



17 NOVEMBER, 2016

Vancouver Christian School

Preparing students for a life of transformation and service through excellent, Christ-centred education.

VCS Community News

VCS AGM TONIGHT! (Nov 17) at 7:30 p.m. at our Knight Street Campus (3330 Knight St) in the Awana room.

It is important for our parents to participate in this part of our school life. We particularly encourage those of you who rarely see the school in action or volunteer during the day, to attend.

We will showing a few fun videos of our construction site, but also showing you the debut of the first 3 D Walk Through the new school.

See you there! Please bring the AGM packet sent to you last week.

Hope and A Future Update: Coming soon to a mailbox near you!

Wondering where that Hope and A Future newsletter might be? It should be in your mailbox at home by the end of this week. In it you'll find project and fundraising updates, but also some important notes about supporting our campaign. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a pledge, you should find a pledge form and envelope enclosed. If you have given



to the campaign, you should find a giving summary statement, as well as a pledge extension form, should you wish to add to, or extend your pledge. If you're new to VCS this year, we haven't enclosed any forms for you; but we have many extras in the office should you like one. Pledge forms are welcome at any campus, and tax receipts will be issued for all gifts given before 31 December 2016. Thank you again for your support; together we are making our hope for a new VCS a reality!

Needed: parent volunteer to play piano accompaniment for 3 or 4 songs at the Christmas concert (and a few rehearsals). Experience preferred. Please contact Karen Boersma at kboersma@vancouverchristian.org

All School Christmas Concert: December 7, 7:00 pm at Glad Tidings Church in Vancouver.

Attendance: If your child is to be absent from school, please be sure to email both attendance@vancouverchristian.org and your child's teacher.

Campus Notes

First Ave Library Visits: Students from the First Ave campus will now be visiting the Renfrew Library instead of the Hastings Branch during the library field trips as the Hastings branch is too small. The permission forms that you have already signed will be amended to reflect this change. If you do not want

Monthly Calendar

November

- **Tonight! VCS AGM— Knight St Campus 7:30 pm**
- **21** Picture Re-Take Day

December

- **7** All School Christmas Concert
- **16** Christmas Skating
- **16** Last day of classes

January

- **3** School Begins
- **18** PD Day—No Classes
- **31** Grade 6 PT Conferences

Broadway Campus
3295 Broadway E
Vancouver BC
V5M 1Z9

First Ave Campus
2855 1 Ave E
Vancouver BC
V5M 1A9

Knight St Campus
3330 Knight St
Vancouver BC
V5N 3K8

your child to visit the Renfrew Branch, please contact Mrs. Kwong: kkwong@vancouverchristian.org

Traffic: Please do not stop in the lane and hold up traffic while waiting for your child. Please exit and drive around the block back to the campus.

Grade 6s Discuss Faith: The Grade Six classes have been working through the Youth Alpha program in our Bible class Alpha is a video series with interactive sessions where students explore questions about eternity, our purpose, and God's love.

Today's video was about Faith. An image was shown of a number of people at a pool. Some people were standing around the pool and some people were inside the pool. Students were asked, if swimming in the pool is like your relationship with Jesus, where do you see yourself in the image?

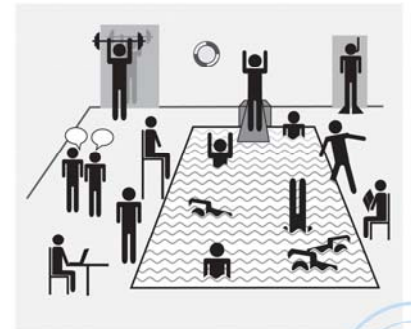
A few students felt comfortable sharing with the class. One student shared, "I think I'm like the man dipping his toe in the water. I have gone to church my whole life and know a lot about God, but I think I'm just getting my feet wet. I want to spend more time with God and get to know Him better".

Another student said, "I am the person walking into the pool area. I know a lot about God, but I'm just starting to have a relationship with Jesus. I don't think I'm in the pool yet".

As a teacher, this struck me in a few ways. One was that these students felt comfortable sharing about their relationship with Christ in such an honest way. This shows that students feel Vancouver Christian School is a safe place. I was also struck that both of these students are from Christian families. It was a good reminder for me that just because children come from a Christian families, it doesn't mean that they aren't searching. As staff and parents, we need to continue open conversations about Christ and to model Jesus in our lives. We need to pray for our kids. This will make all the difference in our students' and children's faith journey.

—Mrs Koldyk

SHEET 4
SWIMMING POOL
ILLUSTRATION HAND OUT



WHERE DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE IN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

youthalpha.

SESSION 3
HOW CAN WE HAVE FAITH?

Knight St Stars



VANCOUVER YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

.... Where All Kids Get To Play!

Co-ed house league program run by current and former National Team volleyball players for kids grade 3-10 designed to help teach a love for the game through a fun and educational experience. Location: Ecole Jules Verne, near 37th Ave and Oak Street.

FALL SESSION STARTS OCT. 23, 2016

FALL SESSION OCT. 23, 2016 - DEC. 11, 2016 \$260 (8 Sundays)

WINTER SESSION JAN. 8, 2017 - MAR. 5, 2017 \$290 (9 Sundays)

SPRING SESSION MAR. 26, 2017 - MAY 28, 2017 \$260

(8 Sundays, excl. Easter Sunday and May long weekend)

For more information and to register please visit:

vanvolleyleague@gmail.com

www.vancouvervolleyballleague.com

SPECIAL PROMOTION:

ANY SCHOOL THAT HAS 6 OR MORE KIDS REGISTER FOR THE FALL LEAGUE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE IN-SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CLINIC RUN BY A FORMER NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER!