



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

As we navigate through a stretch of cold weather and snow, we hope everyone is staying warm and safe! There is so much happening at Carson, both inside and outside the classroom! With the second term nearing its end, students and families should note that the next learning update will be published to MyEd on March 10th.

Our winter athletic teams are entering the final phase of their seasons, with playoffs in full swing. At the same time, spring sports are just around the corner—students interested in participating should attend upcoming information meetings.

A reminder that daily announcements, read each morning, are also posted on our school website under *Quick Links*. Students should also check their grade-wide Teams page regularly for important updates.

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

1. Upcoming Dates
2. School Information – Quick Links
3. Attendance reminder
4. Course Programming for 2025-2026
5. IB Diploma Information – prospective grade 10s
6. Eagle Pride: What's happening around the school?
7. Student Opportunities
8. Parent and Guardian Resources
9. Fundraisers: Carson Drama, PAC, Carson Rugby

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 National Inclusive Education Month
Friday, Feb. 14	District wide professional development day (classes not in session)
Monday, Feb. 17	Family Day (school closed)
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Black History Month’s Lunch with an Artist – TV & Film Actor and Carson alumni Ecstasia Sanders – Lunch in the theatre
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Advisory schedule
Monday, Feb. 24	Community Initiatives dinner
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Black History Month assembly
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Pink Shirt Day Staff Collaboration – late start for students (9:50am)
Thursday, Feb. 27	Club Fair at lunch

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. Attendance Reminder

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

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

4. Course Programming for 2025-2026

Student course selection sheets were due today! Please check with your child that they entered their courses in MyEd and handed in their signed sheet to the office.





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5. IB Diploma Information for prospective Grade 10 students

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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. The DP curriculum is rigorous; it requires that students complete a **two-year program in grades 11 and 12**.

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.*

6. Eagle's Pride

Ennovate Competition - Ms. Rajan's business classes participated in UBC's Ennovate program, competing with students from across the Lower Mainland. This four-month intensive initiative fostered entrepreneurial skills through interactive workshops. Guided by mentors, students developed mini social enterprises tackling social or environmental issues. They concluded by pitching their businesses to industry professionals, showcasing their innovation and marketing expertise.



Futsal Intramurals – The gyms have been buzzing at lunch with exciting indoor soccer matches! Teams have been competing in friendly yet competitive games, and the stands have been packed with enthusiastic supporters.

Music Trip to Cuba – 51 music students are currently in Cuba, immersing themselves in cultural experiences while sharing their passion for music.

Model UN – Students from Grades 8 to 12 had an incredible experience at the annual Vancouver Model UN, held at a downtown hotel.

Social Justice 12 – Students recently took part in a guided tour of the *Strength and Remembrance Pole* with the Squamish Nation and visited the North Shore Women's Centre, deepening their understanding of local history and advocacy.

Pink Shirt Day – Community Initiatives & Leadership students are organizing activities for *Pink Shirt Day* on **February 26th**. Mark your calendars and wear **PINK** to stand up against bullying!





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7. Student Opportunities

Many opportunities are posted on the student grade-wide teams each week. Please encourage your student to regularly check their Teams.

Career Explorations

BCIT Big Info Expo	Wednesday, Feb. 19 4pm to 7pm	BCIT 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. The conference brings together experienced health care professionals and students for a morning of information and insight into medical careers. Early bird tickets are \$30 until March 1.
Jill of all Trades	Saturday, April 10 8am to 3:30pm	BCIT Burnaby Campus	Jill of All Trades is a fun-filled day of practical, in-the-shop sessions for students in grades 9-12 who identify as female or may be gender diverse. This event is designed to inspire the pursuit of careers in the Skilled Trades. Contact Ms. Ying in the Careers Office for registration information. Seats are limited.

8. Parent and Guardian Resources & Information

Free Parent Webinar - Substance Use Prevention: Mental Health and Decision-Making

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist **Dr. Hayley Watson** from [Open Parachute](#), will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health needs. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The [previous session](#) is not a pre-requisite for this session. **Participants must register in advance.**

3 dates to choose from:

- [February 20, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 25, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)
- [February 26, 6:00-7:30 pm PST](#)





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9. Three Fundraisers

A. Carson Drama

We are fundraising to upgrade the lighting and seating in the theatre. We want to go digital on lighting which will allow us to use a full spectrum of colour with LED fixtures as well as moving lights. Our Expo '86 repurposed seats are showing their age.

We have partnered with NICLI Pizzeria in Edgemont and have 5 flavours of frozen pizza for sale:

- Pepperoni
- Mushroom & Garlic
- Sweet & Spicy
- Margherita
- VEGAN Margherita.

Order Deadline: February 18th

Order Link: [Carson Drama - Pizza Fundraiser](#)

Order pick up – February 26th (drive through at Carson)

Thanks for your time & support!

SUPPORT LOCAL ▶ FROZEN FUNDRAISER
PIZZA SALE FOR CARSON'S THEATRE

NICLI
GOURMET PIZZA

ALL 10" PIZZAS
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▶ MARGHERITA ▶ VEGAN MARGHERITA ▶ PEPPERONI
▶ MUSHROOM & GARLIC ▶ SWEET & SPICY

ORDER ONLINE **BEFORE FEB 18**
PICK UP FEB 26 ▶ **CARSONGRAHAM.CA**

More Information www.eatnicli.com www.niclipizzeria.com





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B. Carson PAC – Carson Graham Swag

- Carson sweatshirts, hats, and mugs are available for order at the link below:
<https://carson-graham-parent-advisory-council.square.site/>
- Distributions will be on Tuesdays after school once contacted by the PAC.

Carson Graham PAC

NOW!
Order Online
Help Fundraise for the
School PAC

Order Now!

Carson Graham Secondary merchandise including hoodies, sweatshirts, a mug, and a cap.





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C. Carson PAC & Carson Rugby - Samosas & More

- Stock-up on samosas and butter chicken
- Conveniently feed your family for less.
- Enjoy delicious, simple-to-prepare, locally made Indian cuisine.

<https://samosafundraiser.com/carsonsamosas/>



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