



January 13, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

Please find below some information and updates:

Black Shirt Day

As you are likely aware, there is a grassroots movement to mark January 15th as Black Shirt Day. This day is significant as it is the birthday of the late Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights leader who brought the struggles of Black and racialized people to the forefront of society. More information about the Black Shirt Day initiative can be found in this [Vancouver Sun article](#).

With [Black History Month](#) approaching, and as Carson Graham and the North Vancouver School District continue on our journey of learning together, staff and students are being encouraged to wear a black shirt on January 15th to show understanding of the importance of civil rights and a commitment to continue to learn.

Canadian Universities Event

As you may already know, the Canadian Universities Event (CUE) will be hosting its first ever winter event next week. On Wednesday, January 20th and Thursday, January 21st between 4:00 and 7:00 PM (PST), 48 post-secondaries from across Canada will be available to BC high school students to answer questions and provide information. These sessions are Q&A style - presentations will not be offered. Students are encouraged to drop in and ask questions to representatives from institutions.

In order to access the event, students must register at [cuebc.org](#). Students who registered for CUE in Fall 2020 can continue to use the same login information to access CUE in winter through [cuebc.org](#).

Course Programming

Planning for the 2021-2022 school year has begun, and we are inviting current Carson Graham families to our annual course programming evenings presented by our Counselling team. For safety reasons our programming presentations have gone virtual for this year. The purpose of these evenings is to provide an overview of programs offered to your student for the 2021–2022 school year. The dates and time of these evenings are listed below. The links to each of the programming live events are available on our school website.

Families entering grade 8 - Thursday, January 28th @ 6:30

Families entering grade 9 & 10 - Tuesday, February 9th @ 6:30

Families entering grade 11 & 12 - Thursday, February 11th @ 6:30

Parents are also invited to visit North Vancouver School District website to learn more about the wide range of special programs our school district offers. A new program of special interest for students entering grade 10-12 is the Robotics Academy. Partnering with the Zen Maker Lab, students will engage in learning opportunities that require the use of innovative technology, collaboration, and problem-solving skills involving math, science, and engineering principles.





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A course programming guide with detailed descriptions of Carson Graham's 2021-2022 course offering will be published next week and will be found on our school website. We encourage families to review the information in the programming guide as there are a number of new courses at each grade level. Students can also schedule a meeting with their grade counsellor if they have any questions or concerns about course programming.

Diploma Programme

We invite families to attend our Virtual DP Information Session on Thursday, January 21st at 7pm. The link for this live event is <https://bit.ly/3bgX9Pp>.

More information on the application process can be found on our school website in the DP section or at: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/diplomaprogramme/applicationprocess/Pages/default.aspx#/=>.

Graduation Portraits

Grad portraits will take place from Monday, January 18th to Thursday, January 21st at the Artona Studios (353 West 7th Ave. in Vancouver). Students must book an "individual" sitting to get their photo taken, but "group photos" can also be booked by making a separate appointments online. Click here to book your Grad portrait appointment: <https://www.artona.com/schools/CARS/programs/graduation>

Upcoming Events

January 27 - PAC Meeting
January 28 - Grade 7 Programming Night
January 29 - Review and Completion, Quarter 2 Ends
February - Black History Month
February 1 - Quarter 3 Starts
February 5 - Q2 Report Card Published
February 9 - Grade 8 & 9 Programming Night
February 11 - Grade 10 & 11 Programming Night
February 12 - DP Application Due
February 14 - Valentine's Day
February 15 - Family Day - School Closed

Sincerely,

Suzette Dohm
Principal

