



**CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY**

Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

We have officially reached the midpoint of the school year! For our grade 9 and 10 students, this means many will be starting new electives next week. Meanwhile, course programming for the 2025-2026 school year is underway, with parent information sessions scheduled for next Thursday evening.

In today's newsletter, you will find updates on:

1. Upcoming dates
2. Winter weather
3. Attendance reminder
4. School quick Links
5. Course programming for 2025-2026
6. IB Diploma information – prospective grade 10s
7. Grade 12s – Scholarships
8. Student opportunities
9. Parent and guardian resources & info
10. NVSD Homestay families needed

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

February

February	Black History Month
Monday, Feb. 3	Semester 2 electives begin
Tuesday, Feb. 4	IB Diploma Information night for grade 10 students & families
Wednesday, Feb. 5	Staff Collaboration – first class begins at 9:50am
Thursday, Feb. 6	Course programming info night – see schedule below for times & locations
Thursday, Feb. 13	Course programming sheets due to counsellors. Students must enter courses into MyEd and turn in sheet to counsellor.
Feb. 7 to 13	Tutorial time in the Agora – support for students entering courses into MyEd
Feb. 11-18	Cuba Music Trip

2. Winter Weather

With snow in the forecast, it’s a good time for a reminder of how the NVSD shares weather-related school closures.



All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN during winter weather, including snowfalls, if possible. Any school district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30 a.m. (at the latest) and announced using the following channels:

- Metro Vancouver media (see [here](#) for a listing of stations)
- NV School District and Carson Graham website
- School Messenger notification for parents/guardians (email and/or text message*)

*Parents/guardians: Sign up for text message alerts regarding weather and other school-related emergencies on [School Messenger](#).

Winter reminders

- Please allow additional time to get to/from school.
- Ensure your student wears a winter jacket, gloves, toque, and boots.

3. Attendance Reminder

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

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





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4. School Links

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)

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. Student presentations took place last week.

Presentations for PARENTS & GUARDIANS – Thursday, February 6th

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

<u>Current Student Grade</u>	<u>Next Year Student Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
8	9	February 6 th	5:30pm to 6:30pm	Agora
9	10	February 6 th	5:30pm to 6:30pm	Library
10	11	February 6 th	7pm to 8pm	Library
11	12	February 6 th	7pm to 8pm	Agora





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6. IB Diploma Information for prospective Grade 10 students



We are proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). The DP is an internationally recognized, **university preparatory program** that is widely acknowledged as the most prestigious high school diploma available to students.

Guiding both teaching and learning in the program are the [IBO Mission Statement](#) and [Learner Profile](#).

The DP curriculum is rigorous. It is a **two-year program in grades 11 and 12**.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & FAMILIES - February 4, 2025, at 6:30PM - DP information session for parents and prospective students. The meeting will take place in the Carson Graham Library, in person.

DP FOR A DAY – Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 - Any interested grade 10 students are invited to learn more about the Diploma Programme. They will spend a day paired with a buddy, from the current DP cohort. To register, please contact [Liz Thornhill](#) via email.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 18, 2025

For more details about the application process, click [here](#).

For queries, please email [Liz Thornhill](#). *While our application process is holistic in nature, academic achievement of an MYP level 6, A or 86% is recommended.*

7. 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.

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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8. Student Opportunities

Career Explorations

A Glimpse into Health Care Careers: Neurosurgery	Saturday, February 8	10am to 11:30am	HOpE Centre 1337 St. Andrews Ave, North Van	A session with Lions Gate Hospital’s Head of Neurosurgery! Discover the challenges and breakthroughs of life-changing surgeries, along with tips on study strategies and career growth in this field. Tickets can be purchased here . \$25 LGH Foundation
Vancouver Film School Open House	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. Registration link (free event)
BCIT Big Info Expo	Wednesday, Feb. 19	4pm to 7pm	Burnaby campus	Discover BCIT's 300+ programs, from business to computing to health to engineering to trades and applied science and more! (free) Registration: Not required, but if you do register at bcit.ca/biginfo you could win a \$1000 scholarship.
7th Annual Med-Ed Conference	Saturday, April 5	10am to 2pm	HOpE Centre 1337 St. Andrews Ave, North Van	High school students interested in a career in the medical field are invited to attend the Med-Ed conference. conference brings together experienced health care professionals and students for a morning of information and insight into medical careers. We have an incredible line-up of panelists for this year’s event who will share their personal experiences and provide valuable advice and guidance into the world of medicine. Early bird tickets are \$30 until March 1.

Math Contest – grade 9 to 11 students

The Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Waterloo contest for grades 9-11 are coming up. Forms can be picked up in D312 (Ms. Dai) on Mondays at Lunch. The forms are due on Tuesday Feb 11 and the contest is on Feb 26. Sample past exams can be found [here](#).





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9. Parent and Guardian Resources & Information

a) Presented by the NV District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

The Other People: An interactive evening helping to develop cultural competence in engaging with the challenging issue of hate and racism in Canada.

Click here to [register](#).

North Van
PAC

Sutherland
Senior Secondary

**Tuesday February 11th, 2025 at 6:45PM
in the Theatre at Sutherland High School**

An interactive evening helping to develop cultural competence in engaging with the challenging issue of hate and racism in Canada.

Registration through Eventbrite
(Limited Seating)
For more information email:
antiracism@northvanpac.org

WE ALL STAND TOGETHER

b) Personal Digital Devices Community Check-In: Past, Present, and Future

On Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 7 to 8 p.m., the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) will host a virtual Personal Digital Devices (PDD) Community Check-In to reflect on the use of PDD in schools, examine the current landscape, and discuss future plans. We warmly invite you to register for this virtual event via the [Personal Digital Devices \(PDD\) Community Check-In registration page](#).

c) 2025/26 Proposed Calendar

The Board of Education invites your feedback on the PROPOSED 2025/26 North Vancouver School District School Calendar. To see the proposed calendar and to provide feedback click [here](#). Feedback will be collected until February 11th.





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10. NVSD Homestay Families needed for 2025-26

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

