

March 3, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

We continue to work hard to ensure a safe learning environment for our staff and students and appreciate the efforts of our families. As you may have read in the North Shore News, there has been a recent spike of exposures on the North Shore and this has raised concerns in our school community. It has also been noted that these exposures are attributed to community social gatherings or related activities. Of note, car-pooling was identified as one area where exposures and spread of infection can occur due to the sharing of an enclosed environment. We share this concern as we have noted a number of students carpooling or eating in cars together. We ask for your support in talking with your children about the importance of not carpooling at this time, unless living in the same household.

Please find below some additional important information and updates:

**Mode of Delivery Switch for Grade 9-12 Courses on March 4th**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	AM-Face-to-Face	AM-Face-to-Face	AM-Face-to-Face	AM-A-Face-to-Face AM-B-Remote	AM-B-Face-to-Face AM-A-Remote	
	PM-Remote/Online for A&B	PM-A-Face-to-Face PM-B-Remote	PM-B-Face-to-Face PM-A-Remote	PM-Face-to-Face	PM-Face-to-Face	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	AM-Remote/Online for A&B	AM-A-Face-to-Face AM-B-Remote	AM-B-Face-to-Face AM-A-Remote	AM-A-Face-to-Face AM-B-Remote	AM-B-Face-to-Face AM-A-Remote	
	PM-Face-to-Face	PM-Face-to-Face	PM-Face-to-Face	PM-Face-to-Face	PM-Face-to-Face	

**Secondary School Schedule Survey**

This is a reminder of the NVSD 2020/2021 Secondary School Schedule Survey. If you haven't done so, please take some time to submit your opinions about this year's schedule. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be available until Sunday, March 7, 11:59 p.m. Click here to access the survey: [www.nvsd2021.com](http://www.nvsd2021.com)

**Grade 10 Graduation Assessments**

As part of the Ministry of Education graduation require, grade 10 students must complete both the Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 assessments. The Literacy 10 assessment will take place in April and the Numeracy 10 assessment will take place in June. A detailed scheduled of the Literacy 10 assessment will be made available prior to Spring Break. For information, including sample questions, please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>.

## Student Council

To see the structure and roles & responsibilities within student council, please go to the Carson Graham website: [https://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Students/studentcouncil/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Students/studentcouncil/Pages/default.aspx#/=).

Normally, student council representative positions are done through an election; however, due to COVID, we have had to rethink how to do this for the current school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, student council will be elected through an application process, and for the 2021-2022 school year, student council election will take place in the Spring of 2021. Application forms (available from the site above) are due to the main office by Monday, March 8th, 2021 (note the deadline extension).

## First Responders

Are you in grade 10 or 11? Are you interested in the medical field? Always wanted to help others? Thinking about a career as a paramedic or joining the fire department? Then you should consider join the First Responders. Last year, we started the Carson Graham First Responders program. The Carson Graham First Responders are a student club that focuses on first aid and student safety. Members are all trained in First Aid, whether at the Standard First Aid CPR-C or the First Responders CPR/AED HCP level. Application forms are available in the main office and are due March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## COVID-19 Updates

### Masks and Physical Distancing

Under the updated health and safety guidelines, non-medical masks are required for all staff in all K to 12 schools and all students in middle and secondary schools in all indoor areas, including when they are in their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- They are sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom
- There is a barrier in place
- They are eating or drinking

While eating or drinking students must maintain physical distance.

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group. Additionally, please remind students to use designated entrances and to remain within their classroom wing during breaks.

### Handwashing

Handwashing remains one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of COVID-19. We ask for your help in stressing to your child the importance of vigorously washing all parts of their hands for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day including upon arrival at school, and before and after eating.

### Daily Health Check Reminder

Parents are reminded of their responsibility to complete the daily health check with their child(ren). Students who have symptoms of COVID-19, or any other illness, MUST stay home. The NVSD Daily Health Checklist is posted [here](#).

### New Registrations & Transfer Requests for 2021-22

A reminder that priority placement for both new registrations and transfers for Grades 1 through 12 for the 2021/2022 school year runs from January 18th to March 5th at 4:00 p.m. Visit the [NVSD Transfers and Registrations page](#) for detailed information.

### Upcoming Events

**March 3** - Q3 Elective 1 Ends (Grade 9/10 Electives)

**March 4** - Q3 Elective 2 Starts (Grade 9/10 Electives), Mode of Instruction Change for Grades 9-12

**March 12** - Q3 Rotation 2 End (Grade 8 Electives), Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break

**March 15th - 26th** - March Break

**March 29** - Q3 Rotation 3 Starts (Grade 8 Electives)

**April 2** - Good Friday (*School Closed*)

**April 5** - Easter Monday (*School Closed*)

**April 7** - PAC Meeting

**April 12th - 16th** - Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

**April 19** – Last Day of Regular Classes for Q3

**April 20** - Quarter 3 Review and Completion

**April 21** - Q4 Starts

**April 22** - Earth Day

Stay well,



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