



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

Friday, February 28, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

Spring is in the air, and we're just two weeks away from Spring Break! As we approach the break, Term 2 officially wraps up, with the second learning update published to MyEd on Monday, March 10th.

Next week also marks **Carson's annual IB Celebration of Learning**—a fantastic opportunity to see our students' achievements in action. More details are included below, and we hope to see you there!

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

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Thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the read!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal
Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal
Stephanie Strandt, Vice Principal





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1. Upcoming Dates

March

Tuesday, March 4	Review & Completion Day
Wednesday, March 5	Late start (9:50am first class begins) due to staff collaboration
Thursday, March 6	Carson’s Celebration of IB
Monday, March 10	2 nd Learning Update published to MyEd
Friday, March 14	Grade 8 elective rotation 2 ends
March 15 to 30	Spring Break (school closed)
Monday, March 31	School reopens Grade 8 elective rotation 3 starts

2. Review & Completion Day – Tuesday, March 4

On Tuesday, March 4 regular classes are not in session. This marks the end of the second trimester of the school year. This day is an opportunity for students to see teachers to review and complete any missing work or work that needs to be redone. Students who are fully caught up and who do not have work to complete do not need to attend.

3. IB Celebration of Learning – Thursday, March 6

We are thrilled to invite parents, guardians, and community members to **Carson Graham’s IB Celebration of Learning on Thursday, March 6th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.**

This special evening will showcase the incredible work of our students:

- **Grade 10 Personal Projects** – Students will present their individual inquiries, marking the culmination of their IB Middle Years Programme journey.
- **Diploma Programme Art Exhibition** – Explore a stunning collection of student artwork in the Agora.
- **Diploma Programme Capstone Presentations** – Engage with thought-provoking presentations in the library.

During the day Grade 10 students will present their Personal Projects to Carson Graham students and Grade 7s from our Family of Schools. Please note that this daytime session is not open to outside guests, but we encourage you to join us in the evening for this celebration of student learning.





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4. 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)

5. Eagle's Pride – What's happening around the school?

Black History Month



L to R: Erica Gonzales, Carmen Charles, Brooklyn Scotland, Mae Maravi

Throughout February, Carson celebrated Black History Month with daily PA announcements, library and agora displays, and a special Lunch with an Artist event featuring Carson grad **Ecstasia Sanders**. The month concluded with a powerful student-led assembly, led by MC's Grade 8 student **Brooklyn Scotland** and Grade 12 student **Mae Maravi**, featuring a land acknowledgement by grade 12 **Erica Gonzales**, performances by our jazz band, concert choir and chamber choir, and a keynote from **Carmen Charles** of ARC Vancouver.



Pink Shirt Day

Everywhere you looked on Wednesday, Carson was a sea of pink as students and staff united against bullying. Leadership students greeted everyone with warm welcomes at the doors, while counsellors served hot chocolate, creating a sense of community. In the agora a "Why I Wear Pink" banner invited students to share messages of kindness. Many classes also engaged in thoughtful discussions after watching [Josh – Opening Doors and Hearts](#) | [WestJet Above and Beyond Stories](#), reinforcing the importance of kindness, empathy and inclusion.



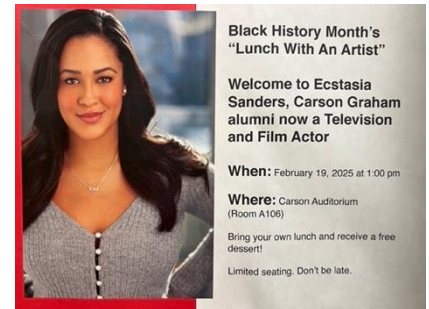
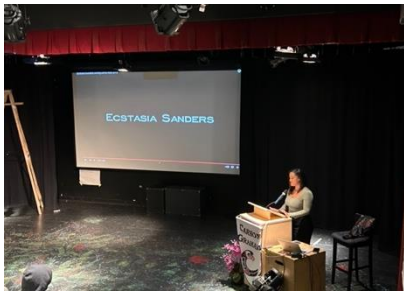


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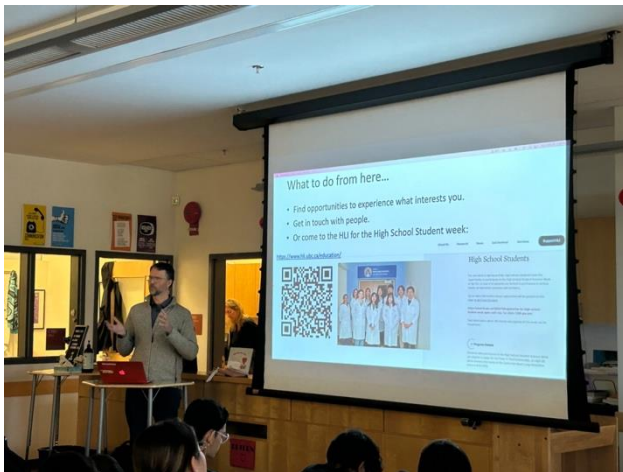
Lunch with an Artist & Scientist

Carson welcomed two inspiring guest speakers this month:

- **Ecstasia Sanders**, a proud Carson alum and accomplished film and television actress, shared valuable insights from her journey in the industry. In a surprising connection, Grade 12 student **Dunya Ishola** had the unique experience of acting alongside Ecstasia in a film a few years ago, portraying a mother-daughter duo.



- **Dr. Dragos Vasilescu** from the Centre for Heart Lung Innovation at UBC & St. Paul's Hospital discussed his groundbreaking research on 3D pathology of the human lung and his journey in science.



Club Fair

Student Council hosted its second Club Fair, where clubs showcased their activities and welcomed new members. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved and connect with like-minded peers!





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Indigenous Voices & Allies Club

Students in the Indigenous Voices & Allies club are making progress on their sewing projects, crafting ribbon skirts and shirts as a celebration of Indigenous cultural pride.



Indigenous students at Carson Graham Secondary work on ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts



Wilaiya Williams laying out supplies



Treleen Williams considering colour options

Ed Planner BC Presentation

During the last Advisory Grade 11 students attended an [Ed Planner BC](#) session, where they learned about post-secondary programs, financial aid, and how to apply to BC institutions.



Wrestling Provincials

Carson's wrestling team had an outstanding season, with **15 wrestlers competing at provincials** alongside 546 athletes from across BC. The team boasted an impressive **48 members** this year!





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6. Registration & Transfer Information

Initial 2025/26 transfer requests and registrations for Grades 1-12 begins January 6, 2025, **and ends March 7, 2025**. Transfer requests received after March 7, 2025, will be placed in schools based on catchment where space is available. For more information on registration and transfers click [here](#). All requests are made through Central Registration.

7. Fundraisers

A. 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

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B. Carson PAC & Carson Rugby - Samosas & More

Order deadline extended to March 2nd

- Stock-up on samosas and butter chicken
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