



CGS Quarterly

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CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY – IB WORLD SCHOOL – SPRING ISSUE

Up Coming Events:

Mar 29-May 25
Culinary
Dinners
Wednesdays &
Thursdays,
5:30-6:30 at
Carson Graham
Cafeteria

Apr 8, 10, 11, 12
Theatre
Production of
Virtual Solitaire

Apr 14 & 17
Good Friday
and Easter
Monday –
Schools Closed

Apr 19-23
Band and Choir
Music Festival
in Banff, AB

Apr 20
Rescheduled
Parent Teacher
Interviews

Apr 28
School Based
Pro-D Day – No
Classes

Apr 28-May 19
DP Exams

Apr 29-30
Jr. Concert
Choir and Band
to Whistler

May 8
District Wide
Pro-D Day – No
Classes



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Carson Graham Secondary World Travel

As an International Baccalaureate school, we are truly offering international opportunities for our students as they help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Over the March Break, we had student groups embark on amazing trips to Australia, New Zealand, Dominican Republic and Belize! These trips require a great deal of planning and leadership by our staff and want to acknowledge Ryan Kerluck, Ian McDonald, Brad Baker, Carol Oswald, Stephanie Strandt, Peter Bond, Rob Olson and Jennifer Elkan. Within this newsletter, we have shared more detail on these great learning experiences.

At a national level, we are excited to announce our Improv team has advanced again to the National tournament in Ottawa. Last year, our team took the silver medal and we wish them good luck for 2017! Additionally, our parents have been doing an amazing job with fundraising to support the team. Locally, our Vocal Jazz ensemble took first place at the Surrey International Jazz Festival and many of our Band and Choir classes are headed to Banff on April 19, for the Rocky Mountain Music Festival.

As we head into the final few months of the school year, there is always lots of activity and we are certainly proud of our students' accomplishments.

May 22
Victoria Day –
Schools Closed

May 24
PAC Meeting
7PM

May 30
Empty Bowls
Event

June 1
Jazz Night

June 8
Spring Band
Concert

June 14
Grad Ceremony
7PM @ Queen
E. Theatre

June 15
Spring Choir
Concert

June 29
Grad Banquet
6PM @ Westin
Bayshore

June 30
Admin Day –
No Classes

Carson Graham Girls Rugby Tour March 2017

The Carson Graham girls' rugby team embarked on a 19 day journey to New Zealand and Australia to compete against some of the best 15's and 7's teams that these countries had to offer. The trip started with a great stay in the resort town of Tuaranga on the North Island of New Zealand. Even though the weather did not cooperate with us, the girls were able to have a meet and greet with the one of the best female rugby players in the world, Sarah Goss.

Sarah is the captain of the Black Ferns and was able to give our girls guidance on how to become the best you can be in school, in the community and on the rugby field. This was followed by visits to Feilding, Harewa and New Plymouth on the south end of the North Island. In



these towns the girls were treated to a true Kiwi experience, including staying in homes of families from Feilding High School. While in these towns the girls were trained by New Zealand rugby union staff and were provided tactics on how to improve their game. Without the cultural experience that the team was able to experience was second to none. The rugby experience was also exceptional as played against 3 of the top 6 teams on the North Island of New Zealand. The girls competed well each game and made the staff proud.

After 10 days in New Zealand the team moved on to New South Wales in Australia. The team was hoping to get on the beaches to relax in between the rugby games. The weather was not the best but still for us Canadians it was warm enough for us to catch some rays. Girls had a blast in the water and was a great way to relax on our down time. We ventured to Newcastle for three nights and played one XV's game and in 7's tournament. The rugby was very successful for the girls in Australia – the team beat a combined Hunter/Mereweather School in the XV's game that seemed like we were playing in a mud field due to the heavy rains they recently had. The next day, we had two teams in a regional 7's tournament and both teams were very successful with records of 3 wins and 1 loss. This day was the hottest of the trip – blue sky with a temperature in the low 30's!!!!!!

The last few days of the tour were spent in Sydney with tourist activities, shopping and beach time. The staff was extremely pleased with the effort of all the girls on the trip and they were outstanding ambassadors of their family, the school, the city, the province, and the country. Well done girls!



Global Initiatives Dominican Republic Trip

The Global Initiatives and Leadership students recently returned from the Puerto Plata area of Dominican Republic for an amazing and humbling service trip. Our group consisted of 31 Carson Graham students and four chaperones. Our mission was to build adequate housing for families living in need but we accomplished so much more than that. What we gave to families there was magnified by the lessons that we were able to take away as a team. Our students in the Dominican Republic did not only learn about poverty and global issues, but the importance of community, connection and hope. We learned that so many of us here on the North Shore think we are rich but we really are missing the point. We learned that to have a healthy and full life means that we should not put material wealth ahead of relationships with our families, friends and community. As a group we were time and time again taught by a Dominican community poor in material possessions, but rich in caring.



In reading the IBO mission statement, it becomes clear that our students have met so many of the goals set out for them during this experience. Our students learned about compassion, while becoming more knowledgeable about the lives of those in developing countries. They learned about demonstrating care to each

other as well as to a community thousands of kilometres away. I am proud of our students and their actions this past Spring break and I know that their lessons learned will stay with them for a very long time.

Carson Graham Vocal Jazz Ensemble

This past February, students from Carson Graham Secondary participated in the Surrey International Jazz Festival. It is with great pride we announce that the Carson Graham Vocal Jazz Ensemble was honoured with 1st place. Eight judges unanimously found this ensemble the best in the showcase showdown.

The Surrey International Jazz Festival, now in its 35th year, is one of Canada's largest and most unique jazz festivals. This event combines two days of jazz performances by 2,000 secondary school jazz musicians with two nights of superb jazz performances for the public.



Because of their success, the Carson Graham Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be one of the featured high school groups at the TD International Jazz Festival on June 24th, 2017.

Spring Break Belize Trip

This past spring break, 18 students along with 4 adults, travelled to Belize. We began by venturing on a river boat cruise to the Lamani ruins. Along the way we saw turtles, crocodiles, monkeys and too many varieties of birds to keep track of. From here we travelled inland where the students spent the morning zip-lining through the lush canopy of the forest. This was followed by floating down a river which flows through a series of cave systems. Armed with head lamps they spotted bats and rock formations that have taken centuries to create. Following a morning climbing the ruins of Xunantunich, we spent an afternoon with Joe, who taught us jungle survival skills, including how to trap animals and what fruits are edible. The students visited a local school en-route to our next destination, where they interacted with the children, and hopefully gained some insight into the many things we take for granted. We ended the trip in San Pedro snorkelling with fish, nurse sharks, turtles and sting rays. This was an incredible experience and adventure for both students and adults. The natural beauty of Belize, along with the marine life, made it a wonderful destination to connect with nature and deepen our understanding of the amazing world we live in.



Senior Boys' Rugby Tour (March 10-24)

The Senior Boys' Rugby Team travelled to New Zealand and Australia over Spring Break to prepare for their upcoming season. In our first few days in New Zealand, we explored the sights of Auckland from Mount Eden, trained downtown in Victoria Park and at the East Coast Bay's Rugby Club (sister club to the Capilano Rugby Club), and spent an afternoon at Brown's Bay Beach. During our two matches, the boys put up a good fight, however, they were outplayed by a team composed of well-drilled players from USA, New Zealand, Spain, Argentina, Japan, and Canada. The players were also given time to relax at Piha, the number one rated beach in New Zealand.



On the first day in Australia, the boys walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and decided to run their own fitness session below it, right across from the Opera House. Over the next week we played against some of the strongest



rugby schools in Sydney. Although we did not win any of our games against Knox, Oakhill, or St. Ignatius Colleges, it was amazing to see the bonding and progress made by the boys during such a short period of time, ending with a great effort by Carson, losing only by 5 points. The boys also had an opportunity to ride the ferry through Sydney Harbour to Manly Beach, visit the Taronga Zoo, spend an afternoon at Bondi Beach, as well as attend a professional Rugby League game. Under the watchful eyes of 33 Carson players and 15,000 fans, the St. George Illawarra Dragons defeated the Cronulla Sharks, last year's champions. Overall the

boys had a great tour and the coaches feel the players are ready to pursue their goal of being in the top four in the province. Go Eagles!

Athletics

The winter athletic season was a successful one for many of our teams. Some of the basketball highlights include the Juvenile Boys' Team placing first in the North Shore Championship, third in the Vancouver and District Championship, and sixth at the Provincial Championships; the Junior Girls' Team placed fourth at the Vancouver and District Championship; the Junior Boys' Team won the Queen Elizabeth Tournament; the Senior Boys' Team placed second at the Cavs Classic Tournament and took part in "one of the most prestigious boys high school basketball tournaments in all of Canada," Saskatoon's Bedford Road Invitational Tournament; and our Senior Girls' Team placed first in the Bill Spotswood Memorial Tournament in Victoria, first at the North Shore Championship, third at the Lower Mainlands, and placed tenth at the Provincials.



At the BC High School Provincial Wrestling Championships held in Salmon Arm during the first weekend in March, Carson had four competitors reach the podium. Lyric Atchison placed 3rd in the 69 kg weight class, Leina Dueck (57 kg) and Sophie Jillings (60 kg) finished 4th, and Filip Preda placed 6th in 130kg. Our boys and girls both teams finished 2nd at the Zone Championships in overall points, and our Senior Boys' Team placed 1st at the North Shore Championships.

Thanks to all the coaches, sponsors, athletes, scorekeepers, referees and parents who made this past winter season a positive one. The switch over to our spring sports' season is currently underway and we would like to wish the rugby, badminton, golf, ultimate, football, mountain biking, tennis, track and field, and soccer team the best of luck in their upcoming season.

Empty Bowls Event

Please come out to the Agora at Carson Graham on Tuesday, May 30 to see both functional and decorative art work from students in grades 8 to 12 and to raise money for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. This will be the 6th Year that we have hosted an "Empty Bowls" event. For your donation of \$20 or more, you will select a ceramic bowl made by junior students in their art classes. These bowls are dishwasher and microwave safe. 100% of the money raised is given to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank, who will then triple that amount in food with their bulk buying power. You will receive an income tax receipt for your donation. We will fill your bowl with delicious soup and provide fresh baked bread and butter. After dinner you are invited to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party where servers will sport whimsical hats made by students in grades 10-12 and display unique teapots crafted by senior ceramics students. The Empty Bowls dinner is from 5:30 to 7pm and the Tea Party goes from 6:30 to 7:30. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us at this artsy and worthwhile event!



Theatre Production 11/12 proudly presents:

Virtual Solitaire by Dawson Nichols

This play will be performed April 8,10,11,12

Mature content, not recommended for pre-teens.

Curtain is at 7pm SHARP

The production will run to 8:30pm with a brief intermission.

Reserve your tickets! tickets@carsongraham.ca

The theatre is located beside the main office at Carson Graham Secondary, 2145 Jones Avenue.

Thank you for your time and support of the arts!

- Carson Graham Fine Arts Department - Theatre Production -

.... a now a description of the show

Virtual Solitaire is the story of a game developer gone terribly wrong. The National Post (17/3/17) reported the video game industry in Canada was worth 3 billion dollars. With so much at stake, companies race to create the next great product. In our play, a character is beta-testing a virtual reality game and becomes stuck in the system. Will the bio-technician be able to remove him safely? Will the project supervisor protect the person or the investors stock position? Come and experience the wild characters that occur when the game content glitches and is mixed with the stuck characters consciousness.

This play has comedic moments but resonates with mature content and is not recommended for preteens.

Carson Graham Improv

Carson Graham Improv is celebrating another win of the Canadian Improv Games online Wildcard tournament. We beat out 18 other teams from across Canada! After failing to qualify at our regional tournament this was our long-bomb! This is the same adrenaline ride we took last year. Our senior varsity team will return to Ottawa as reigning silver medalists. We won on March 4th and travel April 18th. This has not left us with much time to raise money for this \$13,000 trip. Thank you to PAC for \$2500 and the City of North Vancouver \$2000 who have got the ball rolling with these significant contributions. Thanks again to season sponsor Sacre-Davey Engineering who helped us get here from the start.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: please come to one of our fundraisers or visit our GoFundMe site!

Saturday April 1 Queens Cross Pub night. (19+) Celebrate the teams' accomplishment with some friends and fun. The evening will feature 10 door prizes, silent auction goodies from breweries, spas and more. Tickets are \$15. Email lindsaydawkins6@hotmail.com to reserve

Thursday April 6 In-House Impov Jam with Special Guests. Local Improv professionals will join the team for a night of fun in our home theatre. Watch our team keep up with the pros! Tickets \$10 show 8-9:30 pm. Email tickets@carsongraham.ca

Thursday April 13 Narrows Pub ALL-AGES National Fundraiser. This will be a blast. Performances by the Team. Lots of audience participation for the children. We will have a mixed team of parents and coaches try to improv. Laughter is guaranteed. Silent auction, Toonie Toss, Wine draws and family fun. 6:30-10:30 minors allowed until 9:30. Adults \$10 children \$5. Tickets on Event Brite or save the service fee and email [<lindsaydawkins6@hotmail.com>](mailto:lindsaydawkins6@hotmail.com)
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrkRZ2WWn6g>

