



**CARSON GRAHAM**  
SECONDARY

Friday, Jan. 17, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

We are nearing the halfway point of the school year. While most courses are full year, some junior electives will wrap up later this month, and new semester 2 electives will begin in February.

The past two weeks have been a celebration of excellence in the arts at Carson Graham through **Arts Fest**. Highlights included a spectacular performance of the play *DNA* by our senior drama students, and engaging art demonstrations and competitions at lunch. The Agora was transformed into an art gallery showcasing student work. Our senior music students toured and performed at 7 elementary schools within the Carson Family of Schools. Arts Fest concludes today with a field trip to the Vancouver Art Gallery and a karaoke party.

The grads had a fantastic time at the winter formal event, *A Night Under the Stars*, held at the Polygon this week. A huge thank you to the parents who transformed the space into starry night and the staff chaperones who made this event a success.

This week, Grade 10 and 12 students completed their grad assessments. Results will be posted to the Student Transcript Site in approximately 1 month. For students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who need to write the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, or Literacy 12 assessments, they must contact Mr. Irani.

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

1. Upcoming Dates
2. School Information – quick links
3. Attendance reminder
4. Yearbooks
5. Course Programming for 2025-2026
6. Grade 12s – Scholarship Deadline & Grad Photos
7. Eagle Pride: What's happening around the school?
8. Student Opportunities
9. Parent and Guardian Resources & Info

Enjoy reading and thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal

Stephanie Strandt, Vice Principal





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## 1. Upcoming Dates

### January

Wednesday, Jan. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory</li> <li>• Carson PAC meeting, 7pm, Zoom</li> </ul>
January 23 to 28	Grad Photos – must <a href="#">sign up for appointment</a> with Artona
Friday, Jan. 24	School based pro-d (classes not in session)
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Grade 7 family night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School tours at 5:15pm</li> <li>• Presentation in large gym at 6:00pm</li> </ul>
Friday, Jan. 31	Semester 1 electives end

## 2. School Information

Carson Graham Website	<a href="#">Homepage - Carson Graham Secondary Website (sd44.ca)</a>
Daily Timetable (block rotation)	<a href="#">Daily Timetable - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
Full Year Calendar	<a href="#">Calendar - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
Reporting Attendance	<a href="#">Attendance - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
Daily Announcements	<a href="#">Daily Announcements - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
Staff Contact Information	<a href="#">Staff Contact Info - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
Library Catalogue	<a href="#">Library Catalogue - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>

## 3. Attendance Reminder

Please report student absences or lates by email at: [carson\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:carson_attendance@sd44.ca)

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

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

## 4. Yearbooks

A reminder to order a yearbook by March 14<sup>th</sup>. if you would like to receive one at the end of June. No extra yearbooks are ordered: **if you do not order a yearbook now, you will not receive one at the end of June.**

Yearbooks are \$50 and are available for purchase under the “Optional items” section on School Cash Online.





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**5. Course Programming for 2025-2026**

Our counselling team will be hosting grade-specific information sessions. These sessions will provide valuable insights into course options, academic pathways, and resources to support your student's success. Information for grade 7s has been sent to grade 7 families in the Carson FOS by elementary schools.

**Presentations for STUDENTS**

<b><u>Current Student Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Next Year Student Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Throughout January</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>Elementary schools</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Period 1</b>	<b>Agora</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Period 2</b>	<b>Agora</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Period 3</b>	<b>Agora</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Advisory</b>	<b>Large Gym</b>

**Presentations for PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

\*Slides will be posted to the school website after the presentations.

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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:15pm to 7:00pm</b>	<b>Large Gym</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>February 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:30pm to 6:30pm</b>	<b>Agora</b>
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<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>February 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm to 8pm</b>	<b>Library</b>
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New: Carson Graham is pleased to offer a Work Experience Co-Op for the 2025-26 school year for grade 11 and 12 students. The Co-Op program will offer students an opportunity to be in the workplace one day and at school for the other day. Students in the Co-Op are interested in entering the workforce after school, or a post-secondary program in trades or other professions. Students will achieve 12 credits toward their graduation by completing two work experience placements and Career Life Connections (CLC).

The Work Experience course is still offered, and students may take this course to explore many areas of employment.





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## **6. 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.**

### **Grad Photos – Final reminder to book an appointment!**

**Session Dates: January 23, 2025 to January 28, 2025**

**Location:** Artona's main studio at 353 West 7th Avenue in Vancouver

1. **Book an appointment at [www.artona.com](http://www.artona.com).** There is no cost to book an appointment but we do require a credit or debit card to secure the booking. Students are not charged until the time of their session.
2. **Get photographed and pay the \$60 deposit.** At the time of their session, students pay a \$60 deposit they can use toward a purchase later. We take both casual and formal photos, including one for the yearbook. If students choose not to order, we'll refund the deposit within 30 days.
3. **View and order photos online.** Students and families can purchase their photos online, with both digital and print options available.





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



Above – IB Diploma art students participating in the 30min painting challenge



Top right – Students participating in the clay demo and workshop at lunch

Right – futsal intramurals at lunch







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## 8. Student Opportunities

### Career Explorations

<a href="#">Trade Programs Info Night</a>	Thursday, January 23  <a href="#">Registration open until January 20th, 2025</a>	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.
<b>Vancouver Film School Open House</b>	Saturday, February 8	10am to 1pm	Vancouver Film School: 151 West Cordova Street, Vancouver	Find out what interests you! All 15 of our programs will have dedicated booths for you to explore and our Admissions team will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have about a creative arts education at VFS. <a href="#">Registration link</a> (free event)

### Leadership

IMPACT North Shore [Youth Leadership Program](#) – January 22 to 28, 4pm to 5:30pm

Impact North Shore’s Youth Leadership training is a five-day program for dedicated and enthusiastic youth who aspire to be leaders in their community! This program aims to enhance leadership and teamwork skills, promote equity and inclusion, and cultivate a culture of volunteerism.

## 9. Parent and Guardian Resources & Information

### A) PAC Information

The next Carson Graham PAC meeting is **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> online via Zoom at 7pm**. All CG parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Please register in advance for the meeting at <https://www.carsongrahampac.ca/events/carson-graham-secondary-school-pac-meeting--72/2025-01-22>

If you are interested in joining the PAC executive team and getting more involved with your school, please express your interest at the meeting. Specifically, we are looking to fill the Secretary and Treasurer roles.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming PAC General Meeting.

Carson Graham PAC Executive





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## B) Foundry North Shore presents - Keeping Kids Safe Online

Foundry North Shore Presents

### KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE

Foundry North Shore Welcomes  
Key Note Speaker  
Courtney Liem, Program Facilitator,  
PLEA's Children of the Street Program  
As she guides us through  
'Keeping Kids Safe Online'

Part 1: Overview – discusses and defines different forms of online sexual exploitation,  
Part 2: App Literacy – a review of today's most popular apps used by children and youth.  
Part 3: Practical Conversations – how to talk children and youth about online safety

Wednesday Jan 29, 2025  
6:30 – 7:45 pm  
Virtually – ZOOM  
Please register for more information

<https://Keeping-kids-safe-online.eventbrite.com>





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**C) [EducationPlannerBC](#) Live Learning sessions**

January 22 or March 4

- 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Free, online
- [Register](#) for Wednesday, January 22, 2025
- [Register](#) for Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Learn to search thousands of post-secondary programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources including financial aid options and admission requirements. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths and careers, and apply to a post-secondary institution in B.C.

These sessions are excellent for parents, guardians, as well as students in grades 10 to 12. Grade 11 students will have a presentation from EdPlanner BC during their February advisory session.



**EducationPlannerBC  
Live Learning sessions**

Join us virtually on Wednesday, January 22, or  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025,  
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

