



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

Thursday, December 19th, 2024

Hello Carson Graham Families,

As we head into the holiday season, we want to wish you a restful winter break. The past two weeks have been filled with holiday events, extracurricular activities, and plenty of learning—we're grateful for all the energy and enthusiasm our students bring each day.

I would like to thank Vice Principal Dave Cadman for his leadership and dedication to the Carson community over the past 12 years. Mr. Cadman will be starting at Handsworth as a vice principal in the new year. Ms. Stephanie Strandt will be joining the Carson admin team as a vice principal and taking over Mr. Cadman's grade responsibilities for Grades 9 and 10.

In today's newsletter, you will find information about:

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On behalf of the entire Carson Graham staff, I wish you a safe, relaxing, and healthy holiday season. May your holidays be filled with what brings you happiness and peace. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat
Principal





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1. Upcoming Dates

December 20 to mid-January

Friday, Dec. 20	Winter Breakfast, 7:30am - 9:05am Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
Monday, Dec. 23 to Friday, Jan. 3	School closed for winter break. School reopens on Monday, January 6 th , 2025
Monday, Jan. 6	School reopens. 1234 block rotation
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Parents as Education & Career Coaches – virtual workshop (see below for details)
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Late start (9:50am first class begins) due to staff collaboration time
Monday, Jan. 13	Numeracy 10 Grad Assessment – see below for details. <i>Gr 10s will NOT have classes today.</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Literacy 12 Grad Assessment – see below for details
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Black Excellence Day NVSD Enhanced Programs Night at Carson Carson Grade 12 Winter Formal at Polygon Gallery

2. School Information

Carson Graham Website	Homepage - Carson Graham Secondary Website (sd44.ca)
Daily Timetable (block rotation)	Daily Timetable - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)
Full Year Calendar	Calendar - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)
Reporting Attendance	Attendance - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)
Daily Announcements	Daily Announcements - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)
Staff Contact Information	Staff Contact Info - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)
Library Catalogue	Library Catalogue - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)

3. Winter Break

The school is **CLOSED** from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3, and reopens Monday, January 6. Students need to ensure they take home anything they may need over the break.

Please encourage your student to check their locker and remove any clothing or food.





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4. Winter Breakfast – Friday, December 20

Breakfast is before school TOMORROW. Students are welcome to come enjoy a breakfast, holiday music, photos with Santa, and lots of fun! Tickets are \$7 at the door (\$5 if purchased in advance). Doors open at 7:30am. We would like to remind students that the Carson School Code of Conduct applies at all school events. Students are encouraged to wear an Ugly Holiday Sweater tomorrow! (or comfy clothes)

Friday’s Schedule

Period	Start	End
SANTA’S BREAKFAST	7:30	9:05
Tutorial	8:29	9:10
Period 6	9:10	10:05
Transition	10:05	10:10
Period 7	10:10	11:05
Transition	11:05	11:20
Period 5	11:20	12:15
Transition	12:15	12:20
Period 8	12:20	1:15

5. Scent-safe environment

We have several staff and students with allergies to scents. Please avoid wearing fragrances to school. Exposure to fragrances or scented products can trigger serious health reactions for individuals who suffer with asthma, allergies, and migraine or chemical sensitivities.

6. Attendance Reminder

Please report student absences or lates by email at: carson_attendance@sd44.ca

If you send an email, you do not need to leave a voicemail.

Attendance procedures can be found [here](#).

7. Saving Learning Updates

Learning updates (report cards) were published to [MyEd](#) on Monday, December 9th. We recommend downloading and saving a copy of your child’s learning update. These updates stay on the MyEd Portal until the end of July at which time they are removed.

If you are unable to login, please contact Carson Graham’s office at 604-903-3555.





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8. Grad Assessments

January Assessments

- Monday, January 13 – Numeracy 10 assessment. Grade 10s do NOT have classes today.
- Tuesday, January 14 – Literacy 12 assessment make up from power outage in November. Grade 12s will have classes on this day and will miss class if they need to write this exam.
- Tuesday afternoon – make up assessments for Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10

Viewing Results

- The grad assessments are marked on a 4-point proficiency scale. 4 is the highest score.
- Students can login to their [Student Transcript](#) account to view their results.
- Students must register for a [BCeID](#) to access the Student Transcript site.
- The Student Transcript Site is the place where a student's official transcript is posted.

9. Grade 12 Information

Scholarships

The Carson Graham Scholarship Application is to be completed by students who have **excelled in academic courses, extracurricular accomplishments, and/or service**. The information used in the application will determine recipients of scholarships and bursaries administered by the Carson Graham Scholarship Committee.



- The application is comprised of two parts.
- **Both parts of the application must be completed** for students to be considered.
- The application is posted in the Scholarship channel on the Grade 12 TEAM.
- Students can see Ms. Thornhill in A202 with any questions.

Application Deadline

Hand in to Ms. Marshall's office by 3:15 PM, Thursday February 13, 2025.

No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.





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10. Eagle Pride: What's Happening Around the School?

Band Winter Concert

Last Tuesday evening, audience members were treated to the sounds of Carson's junior jazz band, senior jazz band, and vocal jazz ensemble.



Choir Winter Concert

Last Saturday evening, Carson's four choir ensembles performed at Highlands Church to a full house.

Heartfelt thanks to Mr. Kevin Yang, Mr. Elliot Lo, and Ms. Katy Cadman for their unwavering dedication and passion for Carson's exceptional music program.



No Regrets Senior Basketball Tournament

Carson's Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams played in the No Regrets tournament last week. The tournament was hosted at 5 schools across the North Shore including Carson.



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Blair Shier)





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11. Carson Theatre

The Carson Graham Theatre Program Proudly Presents...

A THRILLER to start the year. Both comedic and intense, **DNA by Dennis Kelly** is a play that has mature themes and is **recommended for audiences 13+**. *How many wrongs make a right?* When a joke goes too far, what will a group of friends do to hide the truth. Keep the secret and there is blood on your hands!

- January 8, 9, 10 at 8pm in the Carson Theatre
 - **Eagles Nest (school store):** advance tickets \$10
 - **Online and at the door:** \$15
- A special \$5 preview is on Tuesday, January 7 at 8pm

12. Student Career Exploration Opportunities

<u>Trade Programs Info Night</u>	Thursday, January 23	6pm to 8pm	Sutherland Secondary	This popular information night invites students and their families to explore various trade opportunities available to students in Grades 10-12. Learn from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC, post-secondary representatives and NVSD career program educators. <u>Registration open until January 20th, 2025</u>
Try a Trade - For prospective baking students	One of: Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 7	10am to 3pm	Vancouver Community College (250 W Pender St, Vancouver)	VCC will be offering a trial day for prospective baking students, led by one of their instructors. Students will have the opportunity to make muffins, scones, and cookies, and will be able to take some of their baked goods home. Maximum of 16 students per class . Please contact Jennifer Kinakin - <u>jkinakin@sd44.ca</u> , or see Ms. Ying in the Careers Office if you would like more information.





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Leadership Development Program for Indigenous Youth (18+)	Tuesdays & Thursdays January 15 to March 27	6pm to 9pm	Virtual	Are you 18+ and looking to further develop or enhance your leadership skills? For more information see the poster below. Contact: 604-980- 7946 or: tradescentre@squamish.net
Grade 12's: Interested in architecture, construction management and engineering but are not sure which way to turn or how to get there?	Starting July 2025, applications open January 2025		BCIT	BCIT ACE certificate introduces high school grads to the design and technical skills highly sought after by today's top employers in these fields. In-person and online courses + paid work internships. Contact amartineau@bcit.ca for click here for more information.



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Leadership Development Program

January 16 - March 27, 2025

This program is suited for emerging or existing leaders looking to further develop or enhance their leadership skills.

What skills will you gain?

- Discovering your leadership style using Clifton Strengths
- Strategies for problem solving in the workplace
- Communication tools for leaders
- Ideas for motivating others
- How to create accountability in the workplace
- How to manage change
- + more!

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- FREE Tuition
- Meal Plan Subsidy
- Training Allowance
- Internet Subsidy
- Childcare Subsidy

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:
Indigenous People (Status, Non-status, Metis and Inuit)

INTERESTED?

📞 604-980-7946

✉️ tradescentre@squamish.net

LOCATION:
Virtual

TIME:
Tuesday & Thursday
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm







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13. Parent and Guardian Resources

Parents as Education and Career Coaches

Education Planner BC's virtual presentation for School districts: North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky

- **Tuesday, January 7 6:30pm to 7:45pm - Online, free**
- Register [HERE](#).

Learn about post-secondary education and career opportunities, as well as tools to best support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in grades 10-12.

14. Carson Girls Rugby Xmas Tree Chip It and Bottle Drive

Please support our girls rugby team with our annual Xmas Tree Chip It and Bottle Drive.

Bring your tree (by donation) and bottles by Carson Graham **between 10am and 3pm on Saturday, Jan 4th and Sunday, Jan 5th**. You can also support the team by returning your holiday empties using the Return-It Express system with the account number 604-903-3555.



**CARSON GRAHAM GIRLS RUGBY
2025 XMAS TREE CHIP UP &
BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**



**SATURDAY, JAN 4th & SUNDAY, JAN 5th
10:00am – 3:00pm
CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY**

Please support our team by letting us take care of your Xmas tree and any extra bottles lying around for you! Trees by donation.

