

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness. -Psalm 29:2



*Educating
God's
Children*

welcome back to school!
please note the following important information:
1st day back is a half day: tuesday, september 6
primary students K-4 start at 8:40 am
middle school students 5-7 start at 8:30 am
parents are invited to chapel at 11:30 that day.
all students will be dismissed at noon.

Dear Students, Parents, Grandparents, and Community,

Welcome back to John Knox Christian School for the new 2011-2012 school year! We are very excited to open our doors to a full roster of students, with around 60 new families and three full kindergarten classes. We welcome back our returning staff members as well as two new teachers for September: Ms. Luk (teaching half-time in Grade 3 with Mrs. DeWith) and Ms. Lai (part-time Kindergarten).

You may also notice a few other changes around John Knox... One physical change is that the exterior walls of the gym and offices have been painted to match the rest of the new building: thank you Mrs. Perttula for coordinating this over the summer! Also you will notice a "Friendship Circle" of benches at the front of the school near the staff parking lot. We are very

grateful to one of our supporting grandparents, Mrs. Florence Vegt, who has donated this beautiful space that is particularly designed to give the older girls at John Knox the space to sit and chat during recess. Please read more about the Friendship Circle on page 3 of this newsletter. We would like to sincerely thank those parents and students who took time to keep our grounds well watered and cared for over the summer months!

A few "status changes" have occurred among the staff as well: as of August 20, Ms. Lu became Mrs. Wong! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wong on their recent marriage. Mrs. Wong will continue working at John Knox 50% with students, and 50% as Learning Assistance Coordinator. Congratulations to Ms. Peereboom who has recently become engaged! And we celebrate with no less than FOUR staff members

who are expecting their first babies: Mrs. Groen (January), Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Miller (February), and Mrs. Kwan (March).

At the start of the new year, we want to give thanks to God for his continued faithfulness to John Knox: for enabling full enrolment, for providing compassionate and qualified staff and teachers, for blessing our efforts before the year even begins. As a staff, we thank the Lord for the privilege of working in a Christian school. Before you even arrive on September 6, I encourage you to spend time with your children thanking the Lord for the privilege of receiving Christian education. It is a gift, and we are grateful to be a part of educating your children to the glory of God.

See you very soon!
Sincerely,

Anne Ferguson

Procedures & Information

Office Procedures



Students are expected to be at school on time every day. Please note the different start and end times for different grades:

K-4: Classes begin at 8:40 am and end at 3:00 pm.

5-7: Classes begin at 8:30 am and end at 2:50 pm.

Punctuality and regular attendance are extremely important. We ask all families to make sure that their child(ren) arrive in class on time; tardiness often disrupts the flow of morning routines in the classroom. In the event of repeated tardiness, the family will be contacted in order to determine a satisfactory solution to the problem.

Parents are encouraged to arrange medical, dental and other appointments outside of school hours. If for some reason a student must leave during the school day, a note must be provided or the office contacted from home. It is essential that a student sign out in the office when he/she leaves and signs in when he/she returns.

The School Newsletter (“Times”)

The “Times” newsletter is one important avenue for the school’s communication to parents. It will be issued every Thursday, and it is important that you read the newsletter each week. To conserve paper and remain environmentally responsible, we will be sending the newsletter via email. For September only, we will also send hard copies home with the youngest child in your family, to ensure that you are receiving the newsletter.

All new families and returning families whose email has changed, please provide

your email address to the office by sending an email to admin@johnknoxbc.org with the subject line: Email Address for Weekly Newsletter by September 23. If you prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, please advise the office staff before that date.

All submissions for the newsletter must be sent to Anne Ferguson for approval by Tuesday 3:00 pm of each week. *No exceptions!* Please remember to CHECK THE WEBSITE (www.johnknoxbc.org) for news and updates. The newsletter will be posted there as well.

PE Uniform

All students in Grades 4-7 are required to have a John Knox uniform for all PE classes. The uniform includes solid black shorts, the John Knox T-shirt and good indoor/outdoor running shoes with good support. The PE shirts are available at a cost of \$11.00 each. Please obtain your own black shorts and running shoes.



Traffic Flow for Parents/ Drivers

Student Drop-off/ Pick-up—Please follow traffic rules, signs, and traffic coordinator’s instructions! This is for the safety of our children! Remember to enter from 12th Avenue and exit on 13th Avenue. DO NOT DRIVE FASTER THAN 5 KM!

Returning students, line up and enter through the same doors as last year. New students, if you are not sure which door to use on the first day, please enter through the main doors when the bell rings. Staff will direct new students to their classrooms, and let you know which door to use in the future.

Alpha

Hoping to attend Alpha this year? See page 6 for info on the upcoming session of Alpha happening at Burnaby Alliance Church on Armstrong.



Student Supplies

Grades 4-7: For those who ordered supplies from Creative Children, these orders will be delivered directly to the school. For those who opted to purchase their own supplies, remember to bring the supplies to school on Tuesday, September 6. You will find a list of school supplies for each grade attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Grades K-3: Thank you to the many families who have paid the student supply fee. For those who haven’t, please remember a \$25 Student Supply Fee is required for each student in Kindergarten to Grade 3. The fee should be dropped off at the office during the first week of school. If you can’t remember if you have paid the supply fee, assume you have until we contact you!

Kindergarten Students

For the first week of school, ALL Kindergarten students will attend Kindergarten every morning from 8:40 to noon. Beginning the second week, September 12, regular kindergarten schedules will begin:

Full-time: Monday through Friday, 8:40 am to 3:00 pm. Half-time: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:40 am to 3:00 pm.

Please note the Kindergarten students will not be participating in chapel on Tuesday, September 6. Kindergarten parents, please pick up your children from the classrooms at noon.

Class Lists

Class lists will be posted on our website with students’ first names and last initials, and the names of their teachers on **Friday, September 2 AFTER 2:00 pm.**

Fridge-Worthy Notices

Individual School Photo Day Monday, September 19.

Information packages regarding school photos will be sent home the first week of school.

New Parent Orientation Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 pm

Joining a new school can be both an exciting and overwhelming experience with so many new faces and different routines. We want to make sure this year is a great one for you, as a parent, and for your child(ren). You are cordially invited to attend New Parent Orientation to learn more about the educational vision of John Knox Christian School, our upcoming planned activities, and what it means to become part of a parent community.

Back to School BBQ Thursday, September 29, 5:30 pm

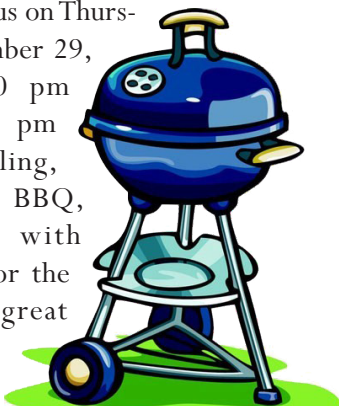
To welcome you back to John Knox Christian School for the 2011-2012 academic year, we are hosting our annual Back to School BBQ here at John Knox. Please join us on Thursday, September 29,

from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm for a sizzling, fun-filled BBQ, complete with activities for the kids and great food for all.

The cost to attend is simply to

cover expenses. We hope to have as many volunteers as last year: check the next newsletters for a volunteer form.

If you live in the immediate surrounding neighbourhood of John Knox, please feel free to invite the school's neighbours as well. See you then!



After School Options

- Small group SOI lessons with Mrs. Stelzer
- Private Guitar Lessons with Mr. Laszlo Polgari
- Private violin lessons with Mrs. Groen
- Homework Hall with Mrs. Braacx
- After School Care (on-campus) with Ms. Alexandra and Graham Montessori
ALL INTERESTED OR REGISTERED PARENTS: you are encouraged to attend a meeting on August 30 at 6 pm in the multi-purpose room. Contact: 778.397.0191 or grahammontessori@gmail.com.
- Small group Mandarin Lessons (for beginners)
- Small group Art classes with Mr. Lam

For information on any of these after school programs, please contact the office.

Rides Desperately Needed

Our daughter will start Grade 1 at John Knox in September. We are desperately looking for parents in our neighbourhood who could pick up our daughter after school and drop her off at our house. Or maybe there would be anybody interested in doing after school care until 5pm? We live on Marine Drive in Burnaby, close to 22nd Street - or Edmonds Skytrain station. Please call Harriet and Javier if you can help: 778 397 4125.



Friendship Circle: a place for conversation, confidences, and community

Mrs. Florence Vegt has had a heart for Christian education at John Knox for many years. Not only did she send her children to John Knox, her grandchildren have also attended here, and she has continued to support the school through the years.

At the beginning of last school year, Mrs. Vegt brought forward an idea that she had been formulating for some time: she wanted to see a "Friendship Circle" installed on the school grounds, and she wanted to sponsor it herself. She imagined a circle of benches creating a space for good conversation and community building. Her primary thought was for the older female students at John Knox who often want to sit and chat during recess—and until now, there has been no real space for this to happen. But her vision was broader too: she imagined that folks after church or in the neighbourhood might find in the Friendship Circle a space to sit and find rest—a space to build friendships and strengthen community.

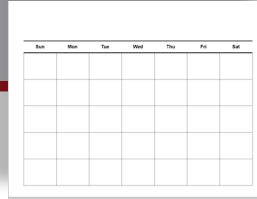
Mrs. Vegt did not simply cast the vision for the Friendship Circle—she made it happen. Thanks to her generous donation, as well as some help from the Ladies' Auxiliary from NWCRC, the Friendship Circle has been created. We are very grateful to Fred Noort who volunteered his expertise and services to pour concrete and install the benches. The older girls at John Knox will now have a lovely place to hang out during recess time!

In the centre of the circle you will find a plaque inscribed with a familiar Bible verse from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse was chosen specially by Mrs. Vegt to be permanently etched here in the Friendship Circle, on the John Knox grounds, to give hope to John Knox students for years to come and remind them that God holds them in the palm of his hand.

Thank you, Mrs. Vegt, for your thoughtful and generous gift to John Knox. May it be a blessing in our neighbourhood and in our school community for generations to come!



Carver Corner



Calendar

Welcome back to school for 2011-2012! Greetings from your high school! We are excited to begin a new year, and look forward to the many new opportunities with which the Lord is blessing us.

As you know, we have added a Grade 8 program to our curriculum. While our initial target was an enrollment of 16 students for Grade 8, we currently have 19 registered! The curriculum and junior high school team have built a solid and exciting Grade 8/9 program which will incorporate an integrated curriculum and unit guiding themes as well. We are looking forward to our first year of this new initiative.

School wide, we are thankful to report that we have reached our last year's enrollment number and hope to grow to a school community of 205 students. We are looking forward to a weekend of worship and relationship building at our all school retreat during the first week of October at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. We invite parent volunteers to join us.

As we grow our curriculum we have hired 8 new full and part time staff who will be introduced in newsletters to come as well as at our Meet the Teacher Evening. We ask for your continued prayers for the well-being of our students, new and current staff, parents, the Governing Council and various guiding committees as we strive to offer creative, dynamic, and faithful Christian education in our community.

Paul Tigchelaar
Principal of Carver Christian High School

September 2011	
06 Tuesday	First day of School - Dismissal at noon
19 Monday	Individual Photo Day
21 Wednesday	New Parent Orientation
29 Thursday	Back to School BBQ
October	
06 Thursday	Teacher's Convention - No School for students
07 Friday	Teacher's Convention - No School for students
10 Monday	Thanksgiving Day - No School
November	
10 Thursday	Professional Day - No School for students
11 Friday	Remembrance Day - No School
26 Saturday	Winterfest!
December	
16 Friday	Last Day of School before Christmas Break
January 2012	
03 Tuesday	First Day back at school after Christmas Break
February	
17 Friday	Auction
March	
16 Friday	Last Day of School before Spring Break
April	
02 Monday	First Day of School after Spring Break

Job Opportunity!

Carver Christian High School is currently seeking to hire a Development Assistant for 3 days a week. A more detailed job description of this position can be found on the Carver website (www.carverchristian.org).

A candidate interested in this position should be:

- o a committed Christian;
- o organized, able to work independently as well as with a team, and have strong communications skills;
- o interested in encouraging and fostering volunteerism and community;
- o passionate about the development and growth of a school culture that integrates faith and academic excellence.

Applications with supporting documentation (a resume, references, and a statement of faith) should be submitted via email to Linda Smythe, lsmythe@carverchristian.org, by September 16, 2011.

The school wishes to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates who are short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

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Grade 4-7 SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST FOR 2011-2012

The lists below indicate what supplies are needed for each grade by those students who did not pre-order their supplies through Creative Children. These supplies are required on the first day of school.

Grade: 4

- 3 Each Hilroy Duo-Tangs – Commercial Grade, Red, Yellow, Orange
- 1 Pckg/200 Hilroy Refill Paper, Ruled with Margin
- 1 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, Full Ruled -72 pgs
- 8 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, 40 pages 8.5" x 11"
- 3 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, Graph Quad 4:1, 40 pgs
- 2 Pckg/5 Index Dividers, Asstd Colour Cello Tabs
- 1 Pckg/12 Crayola Pencil Crayons, Presharpened
- 2 Each UHU Glue Sticks -20 grams
- 2 Pckg/10 Dixon Pencils, School Approved HB
- 2 Each Dixon Erasers, White Vinyl Large (excellent quality)
- 3 Each Hilroy Binders, Student 1"
- 1 Each Staedtler Sharpener, w/Shaving Collector-Single Hole
- 1 Each Acme Scissors, Student 7"
- 1 Each Acme Ruler, Plastic 30cm, cm/mm (clear plastic)

Grade: 5

- 5 Hilroy Duo-Tangs – Student Colours: Red, Yel, DkBlue, Green, Turq
- 1 Pckg/200 Hilroy Refill Paper, Ruled
- 4 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, 40 pages 8.5" x 11"
- 4 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, Graph Quad 4:1, 40 pgs
- 3 Pckg/5 Index Dividers, Cello Tabs
- 1 Pckg 24 Crayola Pencil Crayons, Presharpened
- 2 Each UHU Glue Sticks -20 grams
- 2 Pckg/10 Dixon Pencils, School Approved HB
- 2 Each Dixon Erasers, White Vinyl - Large (excellent quality)
- 1 Each Sharpie Markers, Twin Tip, Fine & Ultra-Fine - Black
- 3 Each Davis Binders - Comm. Grade 1.5" - "O" Ring
- 1 Each Staedtler Sharpener. w/Shaving Collector-Single Hole
- 1 Each Acme Scissors, Student 7"
- 1 Each Acme Ruler, Flexible Vinyl 30cm, cm/mm/dm

Grade: 6

- 4 Hilroy Duo Tangs – Student Colour: Red, Yel, Turq, Green
- 2 Pckg/200 Hilroy Refill Paper, Ruled
- 2 Pckg/50 Hilroy Refill Paper, Graph 4:1
- 1 Each Hilroy Portfolios, Laminated Twin Pocket – Red
- 1 Each Hilroy Sketchbook, Coil Bound 9" x 12" x 60 pgs (30 shts)
- 2 Pckg/5 Index Dividers, Cello Tabs
- 1 Pckg/24 Crayola Pencil Crayons, Presharpened
- 2 Each UHU GlueSticks-20grams
- 2 Pckg/10 Dixon Pencils, School Approved HB
- 2 Each Dixon Erasers, White Vinyl - Large (excellent quality)
- 2 Each Papermate Stick Pens, Medium Red
- 1 Each Dixon Highlighters, Wedge Tip - Yellow
- 3 Each Sharpie Markers, Twin Tip, Fine & Ultra-Fine - Black
- 1 Each Davis Binders - Comm. Grade 1 in - D Ring
- 2 Each David Binders - Comm. Grade 1.5 in - D Ring
- 1 Each Staedtler Sharpener, w/Shaving Collector-Single Hole
- 1 Each Acme Scissors, Student 7"
- 1 Each Acme Ruler, Plastic 30cm, cm/mm/dm (white)
- 1 Each Merangue Calculator, Scientific
- 1 Each Merangue Pencil Pouch, Dual Zipper

Grade: 7

- 1 Each Hilroy Duo-Tangs – Yellow
- 1 Each Hilroy Poly Twin Pocket Portfolios, Heavy Weight (Blue)
- 2 Pckg/200 Hilroy Refill Paper, Ruled
- 4 Each Hilroy Exercise Books, 40 pages 8.5" x 11"
- 2 Pckg/5 Index Dividers, Cello Tabs
- 1 Pckg/24 Crayola Pencil Crayons, Presharpened
- 1 Pckg/12 Dixon Markers, Fine Line
- 2 Each UHU Glue Sticks - 20 grams
- 1 Pckg/10 Dixon Pencils, School Approved HB
- 2 Each Dixon Erasers, White Vinyl - Large (excellent quality)
- 2 Each Papermate Stick Pens, Medium Red
- 2 Each Sharpie Markers, Ultra Fine Point - Black
- 1 Each Sanford Correction Tape, Dryline Mini
- 1 Each Davis Binders - Comm. Grade 1.5 in - O Ring
- 2 Each Davis Binders - Comm. Grade 2 in - O Ring
- 1 Each Staedtler Sharpener, w/Shaving Collector-Single Hole
- 1 Each Acme Scissors, Student 7"
- 1 Each Acme Ruler, Plastic 30cm, cm/mm (clear plastic)
- 1 Each Merangue Calculator, Scientific
- 1 Each MWebster Thesaurus, 800 pages
- 1 Each Oxford Dictionary, English Minidictionary





The *Alpha* Course

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life

Looking for answers? The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, non-threatening manner in 10 thought-provoking sessions. It's low key, friendly and fun!

You're not on your own either. More than 16 million people worldwide have already completed the Alpha course. It runs in 155 different countries and 45 languages!

Alpha courses are run in homes, workplaces, churches, pubs, prisons, military bases, high schools and university campuses!

So join us on a journey of discovery! The next Alpha Course will be held:

Date: **Tuesday September, 6, 2011**
6:30 pm (doors open at 6pm for check-in)
Starts with a free meal, then video & discussion!

Location: **Burnaby Alliance Church**
8611 Armstrong Ave
Burnaby, BC V3N 2H4

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