

Creating Community with Intentionality

One of the affirming phrases Carver's Ministry of Education Inspectors have regularly chosen to describe our school is "authentic community." As it is easy to overuse that phrase, educational leaders think it is worth dissecting and reexamining periodically. In fact, the most recent Christian Educators Journal is completely focused on this discussion.

As we enter into Carver's final semester and look ahead to the future of two new high school campuses, this concept of sustaining the essence of Carver's authentic community is being pondered. This is what we want for our staff and our students.

- Community practices with purposeful faith integration
- Community culture of inclusion, respect and safety
- Community care seen in a variety of ways that include celebration
- Community that fosters courageous and confident learning
- Community with character development as a central structure
- Community through valued involvement by all stakeholders
- Community that communicates – with a focus on listening and caring
- Community that values community!

In all of this, Great is God's faithfulness!

Paul Tigchelaar
Principal

Caring for Creation



During class in Caring for Creation, we learned how to preserve, protect, and fully appreciate God's creation. We started off this module by learning how we are not fulfilling how God wanted us to care for creation. For the next few classes, we learned about what was wrong with the world, and from reading the book of Job, we learned not to think of humanity as the center of the universe. We ended the module by studying ecological virtues and by watching the documentary "Virunga."

From watching "Virunga," I was moved by how the park rangers of Virunga National Park put the endangered mountain gorillas and the wellbeing of the park before their own lives. Learning the different ecological virtues has helped me learn how to live a Christ-like life, and I don't think that I am going to forget them anytime soon. In all, I enjoyed this class, as it had a relatively stress-free environment, because the module was based on learning and critical thinking rather than memorizing facts for tests. This class has taught me how to be a good steward of God's creation.

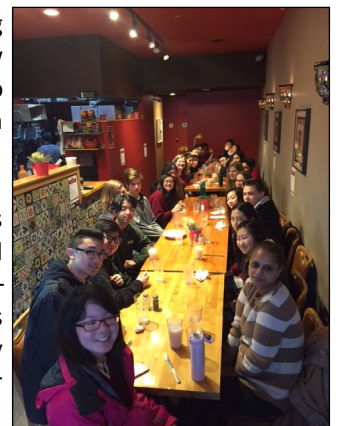
Seren Ho
Grade 10 student

Spanish 11 Field Trip



Hola! As an enjoyable and educational end to Semester 1, the Beginning Spanish Class and Spanish 11 went to The Mexican Gourmet, a new restaurant in Port Coquitlam, owned by Mrs. Gonzalez's friend Hieriberto Galindo and his family. We enjoyed authentic Mexican food and had an enjoyable time together as a class.

Spanish class also includes learning about different cultures. Our students study two foods units and learn the typical daily foods of Latino families. Food shared with hospitality are very important values for Latinos - "sobremesa" – which literally translates over the table. Unlike many busy and active families here, it is typical for Latinos to come together with friends and family to enjoy extended leisurely time together around the table, eating and talking for hours. It was a great way to wrap up the semester's learning!



John Knox Christian High School Information

JKCS Junior High School Information Night

A hearty thank you to everyone who attended our Junior High School Information Meeting. The gym was packed with students and parents; we were heartily encouraged by the turnout.

We opened the evening with scripture, (Psalm 25:4-10) and prayer. From start to finish, there was a sense that we are a very blessed community and we have a great deal to be grateful for!



- We celebrated the noteworthy and longstanding reputation of JKCS:
 - ✓ we are rooted in our Christian Worldview
 - ✓ our staff are deeply committed to the work they do here
 - ✓ we have a far-reaching reputation for balancing excellent academic outcomes with an inclusive enrollment policy
 - ✓ we love our students and our parents, and our staff members respect and care for one another
- We celebrated our recent Government Evaluation, because:
 - ✓ we received noteworthy commendations for being early adopters of the New BC Education Plan and for demonstrating significant care and attention within the processes of our curriculum development initiatives
 - ✓ we received noteworthy commendations for doing exemplary work, not just on our academic programs, but on all aspects of school operations
- We introduced students to our exciting curriculum development vision and off-campus junior high school activities
- We touched on the changing landscape of university entrance requirements and on how JKCS is planning programs that will equip our students to successfully prepare for this new environment
- We unveiled our very popular, flexible, comfortable and style savvy school uniform

We closed the evening in prayer. We thanked God for his faithfulness, not only to our community, but also to the life and future of Carver and Vancouver Christian School. We asked the Lord to continue to generously bless all three communities so that the work of his kingdom will thrive equally in all locations.

That pretty much sums up the evening,

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PS: In the upcoming months, we will continue to communicate with students and families via email and the school newsletter.

JKCS Grade 10 Info Night

In the 2018/19 school year, Grade 10 will be John Knox's biggest high school class! We are holding a special info night just for you. We will discuss what makes Grade 10 distinctive, unique programs at John Knox, field trips and fun activities, transportation, our flexible uniform, and much more.

Thursday, March 1, at 7:00pm in the JKCS gym. Watch your email for a link to sign up, or sign up here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0849A5A729A5F49-info1

JKCS Course Selection for JKCS Grade 11 and 12

Coming to John Knox for Grade 11 or 12? Mrs. Perttula is hosting two sessions at John Knox to plan course selection. Parents and guardians are welcome but not required to attend, but will be required to sign off on course selection. Choose either February 5 or 7 at 4:00pm. Watch your email for more information and a sign up link, or sign up here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0849A5A729A5F49-grade18

January 2018 Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26	Monday, January 29
09:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	09:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.	09:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Chemistry 11 Final Exam English 12 Provincial Exam	Foundations of Mathematics 12 Final Exam Pre-calculus 12 Final Exam Science 10 Final Exam Science 10 Honours Final Exam	Biology 12 Final Exam French 10 Final Exam French 11 Final Exam Introductory Mandarin 11 Final Exam Introductory Spanish 11 Final Exam Mandarin 11 Final Exam Spanish 11 Final Exam

- All students (Grades 7 to 12) need to be in uniforms during exam week (January 25 to 30).
- Regular classes for Grades 7 to 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, Friday, January 26, and Monday, January 29, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30.
- Students in Grades 10 to 12 need to be at school only for their scheduled exams.
- **Wednesday, January 31 is a Marking Day. There are no classes for Grades 7-12.**

Bus Schedule During Exam Week

Thursday, January 25

- 08.15 a.m. Bus 1 leaves Knight Street for Cornett Road and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 2 leaves Cornett Road for Lougheed and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 3 leaves Cornett Road for Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 12.10 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Cornett Road (For Grades 10 to 12)
- 03.40 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Lougheed SkyTrain Station, Cornett Road and Knight Street (For Grades 7 to 9)

Friday, January 26

- 08.15 a.m. Bus 1 leaves Knight Street for Cornett Road and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 2 leaves Cornett Road for Lougheed and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 3 leaves Cornett Road for Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 12.10 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Cornett Road (For Grades 10 and 12)
- 03.40 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Lougheed SkyTrain Station, Cornett Road and Knight Street (For Grades 7 to 9)

Monday, January 29

- 08.15 a.m. Bus 1 leaves Knight Street for Cornett Road and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 2 leaves Cornett Road for Lougheed and Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 3 leaves Cornett Road for Carver (For Grades 7 to 12)
- 12.10 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Cornett Road (For Grades 10 to 12)
- 03.40 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Lougheed SkyTrain Station, Cornett Road and Knight Street (For Grades 7 to 9)

Tuesday, January 30

- 08.15 a.m. Bus 1 leaves Knight Street for Cornett Road and Carver (For Grades 7 to 9)
- 08.20 a.m. Bus 2 leaves Cornett Road for Lougheed and Carver (For Grades 7 to 9)
- 03.20 p.m. Buses leave Carver for Lougheed SkyTrain Station, Cornett Road and Knight Street (For Grades 7 to 9)

Announcements

Volunteer Opportunity for Carver Students

The Burnaby Public Library is offering Reading Buddies at the McGill branch February 6 to March 6, 2018 from 4 – 5:30pm.

Reading Buddies is a program where teens and children are paired up for one-on-one reading in a safe, fun and friendly environment. The goals of this program are to provide children with extra reading practice and to provide teens with leadership skills and an opportunity to engage with community. Teens are expected to attend all five sessions.

Interested teens should submit an application by the Friday, January 26, 2018 to any Burnaby Public Library information desk. Applications are outside the Carver office or visit the library for more information.

Cultural Outreach Trips 2018: Mandatory Meeting today, January 25

1. **Costa Rica and China Parents: Please arrive at 6.00 pm with photo ID for each parent. A notary will be at Carver to sign and stamp a document stating that you will allow your child to travel with Carver internationally:**

- a. Both parents must be present in front of the notary with photo ID and their child
- b. If parents are legally separated, both parents must be in front of the notary with photo ID and their child.
- c. If parents are legally divorced, a copy of the custody paper must be handed in and both parents come with photo ID and their child if it is joint custody. If it is solo custody, the custodial parent must come with child and photo ID.
- d. If a parent has passed away, a copy of the death certificate must be handed in and the living parent comes with photo ID and their child.

2. **All China, Costa Rica and Vancouver teams will have a parent and student meeting at 7.00 pm.** This is a chance to get all detailed information regarding the trip and to pray as a community for your individual child, the whole team and what God will do in the midst of each outreach trip 2018.

School Calendar

January 2018	February 2018	March 2018
25-30 — Exam Week	01 — Semester 2 starts	05-09 — PEAK Week
31 — Marking Day (no classes)	12 — Family Day (no school)	09 — Last day of classes before Spring Break
	13 — Pro-D Day (no classes)	12-23 — Spring Break
		26 — School reopens
		30 — Good Friday (no school)