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Gloria 2016!

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

Help make it happen: Plan to come and bring a friend

Tickets are just \$10 and are on sale in the school offices.

Volunteer

Email Linda Smythe to find out where you can help to make this a success.
“Many hands make light work.”

Donate an item for the Silent Auction

Gift Certificates for a great family experience; A product or service from your business.

Donate Funds—Our goal is \$35,000

All donations will receive a tax-deductible receipt and all equip us to equip them!

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>



Talking Technology and BYOD

This is the first year of Carver's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) technology strategy for students, and the results have been overwhelmingly positive. Although we will continue to monitor and tweak our technology policies as necessary, the three primary goals behind the program are being achieved. Access to resources, ability to comprehend concepts and material, and opportunities to represent learning have all been dramatically improved for students.

As the fall approaches and some parents consider procuring new devices or upgrading existing ones, Carver technology leaders encourage parents and students to choose laptops instead of tablets. Although tablets are often the better choice for *consuming* content (ie. listening to music, watching videos, reading mobile-friendly articles, etc.), laptops are generally more versatile and are better suited for *producing* content. In addition, some tablets have difficulty accessing certain materials or platforms that are being used in the classroom.

Laptops do not need to be high-end Macbooks to perform well on most school-related tasks. There are many sub-\$500 laptop options currently on the market. Factors to consider when purchasing a device are the battery life, the weight, the screen size and the build quality. As you consider various alternatives, it is worth noting that the Microsoft store gives 10% off of all non-sale laptops purchased with a Carver student ID either in their Metrotown store or online. As a cheaper option, Chromebooks can be purchased for as low as \$229. Although these devices are less powerful and store limited amounts of data, they are fully capable of completing most online tasks. Chromebooks are also available for year-long loan from Carver for a nominal fee.

Tim Cavey
Humanities and IT Teacher

Grade 8 Sailing Trip

This year's PEAK Week marked the final edition of the long-standing Vancouver Christian School sailing trip for Grade 8 students with the Sea and Life Training Society (SALTS) in Victoria, BC. Although VCS transitioned its Grade 8 program to the Carver campus in the fall of 2015, last year's Grade 7 graduates from VCS were promised this long-anticipated sailing expedition. And sail they did.

Our week at sea didn't offer the warmest weather of all trips previous, but thankfully we enjoyed hours of sunshine each day. The brisk winds made for tremendous sailing. As usual, our SALTS crew members were sensational: always encouraging, always caring, always patiently teaching. Our rookie cook, Saily, served up fantastic meals all week, and Carver students lined up for second servings after every meal. Our Grade 8 sailors climbed the masts fearlessly, heaved and tailed ropes with determination, and sang with enthusiasm during Mug Up each night. Gulf Island adventures included afternoon games on Galiano Island, and a hike on little Russell Island. Although the launch of the dories from the ship never failed to elicit screams, no students were lost overboard. And the lively evening games on deck produced peals of laughter.

Every year, I'm amazed by the selfless patience and servant leadership modeled by crew members on board, and I'm thankful for the thoughtful devotions and personal challenges they shared around meal times. This week was five days of slowing down, five days of sabbath, five days of reflection within breathtaking natural beauty. It was a week of community spirit: growing, learning, and laughing together. For these Grade 8 students, it was a fitting finale to their journey together through the VCS community.

Carver Christian High School sincerely thanks those parents who personally supported and prayed over this sailing trip. It was another memorable and character-shaping experience.

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Course Selection Session for Parents

Juniors Grades 7-9 on April 12 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

This is a one time session that will be held at Carver. A minimum of 10 parents is required for this session to be held. Please email Mrs. Lo-Voo to register (glo@carverchristian.org)

Drama Production on May 19

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our set design for our upcoming play, Twelve Angry Men. This play involves one scene: 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

Mr. Darcy—Superhero!



Mr. Darcy (Certified St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog), has been faithfully coming to Carver for the past nine years. His presence makes a positive addition to our student and staff community. Mr. Darcy is also a Super-hero in another sense. In his role as SJA Therapy Dog, he makes weekly visits to seniors and residents of an extended care health facility. His visits provide a break from their daily routine of illness and loneliness. He helps provide an interactive, stimulating activity and an alternate to routine nursing home activities. His visits get a response from senior residents who are withdrawn from other people and have limited abilities. Mr. Darcy's visits provide an opportunity for nursing home seniors to give and receive physical touch, display affection, and raise their spirits. Petting, stroking and 'playing' with him provides physical activity to non-active senior residents as well as a distraction to reduce the frustration and agitation that comes with limiting activities as one ages. Mr. Darcy's therapy has helped to calm some seniors and reduce them from escalating into aggressive interaction with staff and others. Many of the residents look forward to Mr. Darcy's visits to their home, and may be reminded of the time they themselves had a dog allowing them to reminisce a positive experience.

*Elly Mae Boonstra
Special Education Assistant*

Encounters With Canada (EWC)

Hello Carver students! As many of you already know, 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 to get your code for Experience Canada today!

School Calendar

April 2016	May 2016	June 2016
22 — Marking Day	5 — Student Teacher Parent Conferences	13 — Graduation Ceremony
29 — Gloria!	6 — Student Teacher Parent Conferences	16 — Awards Ceremony/Athletic Banquet
	19 — Drama Production: Twelve Angry Men	17 — Student Council Day
	23 — Victoria Day (no school)	20-27 — School Final/Provincial Exams
		28 — Marking Day/Yearbook Day
		29 — Marking Day for Team Leaders
		30 — Staff Meeting