

Announcements for Mon. Feb. 28th, 2022

Attention grade 8s wanting to play football. There will be a meeting tomorrow March 1st in the large gym at lunch for any grade 8s interested in playing football. See you there!

There will be a track meeting today at the start of lunch in the large gym for any students interested in running track this year. No experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Schafer in the PHE office.

Mr. Wong would personally like to congratulate all the wrestlers who competed in the Wrestling Provincials this weekend. An extra special shout out to Arash Mohammadkabiri who placed 5th, Yasmina Pedram who placed 4th, Mahan Zabihi and Isabel Nielson who placed 3rd. The final recognition goes to our new BC Champion at 57 kilograms, the one... the only... Arad Ahangi! **(should be pronounced AHHHHHHH-Radddddddddd AHHHHHHHHHHH-HAN-GEEEEEE!)**

Drama Club's first reboot meeting is this Thursday after school in the theatre! It'll be roughly an hour and the most important meeting, so if you're interested in joining this is your best bet at showing up. The meeting will talk about the next production (Beetlejuice), making the creative crew as well as actors for it, along with planning for our meeting calendar! If you miss it, please message Sounia Moetamedi (Grade 8) on teams for her to give you a summary.

Interested in playing for Carson's Badminton team this year? Official tryouts begin TOMORROW Tuesday March 1st at 3:15pm in the large gym. Bring your gym strip and badminton racquet to tryouts on time. Contact Ms. Li on MS Teams for more information. See you at badminton tryouts!

Sign-ups for student council end on April 1st. Forms are at the front office."

What is a NFT? No seriously what is it?!! If you want to learn about NFT's, why they're important and how you can use them join the learners link meeting tomorrow at 5:00pm. It's time to learn what's real and fake when it

comes to NFT's and blockchain expert Brandon Kostinuk is our guide. See you tomorrow!

Congratulations to all the grade 10's who have completed their Personal Projects and will be presenting in their classrooms this week. We are so proud of your hard work and are excited about hearing more about your projects. Grade 8's and 9's will be viewing the posters around the school this week and filling out their passports! Thanks to everyone involved and your participation in this meaningful event!

Attention grades 9-11! Want the opportunity to make a positive difference in your community while contributing to a global service organization known as Rotary? Interact club is officially opening its applications to ambitious and service-minded individuals ready to take on more leadership roles! Gain valuable leadership experience that will look good on any resume, scholarship, or uni-application. It's never too early to start! To sign-up, pick up an application outside of Mr. Bjornson's classroom at E308. The deadline for applications is March 14th!"

Hello Carson, you are all invited to join in the first-ever League of Legends gaming competition at Capilano University featuring cash prizes! Grades 10-12 are open for competing but everyone can tune in on the epic gameplays that will be live-streamed. Scan the QR code on the posters around the school to enter the official Discord for the event. Registration will open soon and the competition day is April 16th. Meet new people, have fun, and enjoy the competition

Hey Carson, want to take part in a Waterloo math contest? The Fryer, Galois, Hypatia, and Euclid contests are open to all students in grades 9-12. See Ms. Dai in room D312 to pick up a registration form. All forms are due by March 11.

The Multicultural Asian Youth club is hosting a cultural fit day!! Please wear clothing that represents your culture and come to the agora at lunch on March 4th to show off your clothing and take pictures!!

Do you want \$50.00 and a T-shirt? Enter the Science Photography contest. Simply take a science inspired picture and submit it before the end of the day on March 11th. Look for details in your grade team or the signs posted around the school.

Black History Month Announcement by Valerie Jacober February 28, 2022

Before there was Dr. Dré and Dr. K, there was Dr. Julian and Dr. Drew...

Dr. Charles Drew was born in an ethnically diverse neighbourhood in Washington, DC. He attended Amherst College on an athletics scholarship and proved that he was also exceptional in his academic studies. After graduating with a Bachelor degree in Chemistry, Charles Drew taught science and coached football at Morgan College for two years. In 1933, he attended medical school at McGill University, in Quebec, and graduated 2nd in his class. Charles Drew went on to do his residency at Montreal General Hospital, where he studied resuscitation and the treatments for shock. Upon his return to the United States, Charles Drew was refused the opportunity to train as a surgeon, so he took a position at the Freedman Hospital, in Washington, DC. After receiving a Rockefeller Fellowship in 1938, Charles Drew was finally able to compete his PhD in Medical Science, at Columbia University, the first African American to do so. During WWII, Dr. Charles Drew became renowned for developing a system that preserved and stored blood without it having to be refrigerated and it could be transfused into patients who didn't have the same blood types, essentially, the first blood bank! In 1941, Dr. Drew left his position as the Director of The National Blood Bank when the Red Cross decided to follow the US War Department's policy to segregate blood donations, by "race" the way the US government segregated African Americans from people of European heritage in other ways.

Dr. Percy L. Julian was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1899. He was interested in how plants could be better used in the field of medicine. Percy Julian graduated at the top of his university class. Although Harvard awarded him a Masters degree they refused to allow him to continue his studies towards earning a PhD. Thankfully, he was invited to study at the University of Vienna and earned his PhD there. Upon returning to the USA, the DuPont Company rejected his application for employment after he arrived for an interview at their request. He was told, "We didn't know you were a Negro." This didn't deter Dr. Julian. Eventually, he was employed by the Glidden Company, where his research led to a fire-retardant foam made from soybeans that was widely used during WWII. Glidden, however, was not interested in his process to mass produce synthetic progesterone

and didn't manufacture it. Nevertheless, "His work included the discoveries in the synthesis of cortisone, an anti-inflammatory used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and many other [auto-immune, (supplied)] conditions. In 1999, the American Chemical Society recognized his synthesis of physostigmine, a drug to treat glaucoma, as one of the top 25 achievements in the history of American chemistry. He was the first Black chemist elected to the National Academy of Sciences." ***The New York Times*(2007)**. Dr. Julian also synthesized steroids of intermediates from the wild Mexican yam, that was used in the early manufacture of the birth control pill that is still in use today. Dr. Julian went into business for himself in 1953. Eight years later, he sold his company, Julian Laboratories, for over 2 million dollars, which was a lot of money at that time! In 2007, the PBS science program, NOVA, produced a two hour episode about Dr. Julian, titled, *Forgotten Genius*, which can still be seen on the PBS website and on Youtube.

This brings us to an end of this year's Black History Month. I hope that you've all enjoyed the Agora Gallery Walk that highlighted some of the inventions made by African heritage people. Although we'll never know all that they created since the creations of enslaved people, by law, became the property of slave masters. I also hope that you all learned something interesting about the subjects that were highlighted in this year's announcements. Remember to check out the, "This Month in Black History," display case every month, so you can continue learning about the contributions of people of the African Diaspora. A huge thank-you to Lèò Vermeulin for sharing his beats prior to the announcements and to all of the students and staff who put their time and effort into making this year's Black History Month at Carson Graham a big success! **Black History. Learn about it!**

