

*"To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." Jude 1:25*



*Educating  
God's  
Children*

## The Auction is Coming Soon! Get your Tickets Today!

if you need childcare, email [development@johnknoxbc.org](mailto:development@johnknoxbc.org)

### WHY COME TO THE AUCTION?

We get it—the school, it seems, is always needing money. Between Grade 8 fundraising, Grade 7 fundraising (an anomaly this year!), field trip money, the orphan penny drive, progressive fundraisers, the Capital Campaign, and now the Auction, there's a lot of fundraising going on, and we can easily lose our focus.

So why should you come to the Auction if you've already been asked for money in various other ways this year? Here are a few reasons that come to mind.

**1. To participate in the community of John Knox.** We plan events like the Auction and Winterfest because we want our fundraising to be a part of the bigger picture of the life of this school; we sincerely want community-building to stay forefront. Events like these build community at John Knox. Volunteering for and attending these events enables families to get involved and feel a part of

this community—and for families are able to give time but not money, it's a way of using their gifts in support of the school. Maybe you are thinking you shouldn't come to the Auction if you can't purchase anything—that is most definitely not the case! Come enjoy the food and fellowship and atmosphere without feeling the need to spend money once you are inside.

**2. To support John Knox financially.** Perhaps you are in a position to give... and perhaps you have been looking at buying something that is on our auction list. Every item on our auction list has been donated, so that means that every penny you spend at the auction (rather than at Best Buy or Costco or the Home Depot) will profit your child's education. You can purchase an item you've been needing, or something that would make a great gift for someone else, and the entire amount will go straight to the school.

**3. IT'S GOING TO BE FUN!** We hope when you arrive, it'll

be like you've arrived at a street in Paris—without the long-haul flight. Picture a street lined with café tables and colourful flowers, and a strolling violinist entertains you as everyone places their bids at the busy market, sipping coffee or nibbling a French *crêpe* from the local *crêperie*. In the midst of the busy street, you may even encounter a mime entertaining the crowd, or a young waiter with a platter of *éclairs*!

The community of John Knox rallied to support the building of a new school that will serve our students, and future generations, well for years to come. The school is now built and we're already able to see the great benefits and joy that it brings—yet it still needs to be paid for. The school will always be in need of financial support because we are an independent—not publicly funded—school striving to provide the best for your children. When it comes to meeting those financial needs, you are only asked to give as you are able, and as you feel called to. Come to the Auction and participate in the community! **Enjoy une nuit à Paris!**

# School News

## Grade 3 Pen Pals and Grade 7 Media Studies with Vancouver Christian Students

As a school, we are committed to building community fellowship with Vancouver Christian School and Carver Christian School. Over the next several months, exciting things are happening in the grade three and grade seven classes at both elementary schools in an effort to further this goal.

In grade three, our students will be matched with penpals from Mrs. Wiebe's grade three class at VCS. Mr. Wedemire, who works at both schools, has graciously agreed to act as our mailman. (though he insisted he won't wear a mailman uniform 😊) In addition to passing the paper versions of letters to each other, we hope to share our writing assignments on-line through digital technology such as SKYPE. We will project the image over the portable smart board so we can "virtually" interact with the other class. We are all excited to use the up-to-date technology that we now have in our new building! We plan to have a real face-to-face meeting with both classes for a picnic in May. We can't wait to meet our new friends and begin to develop relationships with our peers from Vancouver Christian School.

Also, the two grade seven classes at JKCS will collaborate with Miss Con's grade seven class at VCS as they engage in a media studies unit. During this unit, students from JKCS will be paired up with students from VCS to observe the world-views of a number of different kinds of media. Students will be using a Wiki site to jointly contribute with each other online as well as interacting as a class using the video conferencing program Skype. All the teachers are excited to have the opportunity to use their classroom technology to a fuller extent.

As teachers, we value the chance to work together and collaborate with others who teach the same grade. It is exciting to share ideas and discover new learning opportunities in the process! The four teachers involved will then present their strategies and techniques of how they collaborated as teachers between two different schools in a workshop for other teachers during our large two-day convention in October.

As we would like to capture some of the process digitally, we are looking for a tripod that we could borrow at the school for the next few months. Do you have one collecting dust in your closet that we could use? If so, please pass to Mrs. DeWith in the grade three class.



We will keep you posted as this project progresses!

## Annual Outreach Orphan Fund Penny / Coin Drive!



We want to thank everyone for their participation in the Orphan Fund Penny / Coin drive this year. It was a little tense last week when it looked like we were not going to make our monetary commitment to our two sponsored children, Tao and Thien. In the last two days before the penny / coin drive ended, we suddenly doubled in our donations! Thank you so much for encouraging your children to be involved in saving up their pennies and coins throughout the year and for assisting us in providing these children with

medical, educational and health services another year. Our final total is \$2682.42!!!

Congratulations to Gr.2M for having the highest total in the primary classes (\$237.69) and to Gr. 5A for having the highest total at the middle grades (\$438.51). Please continue to pray for Thien and Tao and their situation.

A special thanks to our parent volunteers, Nan He, Fanny, Linda, Joyce, Marilyn, Stella, Ika and Janice for coming in last Friday to collect, sort and count all the money! It was a big job and we appreciated all the work you did!

## Grade 5A Celebrating Ms. Aukema's Birthday this past week.



## Student Verification / New Re-Registration Form

As you know, each student in the school was given a *New Re-Registration / Student Verification Form*. This form does 2 things for the school. It confirms all the information we have on your child and you. And it confirms that you will be returning in the fall. We use this form as a Re-Registration for the next school year, 2011/2012. *Thank you for the many parents who have returned the forms (69% have been returned!)* *If you have not already done so, please return the forms to either your child's teacher or the school office* before our Open House, February 10. When returning the forms, kindly include the per family re-registration fee of \$100. (Posted dated cheques are acceptable). Please correct any errors on the form!

# Parent & Student Reminders



Next Orders Due: February 10

## Our Chess Club



The chess club continues to grow in enthusiasm and mastery of basic skills. Unfortunately, our current parent volunteer is no longer able to help with the chess club. In order to continue to provide a conducive environment for all chess players, we need each parent to volunteer once between February 7 and the end of June. No chess knowledge is required. Please contact Wan at [wphow@yahoo.com](mailto:wphow@yahoo.com) to sign up.



## Sun Run 2011

“Early bird” school team rates are now in effect until Feb. 25! We do need a minimum amount of people to have a John Knox Team. Don't delay making the commitment to join our team. Last year there were a few people who forgot about the deadline and couldn't get the cheaper rate or a Sun Run John Knox T-Shirt! Please contact Mr. Morrison at [imorrison@johnknoxbc.org](mailto:imorrison@johnknoxbc.org)

## Open House!

John Knox Christian School together with Carver Christian High School and Vancouver Christian School will be holding an Open House on Thursday, February 10, from 1:30–7:30 pm. Please pass this information on to your friends and relatives! ***You are the best recruiters for our school.*** Staff in the office will gladly provide you with an information package to pass onto friends and relatives! “Three Locations—One Focus” Excellent Christ-Centered Education K-12. For your information, we are now accepting applications for all grades in the 2011/2012 school year.

## Pastor's Day,

### Thursday, February 10

Your church pastors are invited to our school on Thursday, February 10 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for coffee, tea, and goodies. Invitations have been given to your youngest child today for you to pass on to your pastor Sunday! There are extra Invitations in the Office.

## Give a POSITIVE Review of John Knox and Help Advertise our school!

Potential new parents often search the internet for the best school for their child. A new website has been developed that allows searching parents to read reviews of all the area preschools, daycares, and elementary schools. John Knox is on that site, and you are encouraged to give a review of the school! Check out the site at [www.theshortylist.ca](http://www.theshortylist.ca).



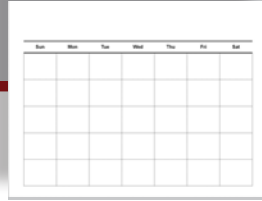
## Parenting Courses Offered at Vancouver Christian School

**SAFE PASSAGE**—Teaching kids to be safe and responsible online. Canadian kids are among the most connected in the world. For the most part, their online experiences are positive, but there are drawbacks and safety risks that parents, educators and librarians should be aware of. While filters and firewalls provide some protection, kids need information and critical thinking skills to protect their personal information online, navigate chat rooms safely, handle illegal or inappropriate content and recognize online hate when they encounter it. The Safe Passage workshop explores the various Internet environments that kids enjoy, highlights Internet safety hazards and offers tips for managing inappropriate content and promoting ethical online behaviour. The workshop also contains information on creating Internet “house rules,” using kidfriendly search engines and finding great kids' sites.

**KIDS FOR SALE**—Online privacy and marketing. Marketing to children and the protection of privacy are two important issues that have emerged as marketers exploit the interactive capacities of the Internet. This workshop offers a sampling of online commercial environments that attract children. Kids for Sale explores current strategies for marketing to kids and the ways in which children's privacy may be compromised online. The workshop underlines how important it is for kids to know when they are being informed, entertained or marketed to online and also to understand how their personal information may be used. These seminars are offered at Vancouver Christian School. **Safe Passage Thursday Feb. 16 7:30 pm—8:45 pm** **Kids for Sale Thursday Feb. 23 7:30 pm—8:45 pm** If you are interested in attending these courses please phone the VCS school office at 604-435-3113 to register by Friday, February 11. Bill DeJager, from SCSBC will be moderating these courses.



# Carver Corner



# Calendar



## Faith is Our Business

1 Corinthians 2:4, 5 shares the important message that our faith rests on Gods power. More frequently of late we hear that schools offer a product and need to be operated from a business model perspective to be successful. I don't disagree that diligence and efficiency are very important aspects of a healthy school provided we understand, as a community, our primary mandate. That is that we are in fact a community and first and foremost, we are a faith based educational community.

As a community that has Biblical teaching as its foundation, in all we do we worship God with faith. If we worship with sincere passion and integrity as staff, students and parents, others who value the same will take note and effective recruitment of new students will be a result of who we are as much as it would be a result of what we do strategically.

I believe our students view Carver as an authentic place of worship, learning and friendship and I certainly hope they don't see me as the president of our company!

Paul Tigchelaar  
Principal

**John Knox Students!**  
**Help Support Carver Christian High School**  
**grade 11's raise money for their mission trip**  
**to Costa Rica in March 2011**  
**Cupcake Sale**  
**on Monday, January 31st, 2011**  
**at lunch time in the Lobby**  
**cost = \$1.00/each**

January	
28 Friday	Missions Fest
29 Saturday	Missions Fest
30 Sunday	Missions Fest
February	
4 Friday	"Nuit à Paris" Auction!
10 Thursday	Open House! Pastor's Day! from 10:00 - 11:00 am
16 Wednesday	Grades 3 and 5 High Tech High Touch in school workshop
25 Friday	Professional Day
March	
18 Friday	<b>Last Day before Spring Break</b>
<b>Spring Break March 19 - April 3</b>	
April	
5 Monday	<b>First day back at school</b>
15 Friday	<b>Gloria Concert!</b>
17 Sunday	The Vancouver Sun Run 2011
22 Friday	Good Friday - No School
25 Monday	Easter Monday - No School
29 Friday	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
May	
02 Monday	Grade 2M to Aquarium
05 Thursday	Grade 2L to Aquarium
11 Wednesday	Grade 3V to VanDusen Gardens
23 Monday	Victoria Day - No School
June	
23 Thursday	Grade 8 Recognition/Grad Ceremony
24 Friday	Last day of school - Half Day

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