

January 7th, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 Students,

## **Re: Grade 7 - 8 Transition to Carson Graham Secondary**

On behalf of the administration and staff of Carson Graham, we welcome you to our Carson Graham Secondary School community. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the arrival of your child at Carson Graham for the 2025-2026 school year.

The intention of this letter is to provide you with information on the transition process from Grade 7 into Grade 8 that will support your child(ren) as they move to the next leg of their education journey. We encourage you to take an active role in this process and ask that you please make note of the important dates below:

## Part 1: Grade 7 Classroom Visits

In teams of two, Carson Graham's counselling team will visit Grade 7 classrooms for an introduction and presentation on Grade 8 course selection options and Carson Graham's extracurricular opportunities. These visits will take place in mid-January.

The purpose of these visits is:

- To begin to build a sense of community and connection to Carson Graham
- To answer any initial questions students may have about high school
- To create an understanding of the course selection options and process

Course selection forms have already been provided to Grade 7 teachers for distribution to students (and indirectly, their parents/guardians) in advance of the classroom visits.

Completed course selection forms are due back to your child's Grade 7 teacher <u>before Friday</u>, <u>January 31<sup>st</sup></u>.

## Part 2: Transition to Grade 8

A presentation for parents and guardians of current Grade 7s is on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Carson Graham's Large Gym. Grade 7s are not required to attend, but they are welcome to visit as well. The presentation will provide general information about Carson Graham Secondary, specific information about Grade 8 courses and program offerings, the IB Middle Years Programme, and important information on Grade 7's transitioning into secondary school. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Karen Marshall, next year's Grade 8 coursellor and school administration.



Lastly, on this evening, <u>Carson Graham will be hosting tours of the school at 5:15pm</u>. Anyone who is interested in a tour should enter Carson Graham through the main doors. Once there, they will be met with student volunteers who will walk them through Carson Graham's halls.

## Part 3: Student Visits to Carson Graham

Grade 7 classes will be visiting Carson Graham to tour the school, meet teachers, and make connections with fellow grade 7 students. Grade 7 teachers will provide you with the specific date in the spring, so please stay tuned!

On behalf of the Carson Graham community, we look forward to meeting you and your child(ren). If you have questions, please reach out to Ms. Karen Marshall by email <u>kmarshall@sd44.ca</u> or phone 604 -903-3555.

For up-to-date information regarding Carson Graham Secondary School, please visit our website.

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