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## Communication Protocol: Pause, Plan ... Proceed

In our every day time-pressured culture, it is all too easy to speak without pausing to compose or give sober consideration to the power of our words. Rushing and humility really do not go together. As James 3:5 aptly points out, hasty and ill-chosen words are, like fire, hard to contain and destructive to community. Paul warned the Ephesians to speak words that build up rather than tear down. We all want to achieve good things for the youth in our community, for your children and our students. It is well worth the time to remember the proverb, "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body," the body of Christ and the body of Carver Christian High School. None of us will do this perfectly but let's graciously try our best one day at a time.



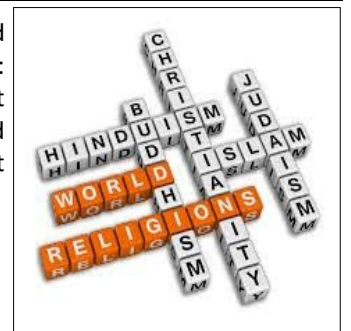
We ask you also to remember, staff time, like parents' time, is "more precious than gold." Please consider the wisdom of planning to meet rather than arriving at the school unannounced.

Please, email the staff member to book an appointment; this simple step will help all of us to prepare for and to produce the best results.

*Paul Tigchelaar  
 Principal*

## Field Trip: Introduction to World Religions

As a part of our Christian Studies 10-12 curriculum, students have the opportunity to learn about World Religions. This week, the students studying World Religions went to visit four different places of worship: a Buddhist temple, a Muslim mosque, a Sikh gurdwara, and a Jewish synagogue. At all but the Buddhist temple, a speaker gave us an educational tour of the facilities and talked about their beliefs, rituals, and daily living. Students observed, listened, and asked questions, so that they learned not only about different faiths, but also challenged and enriched their own understanding of the Christian worldview.



Here are some past participants' thoughts:

"Seeing how others live out their beliefs, I shouldn't be ashamed/afraid to exhibit my faith in all that I do."

"Sometimes Christianity is more casual and doesn't show God enough of the awe, fear and respect He deserves."



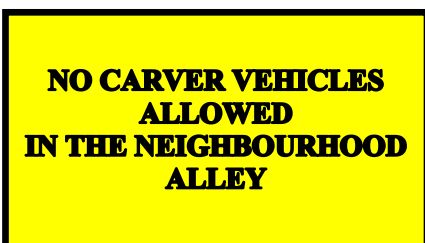
"The speakers gave us a better understanding of the world around us, but God's promise is now just ten times more secure to us."

"Now when I tell others about my faith, I can relate to them and have meaningful conversation."

"I can know how to better reach out to people without disrespecting their religion."

"When we learn realities about religions, we see them without prejudices placed upon them by society, and we can show them love and respect."

## Neighbourhood Alley: Not Carver's Driveway!



Parents, staff and before/after school and weekend sports participants:

Please **do not** use the south (neighbours') alley to enter or exit the school property... it is not to be used as our driveway.

Enter only by the north entrance and exit only by the south exit using the continuous loop!

## Ready for Demolition!



In June, the VCS community came together to say goodbye to our building on Mons Drive. More than 500 friends of the school came to celebrate, remember, and eat cake. And, as you can see from the photo, the campus on Mons Drive will soon be the site of some major changes. Playground equipment has been removed and stored, abatement has been completed, and demolition has begun. (Stay tuned for photos and video of "Tear Down Day" in the coming weeks!)

Equally exciting: we have received more than \$3.26 million in pledges and donations, moving us ever closer to our \$4 million milestone for 2016/17. It's never too late to pledge, or extend your pledge! Forms are always available at our office, or by emailing ([development@vancs.org](mailto:development@vancs.org)).

In all these things, we are deeply thankful for God's faithfulness, for the support shown by our community, and we can't wait to see the new K - 12 building take shape in the coming months!

*Jennifer Milley*  
VCS Development Coordinator

## Cultural Outreach Trips—Mandatory Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017 is a **mandatory parent/guardian and student meeting** for all outreach trips.

- 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. a notary will be at Carver to stamp notarized forms for international travel to China and Costa Rica.
- Parents/guardians will need to bring their photo ID.
- 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. will be individual team meetings for final trip details and information.

The following **instalment payments** are due on September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 12:

China \$800

Costa Rica \$700

Vancouver \$150

Please note:

- Each cheque (or funds) must have a form filled out by the student.
- No student's name should be put on the cheque. Memo section of cheque: Name of the trip only.
- Cheques need to be made out to Carver Christian High School.

## Announcements

**Delta School District Language Challenge Exams:** Applications need to be submitted by November 4, 2016. Please check <http://web.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/secondary/challengeexams> for details.

Please join us for our **weekly morning prayer** on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Carfe kitchen.

For security reasons, all the **external doors of the school building** are locked by the janitor at 4:00 p.m. on all school days.

## School Calendar

October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
6-7 — CTABC Pro-D Days (No classes)	10 — Marking Day (No classes)	14 — Evening in December
7 — Grad Pictures at Artona	11 — Remembrance Day (No school)	15 — Evening in December
10 — Thanksgiving Day (No school)	23 — STP Conferences	16 — Last Day of Classes/Student Council Event
20 — 3-School Open House	24 — STP Conferences	19 — Christmas Break till January 2
21 — BCTD Pro-D Day (No classes)	25 — STP Conferences	
27 — Picture Retake Day		