



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

Friday, September 13th, 2024

Hello Carson Graham Families!

The school year is well underway, and students are settling into their new courses. We are impressed by students' high level of engagement in their learning and how they are taking care of each other and their community. Students are encouraged to attend tutorial time between 8:29am and 9:10am to get help from teachers, work on projects, study, or have additional time using equipment in specialized rooms. A reminder that the first class starts at 9:10am and students are expected to be in class ready to learn at that time. Please aim to have your student arrive at Carson no later than 9am.

Please take some time to read the important updates below on:

1. Upcoming dates
2. Personal digital devices
3. School start-up forms
4. Terry Fox Run
5. Career exploration opportunities
6. Post-secondary planning opportunities
7. Global climate strike info
8. Contact information

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12)

Dave Cadman, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 10)

Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 11)





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Upcoming Dates

September 16 to 20

Tuesday, Sept. 17	Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Welcome Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ 5:30pm to 6:15pm • School tours, 6:15pm to 6:55pm • Presentation in large gym, 7pm
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Grad “Neon” theme day
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Advisory schedule
Friday, Sept. 20	Lockdown Drill (more info will be emailed on Monday)

September 23 to 27

Monday, Sept. 23	Terry Fox Run (adjusted bell schedule)
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Grade 8 Retreat to Cheakamus Centre
Wednesday, Sept. 25	Late start due to staff collaboration time. The first class starts at 9:50am.
Thursday, Sept. 26	Truth & Reconciliation assembly
Friday, Sept. 27	School based professional development day – Classes NOT in session.

Personal Digital Devices

We want to express our appreciation for your support and cooperation with the new personal digital device (PDD) guidelines that were introduced at the start of this school year. As we move forward with these changes, it’s clear that the success of this initiative relies heavily on the collaboration between families, students, and staff, and we are incredibly grateful for your efforts.

As you are aware, across all NVSD secondary schools, access to and use of personal digital devices will not be permitted during instructional time. At the teacher's discretion, an exemption may be made when the use of such devices supports a specific curricular objective and is part of instructional planning.

We want to acknowledge how well students have adapted and how staff has been instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition. Their dedication to creating a focused, engaged, and distraction-free learning environment is making a positive difference in the Carson Graham community. If you message your child(ren) during the day, please be aware that they likely will not respond until the next class break.

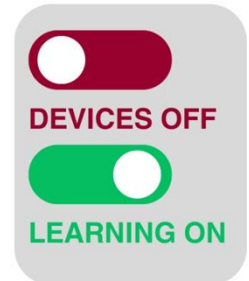




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If there is an urgent need to reach your child that cannot wait until the next class break, please contact the Carson Graham office.

The slogan we've been using, **"Devices off, learning on"**, captures the essence of what we are all working toward: a space where students can focus on their education without unnecessary distractions. Your role in reinforcing this message at home is invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership in helping your child(ren) understand the importance of these guidelines. As you work with your child(ren) to foster healthy digital habits, you may find the following resources helpful to support these conversations:



- [Cell phone restrictions in schools](#) (published by the Government of British Columbia)
- [Digital media: Promoting healthy screen use in school-aged children and adolescents](#) (published by the Canadian Paediatric Society)

If students are using a PDD without permission:

First time – staff will talk with student and ask them to put the PDD away.

Second time – staff will talk with student, staff will contact home, and student will be asked to bring the PDD to the office to hand in for the day.

Third time – student will be referred to the office with PDD. Administrator will contact home. Student may be required to check device in at the office at the start and end of the day.

By working together—families, students, and staff—we can create an environment where all students can thrive, both academically and personally.

School Start Up Forms

Thank you to everyone who has completed their start-up forms!

Online forms to complete through [School Cash Online](#):

1. Impromptu Walking Fieldtrip Form
2. Personal Information Consent for School District Publications
3. Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement





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Paper forms to complete:

- Student Verification Form – please review, make any changes, sign and return. If there are no changes, please still sign and return. Verification forms were distributed to students in envelopes on the first day.
- Grade 8 only – Grade 8 Cheakamus retreat informed consent fieldtrip form.

Terry Fox Run

This year, our school is proudly taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run on **Monday, September 23rd** to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Please support our school's fundraising efforts today! Students are encouraged to donate a toonie or more on September 23.

Donations can also be made on the Carson Graham Secondary Online Fundraising Page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/CarsonGrahamSecondary>

Learn more about [Terry Fox](#) and the Terry Fox Foundation.



Career Opportunities

To see our full list of our Career programs and opportunities for students, we invite you to explore the Career Pathways site-[Career Pathways - Career Pathways 44 \(sd44.ca\)](#)

Post-Secondary Planning

A. [EducationPlannerBC Live Learning sessions](#)

[EducationPlannerBC](#) provides tools to plan, search, and apply to public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.

Join virtually on **Wednesday, October 2, or Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** These free presentations are open to anyone interested in learning about post-secondary education and career planning. Click on the link in the title to register.





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B. Canadian Universities Events (CUE)

The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a forum that highlights 50 Canadian universities to British Columbia’s secondary school students and families. This event rotates across the North Shore and several schools are invited. This year the event is at Sutherland Secondary. Grade 11 and 12 students, parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, September 19th – Sutherland Secondary Main Gym, 6pm to 8pm

There is also a session open to the public on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Burnaby, Hilton Metro Vancouver from 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

**Grade 11 and 12
Students and families!**

CUEBC.ORG
CUE Canadian Universities Event

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL
6-8PM
MAIN GYM
***NOTE: LIMITED PARKING ON SITE**

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ALBERTA UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS	MACEWAN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY CANADA WEST
BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY	MCMASTER UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
BROCK UNIVERSITY	MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
BURMAN UNIVERSITY	MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF FRASER VALLEY
CAPILANO UNIVERSITY	NIPISSING UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
CARLETON UNIVERSITY	ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF KING'S COLLEGE
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY	ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY	SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BC
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY	SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA
HURON UNIVERSITY	ST FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY	ST JEROME'S UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
HURON UNIVERSITY	THE KING'S UNIVERSITY	VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY
KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY	WESTERN UNIVERSITY
		YORK UNIVERSITY
		UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND





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Global Climate Strike

As you may or may not know, a [Global Climate Strike](#) is planned for Friday, September 20, 2024, in downtown Vancouver.

North Vancouver School District schools will be in session on September 20. Please note that NVSD cannot excuse students from school to attend any event without proper supervision. However, as per regular school procedures, parents may excuse their children from class for any reason they deem appropriate, including to attend the Global Climate Strike.

The North Vancouver School District is committed to sustainability and actively embeds sustainability initiatives within all organizational areas, including student learning. Learn more by reading the [NVSD Sustainability Strategy](#).

Contact Information

Carson Graham Attendance Line **604-903-3555 prompt 2**

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Carson Graham [Website](#)

Carson Graham [Staff Emails](#)

