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Crafting Authenticity: A Work in Process

In reviews by the BC Ministry Inspector of Independent Schools, Carver has experienced repeated affirmations for the authentic Christian community we continually nurture for our students. This is a precious mandate that is not taken for granted. Our teaching staff explore and develop their craft and Christianity as educators in order to continually grow.

Galatians 5 is often cited as a “Do and Do Not” list of good and bad behaviours. There is problem with that perspective: the list of sins and the list of fruits of the Spirit do not really constitute a lesson in morality. Rather, they are an articulation of the state of one’s worship. *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.”* Freedom, not slavery. These words are a measure for personal reflection, guiding the depth and authenticity of our own relationship with the triune God.

High school is a time of growing independence, exhilarating and sometimes scary new experiences. Developing into capable, caring adults with the ability to make choices that are beneficial, prudent, timely and yes, moral, requires authentic freedom: what an amazing, dangerous yet powerful gift. Thank God that we are also one of the slowest maturing creatures – we and our students have time to learn from our mistakes and to grow in the grace and humility an authentic community demands. Thank God that we can thank God!

Paul Tigchelaar

Grade 8-9 Photography Field Trip

In January, Mr. Cavey took a group of Grade 8-9 Photography students into downtown Vancouver for an afternoon of photo shooting. The weather cooperated beautifully, giving the class sparkling sunshine and clear blue skies. Our bus driver, Mr. Champ, showed patience and quick improvisation as the photographers hopped on and off the bus in quick stops around the downtown area.

A few of the students' reflections on the experience:

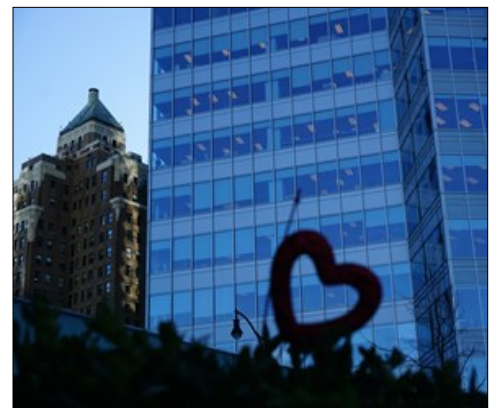
“My favorite place we visited on the field trip was Prospect Point. We got to overlook the water and there was some nature to take shots of, which was interesting in the midst of all the urban and concrete structures.” - Kira

“The weather was nothing short of a pleasant surprise. The hues of blue engulfed the skies and light clouds scattered across the sky like white paint on a blue canvas. My favourite spot throughout the trip would have to be Prospect Point. The sea stretched beyond the horizon captivating all those who watched, and the view of the mountains was a great accompaniment.” - Timothy

“My favorite place to shoot was Waterfront station because of the unique architecture and small details.” - Maya

“My favourite place to shoot was on the seawall, because there was amazing weather, and the water was so still it almost looked like glass. I loved the way the sun reflected off the water, and the boats!” - Eden

“Gastown was my favourite stop because I love the unique architecture and cobblestone roads; they add a lot a character to the photos.” - Jocelyn



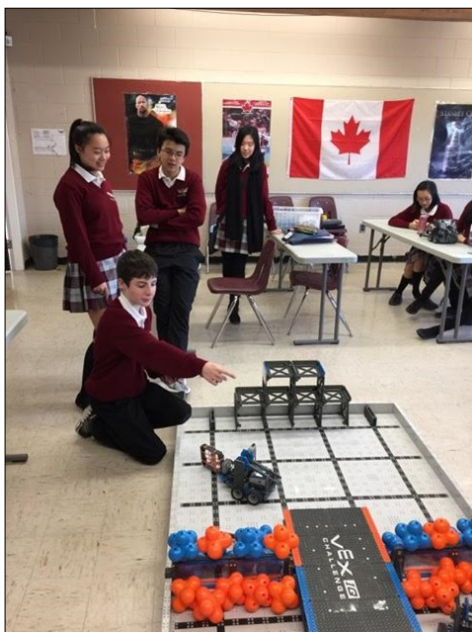
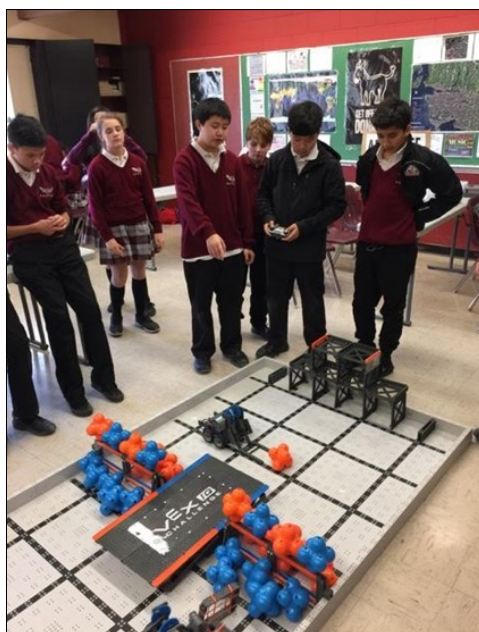
Robotics Grades 7-9: The Final Challenge

What prepared for them for the challenge? Students gained knowledge of the robotics and engineering, including the basic ideas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and simple machine and motion. Then students first constructed the basic platform, and then they designed and constructed their own robots to meet the specific criteria and goal of the challenge.

Were they competing as teams? Yes. They competed as teams with each of team members plays an important role as a contributing factor to the group's success.

What learning lessons came out it? The skills challenge was designed to showcase students' knowledge and skills in designing, building, trouble shooting and delivering a STEM Research Project presentation, with minimal teacher assistance.

What character lessons might have been in it? The challenge definitely brought out creativity and the Maker in every student. Of course, there were unanticipated challenges every group had to face and overcome in order to successfully compete in the challenge, which encouraged them to persevere and use their teamwork and problem solving skills.



Announcements

During our **Tuesday, February 7 chapel**, we plan to engage with the issue of pornography from a Biblical perspective. This will be a thoughtful and discreet discussion, with content safe for students of all ages to attend. Parents from our school community are welcome to join us as we engage with this very important subject. Your prayers of support are also appreciated as we seek to raise a generation transformed by the power and freedom that is found in Jesus. If you have any questions or concerns about this upcoming chapel, please contact Mr. Cavey directly at tcavey@carverchristian.org.

The Axis Virtual Parenting Teens Summit is an online event which is completely free for the first 72 hours of each speaker's session, and you can purchase lifetime access to all of the content to view any time. Speakers include Dr. Ravi Zacharias, Dr. Gary Chapman, Dr. Timothy Keller, Dr. Kara Powell, John Eldredge among other Christian thought leaders. Please click for more information: <https://uy237.infusionsoft.com/app/linkClick/50169/3d7e0898e68ddb2/4286583/073fd72d39777a0b>

School Calendar

February 2017		March 2017		April 2017	
13	— Family Day (No school)	6-10	— PEAK Week	14	— Good Friday (no school)
15	— Grade 9 Immunizations	10	— Last day of classes before Spring Break	17	— Easter Monday (no school)
21	— Growing Towards Graduation Presentation at 7:00 p.m.	13-24	— Spring Break (No school)	20	— PEAK Auction Event (details coming soon)
		27	— School reopens	21	— Marking Day