is \$35,000.  
We will take a freewill offering during the concert.

CARVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**GLORIA**  
CONCERT &  
FINE ART  
SHOW

**"BENEATH THE SURFACE"**  
Faith. Redemption. Promise. Hope.

Tickets: \$10  
Available at  
Carver, JKCS & VCS

Friday  
**April 29**  
7650 Sapperton Avenue, Burnaby

# Con Brio Music Festival, Whistler

The Senior Concert Band and Choir had the chance to be part of the Con Brio Music Festival in Whistler, BC. The bonding, music, and workshops led to an incredible trip that was a wonderful learning experience. A highlight was performing for adjudicators, and students from other schools. We had amazing workshops and lessons about our music and how to perform better as a whole ensemble. Both band and choir had separate workshops and time to really vocalize our talents. Though it was sometimes busy throughout the day, we had enough time to bond with our friends over food, swimming in the hotel pool, or just relaxing in our rooms. Our school also had time to have a group dinner and a time to enjoy a gala concert consisting of vocal groups, a YouTube star, and even a military band. The last day was a final gathering of all the schools' ensembles. Massed band and choir was a terrific end to the trip with over 800 students from 16 choirs and over 2000 band members representing 40 different schools. The trip was an overall success, and both band and choir members had the chance to get to know one another, and get to know the music.

*Madeline Graciela  
Grade 12 Band and Choir student*

Spring is always a crazy time in the music department, and this year has been no different! All of our students have been busy with performances at our local Kiwanis festivals in Richmond and preparing for the Gloria concert.

A particularly exciting highlight this spring was our Senior Band and Choir trip to the Con Brio Festival in Whistler this past weekend. Our students had the opportunity to work with some of North America's finest band and choir educators in performances, workshops, and massed ensembles. Adjudicators were impressed by our students' performances. In workshop sessions, they worked both with the students and with me, in my role as their teacher and conductor, to help us grow stronger as an ensemble and reach higher musical heights together.

One of the most exciting parts of the weekend was the massed band and massed choir performances. Over 800 choral students and 2000(!!!) band students gathered together to share in this unique music-making experience. Please check a few of the videos from the massed choir: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXbqGkZ\\_mE-35ZDi9PLrNg1g6aqbi5tUs](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXbqGkZ_mE-35ZDi9PLrNg1g6aqbi5tUs).

Music trips are a one-of-a-kind experience, and the bonding that takes place both in workshop rooms and during free time is really special. I returned home physically exhausted, but also with a renewed energy and excitement for music-making with my students. I am so proud of all their hard work. My cup overflows, and my heart is full.

A HUGE congratulations to the Senior Band, who received a Silver award, and to the Choir, who brought home a Gold!!! We look forward to reprising these performances and sharing the music with you this Friday, April 29 at the Gloria Fine Arts evening!

*Cara Lau  
Music Teacher*



## Student-Teacher-Parent Conferences



Student-Teacher-Parent Conferences are as follows:

- Thursday, May 05 from 9.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. for Grades 8 and 9  
[Gr.8-9: No morning and afternoon classes] [Gr.10-12: Morning classes from 9 am to 12.25 pm]
- Thursday, May 05 from 2.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for Grades 10 to 12
- Friday, May 06 from 1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. for Grades 8 to 12  
[No morning and afternoon classes for Grades 8-12]

Please click on the following link to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4aa8aa28ab9-may2016>



# The Buzz

Our school is abuzz with the exciting news of several thousand new arrivals at Carver! With the help of our principal, Mr. Tigchelaar, and expertise from longtime community member, Mr. Dean Gurney, and student council president alumni, Elsa Gurney, we have installed an educational "Flow Hive" on our school's roof! I am spearheading this initiative as an extension of my science curriculum and passion for hands-on learning projects. Students and staff alike will have the opportunity to learn about beekeeping and the important ecological role of pollinators.

Healthy honey bee colonies are a critical part of human agriculture and the production of seeds in many flowering plants within natural plant communities. Over the past few years, there have been increasing reports of high overwintering losses and significant challenges in maintaining healthy bee colonies both in Canada and abroad.

Consequently, there is a growing movement to encourage beekeeping and bee research, along with initiatives to encourage planting diverse native flowering plants for honey bees. Our "Green Club" will be setting up planters in the coming weeks and students will learn more about sustainability, food security, and practical ways of caring for God's creation.

Honey bees are vegetarians; their diet consists of nectar, pollen, and water. Honey bees are cooperative and social creatures. They can maintain a close relationship with humans, and the behavior of honey bees has been well-researched. By placing the beehive on our school's roof, we are encouraging the best possible combination of safety for students and our honey bees.

Busy honey bees are very docile and unlikely to sting unless their hive is aggressively disturbed. They will generally exit the school grounds to seek flowering plants in the neighborhood. Students with a known allergy to bee stings should take normal precautions (i.e. keep your epinephrine at school). Approximately 18 kilos of honey (3 kilos per frame) can be produced by our honey bees and harvested from the Flow Hive!

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tigchelaar at [ptigchelaar@carverchristian.org](mailto:ptigchelaar@carverchristian.org) or Mr. Wasik at [awasik@carverchristian.org](mailto:awasik@carverchristian.org).

The future is looking sweet!

*Adam Wasik  
Science Teacher*



## Encounters With Canada (EWC)

Carver has created a unique and wonderful opportunity for all its students aged 14 to 17 to attend a week in Ottawa alongside other students from across Canada. We are gearing up for applications from YOU for programs running all next school year, beginning with Arts and Culture (August 28 to September 5, 2016). The cost is \$675 and includes airfare, room and board and a once-in-a-lifetime exciting experience in a program unique to their interests. Applications will be formally accepted in May (stay tuned to this spot for more details!) and will consist of a paragraph outlining why you want to go and what benefit you see yourself deriving from this experience. Have more questions about EWC? Please check: <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/> (If you are interested in attending, please consider the following - family vacation times, sports and extra-curricular commitments and provincial exam schedules). Are you a new or first generation Canadian? There are still some spots for **Experience Canada** June 26 to July 2, 2016, at a cost of only \$550! Read more about Experience Canada at <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/node/955> (Note: You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada to attend this week). You do NOT need to wait to apply internally for this EWC week! Please email Carver's EWC coordinator Andrea Dresselhuis at [adresselhuis@carverchristian.org](mailto:adresselhuis@carverchristian.org) to get your code for Experience Canada.

## Announcements

**Early Dismissal on Friday, April 29:** Due to preparations for Gloria and Gallery, classes will end at 2:30 p.m. Students not volunteering are expected to leave the school, and buses will leave to Cornett Road at 2:40 p.m.

**Drama: 12 Angry Men, May 19:** Courage, a word that doesn't exactly make us tingle with excitement. Why is this so? It is simply because an act of courage means abandoning our comfort zone. With society promoting the safety and luxury of our comfort zones, we feel appalled to ever do so. In *12 Angry Men*, a defiant act of courage is displayed, for going against the crowd of society isn't at all popular. Jesus Christ, being the Son of God did so, and He paid for it with His life. As Christians this leaves us with a lot to think about. The question is, what will we do about it?

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our set design: A jury room. Set design includes three walls, a door and a window. If you can spare any time and man power, please email Rebekah Loconte at [rloconte@carverchristian.org](mailto:rloconte@carverchristian.org).



**Carver Green Thumb Club:** Do you have any old gardening tools you want to donate to the Carver Green Thumb Club? Yes, that's right! Carver is starting a school garden. We are looking for donations of: garden tools, planter boxes, ceramic pots, vegetable seeds, and any other gardening related materials you can spare!

## School Calendar

April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
29 — Gloria and Gallery 2016!	5 — Student Teacher Parent Conferences	13 — Graduation Ceremony
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	10 — Chapel: China and Costa Rica Cultural Outreach Teams	20-27 — School Final/Provincial Exams
	19 — Drama Production: 12 Angry Men	28 — Marking Day/Yearbook Day
	23 — Victoria Day (no school)	29 — Marking Day for Team Leaders
	26 — SAGM at VCS at 7.30 p.m.	30 — Staff Meeting