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Reflections on our Pro-D at 2016 CEBC InspirED

On October 6 and 7, Carver's teaching staff traveled to Lynden Christian School in Lynden, WA for the InspirED Convention, CEBC's annual professional development event for Christian educators in BC and Washington state. I was encouraged by the times of powerful worship, challenging speaking, insightful instruction, and networking with other teachers from across our province.



The following quotes represent a few of the gems from our keynote speaker, Andy Crouch, that left me with food for thought and ideas that will challenge my teaching practice.

All of God's creation - and His very nature - are all about **order and abundance**. Where there is both order and abundance, life flourishes. Part of our role as Christian educators is to bring order and abundance into our classrooms. As image bearers of God, we seek to bring order and abundance out of the chaos we see in our world.

Image bearers of God are also called to flourish in a state of **authority** (meaningful action) and **vulnerability** (meaningful risk). The process of human development involves leading children from a place of **safety** (no authority, no vulnerability) to a place of **flourishing** (simultaneous authority and vulnerability). God exemplifies this balance in the Trinity, and we are called to model this balance in our classrooms.

Idols in our society promise **authority** ("You shall be like God") **without vulnerability** ("You shall not surely die"), yet in reality they deliver the opposite. The more we worship our idols, the more they demand and the less they deliver. We lose our God-given authority and gain greater vulnerability. The fullest expression of this principle is addiction, when idols rob us of everything and - like the gods of old - ultimately cost us our children. Idols erase, degrade, and distort the image bearers, which is why God is jealous for us.

Where there is idolatry there is **injustice**. Where there is injustice we see **violence**. And where there is violence we see **exploitations** of the vulnerable. Image bearers of God are called to use our authority to protect the vulnerable in our world from injustice and allow them to flourish. This is our calling in the classroom and in the world.

*Tim Cavey
Humanities, Photography and IT Teacher*

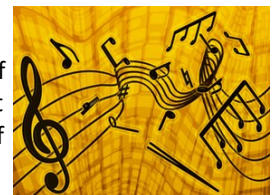
Chapel: How We Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord, all the earth! (Psalm 96:1)

What do we hope will happen when about 350 people from different traditions and backgrounds gather to worship together in the Carver gym? How can we capture the breadth and expression of faith in our prayers and songs?

Pondering these questions is just the beginning of what it is like to plan a time of worship for Carver. Last week, I invited two guest speakers to share their experiences of living in the Middle East and Africa.

Dena Nicolai is currently a Chaplain for Refugees while Asher deGroot is an Architect in Vancouver. Both of them are eager to follow Jesus and have learned to articulate faith in languages, melodies and rhythms that at one time were mostly unfamiliar to them. They taught us new songs and encouraged us to enter into a time of worship with the global church in mind.



The gift of learning to lift up our voices together in ways that might seem strange to us is that it links us in a profound and beautiful way with the "cloud of witnesses." So, sing a new song to Lord!

*Julia Vanderveen
Chaplain*

BC Lions vs. Winnipeg Blue Bombers Game

Reflections from Carver students who won the draw and attended the game:

I always love and enjoy watching the BC Lions play and October 14 was no different. It was a great game and I hope that I will be able to go and watch them again. Thank you BC Lions for giving me the chance to go to this game. I also want to thank the BC Lions for making it a great game and I hope that they will learn from this loss and continue to win and eventually win the Grey Cup!

Iminu Goma
Grade 8 student

On Friday, October 14, I got to watch the BC Lions play against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. This was the first time I have ever attended a football game! Might I say, "twas lit." The atmosphere was spirit lifting, the game was intense, and the people were very passionate for their home team who made the game come alive. Even though we lost, I had a great and definitely unforgettable time.

Ruby Ramirez
Grade 11 student

On October 14, the BC Lions and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers had a game at BC Place. Thanks to the BC Lions, I got to go! It was a wonderful game. The whole stadium was full of energy. It was so much fun to see our team live!

Leanne Obuyes
Grade 11 student

The game was exciting and fun to watch live. For me, the best part was seeing how enthusiastic fans can be for their favourite team. I would definitely recommend that people watch a football game live rather than on TV because you get to have a more thrilling experience. If you have been wanting to watch the game live, then you better hurry because the season is almost coming to a close.

Esther Mando
Grade 11 student

Football is a great sport to watch on a Friday night. It was especially exciting when the game between the BC Lions and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers was tied. Personally, my favorite part of the night was the free face paints of the lion.

A Grade 12 student

On Friday, October 14, a few Carver students who won the draw had the opportunity to attend the BC Lions vs. Winnipeg Blue Bombers game. This was the first football game that I have attended and the overall atmosphere was exciting. If I had the chance to go again, I would.

A Grade 12 student



Announcements

Non-Perishable Food Items Drive: Our student body will be collecting non-perishable food items until October 31 to donate to one of our local food-banks here in Burnaby. Last year, we raised over 700 cans. We would love it if each student could bring in one or two items to share in a practical way to provide for others. Our student council will have boxes in the homerooms to collect food. Each homeroom will earn school spirit points for their cans to go towards their class points to win a class prize at the end of the year.

Weekly morning prayer: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Change in Chapel Dates: No chapel on Tuesday, October 25. Our next chapel is on Tuesday, November 1. Parents are welcome to join us at 10:15 a.m.

Neighbourhood Alley: Not Carver's Driveway!

**NO CARVER VEHICLES
ALLOWED
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
ALLEY**

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!

School Calendar

October 2016	November 2016	December 2016
20 — Open House—Presenting Carver	10 — Marking Day (No classes)	14 — Evening in December
21 — BCTD Pro-D Day (No classes)	11 — Remembrance Day (No school)	15 — Evening in December
27 — Picture Retake Day	18 — Grade 6 and 7 Visit Day	16 — Last Day of Classes/Student Council Event
	23 — STP Conferences	19 — Christmas Break till January 2
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	25 — STP Conferences	