



April 14, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

I would like to commend the entire Carson community on the vigilance towards safety that students and staff have demonstrated when attending classes. The compliance in following Health and Safety Guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer has been outstanding. My hope is that this safe effort can carry over to non-school activities. Please take a few moments to discuss with your student(s) strategies set out to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Protocols Update

As indicated in a recent email from Superintendent Pearmain, the Ministry's Health and Safety guidelines now indicate: "All students in Grade 4 to 12 are required to wear a mask or face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in schools and on school buses – both within and outside of their learning group." Please note that there are a number of exceptions to this requirement identified within the documentation and staff have been made aware of these.

The updated guidance and guideline documents are public and available online.

- [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)
- [BCCDC Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

The NVSD's Covid-19 Resource contains information & resources for families:

<https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Lastly, please keep in mind that masks remain one layer of protection. To keep each other safe, we must continue to:

- Use the Daily Health Check before arriving at school
- Stay home when feeling ill.
- Practice diligent and frequent handwashing.
- Practice physical distancing when possible, even outdoors.
- Spend time close to home with members of our own household.
- Adhere to province-wide restrictions.

Please find below some other important information and updates:

Finishing of Quarter 3 and Moving into Quarter 4

As we conclude the third quarter and move in the fourth, there are a few scheduling anomalies (highlighted in yellow) for students in grades 9-12 that we want you to be aware of. These were set at a District level to balance the number of in person versus online cohort days. Teachers will also be communicating this info to students. *We are aware that there are a few exceptions to the schedule below and these will be communicated by the teacher.

Quarter 3

Monday, April 19, 2021 - Last day of scheduled Quarter 3 Classes

AM Cohort A remote



AM Cohort B face to face

PM Classes are face to face

Tuesday, April 20, 2021- Turnaround Day - Review and Completion

Students attend class by teacher invitation

Quarter 4

Wednesday, April 21, 2021- First Day of Quarter 4 Classes

AM Classes are face to face

PM Cohorts A and B are all on-line

Thursday, April 22, 2021

AM Classes are face to face

PM Cohort A face to face

PM Cohort B remote

Friday, April 23, 2021

AM Classes are face to face

PM Cohort B face to face

PM Cohort A remote

Monday, April 26, 2021

AM Classes are face to face

PM Cohort A remote

PM Cohort B face to face

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

AM Classes are face to face

PM Cohort A face to face

PM Cohort B remote

News from the Library

Sign Up for a Public Library Card: Opportunity for Carson Students!

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

~ Sidney Sheldon (1917-2007. American writer and producer)

In partnership with the [North Vancouver City Public Library](#), the Carson Graham Library is promoting and facilitating public library card sign up for our students. Our libraries are essential community hubs for resources and programming. They are also spaces to read, learn, study, and innovate. At Carson, we want to increase our students' awareness of the resources available to them both within and beyond their school library. Libraries are for lifelong learning, and library cards are free. Here is a [Promotional Video](#) that we created to explain some of the benefits of having a library card. If you have any questions about this partnership with the North Vancouver City Public Library, please contact Michelle Davis, Carson Graham Teacher-Librarian (mdavis@sd44.ca).

Summer Learning 2021 – Registration May 1-June 24

Summer Learning provides an engaging learning environment where students can challenge themselves academically and fulfill their personal learning goals. In 2021, Summer Learning will maximize in-person instructional time in its complete suite of course offerings:

[Full Credit Academic Courses](#)

[7/8 Transition](#)

[English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)

[Numeracy and Literacy Foundations](#)

A plan is in place to transition to remote or blended (online and in-person) learning should the need arise.

Registration is open to all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District. A list of courses, including the new Careers 10 Summer Learning online course, is available via the Summer Learning [website](#).

News from North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL)

June 1st Deadline for NVOL Course Completion – Students who need a final grade in an NVOL course this school year are encouraged to complete all coursework by June 1st. Meeting this deadline will ensure teachers have time to assess the work and our office staff have time to process the grades before year end.

June 18th NVOL Registration Deadline – Our registration desk will be on pause for the summer from June 18th and will reopen on September 7th.

Summer @ NVOL – We are planning for teachers to be available in a limited capacity in the summer. As in past years, it will likely mean that students will have some access to teachers in July but not in August. In August, students can continue to work on their courses but will need to wait until September to submit assignments and write tests.

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In April 2021, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link by selecting the North Vancouver School District and Carson Graham Secondary. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until April 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Ireland at tireland@sd44.ca.

Opportunities for Students and Families





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Studio in the City Youth Callout – The City of North Vancouver’s Studio in the City program is looking for a new crew of talented youth (15-19) to create our next amazing mural art project. Apprentice with leaders in community art and create the next outdoor masterpiece in the City. Submit your applications via <https://cnv.org/studiointhecity/> before Friday, May 7 or contact Julia Spitale (jspitale@cnv.org) for more details.

CityFest Volunteer Call Out – CityFest is looking for youth artists and a coordinator to design and create a mural during Youth Week (Saturday, May 1-Saturday, May 8). The mural will represent the values of CityFest and participants will work directly with other youth artists, the CityFest Committee, and City staff. Contact Teagan (tealeighd@gmail.com) to apply for this opportunity.

NVCL Wildlife Ambassador – The North Vancouver City Library is looking for outgoing, community-minded youth (grades 8-12) interested in environmental stewardship and natural advocacy to participate in the City Parks Wildlife Ambassador Program. Participants will learn about and track biodiversity, attend park stewardship activities, manage invasive species in parks, and give presentations on the NVCL biodiversity project all while earning volunteer hours. Register at <http://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/teen/get-involved> or contact Kat Barrette (kbarrette@cnv.org) or Kate Longley (klongley@cnv.org) for more information.

NVCL Biodiversity Observation Project – The North Vancouver City Library is launching a year-long programming initiative called Year of Science. The NVCL Biodiversity Observation Project is an ongoing program that will seek community participation in a variety of ways. The program is split into four parts including a science workshop, community observation period, a data analysis workshop from Thursday, May 13-Saturday, June 12, and a showcase of photographs and data publicly and online. Please contact Kat Barrette (kbarrette@cnv.org) to register for Workshop 2 (closing Saturday, May 1).

Loutet Farm Volunteer Drop-in Sessions – Join the Edible Garden Project at North Vancouver’s first urban farm for fun and engaging drop-in volunteer sessions. Loutet Farm is looking for high school-aged youth volunteers for hands-on small-scale agricultural operations. The program will provide training for all roles and will run from 3:00pm-5:00pm every other Monday starting April 12. For more information, contact schools@ediblegardenproject.com.

Youth Empowering Youth Program – YEY is dedicated to empowering younger generations with resources and opportunities to grow. This nine-session program is led by two youth facilitators who are passionate about empowering youth. All youth 13-18 are welcome to join this free online youth leadership program. Register for programs starting Wednesday, April 7 at <https://linktr.ee/youthempoweringyouth> or contact Shawna Deagle (shawna@lowentropy.org).

North Shore Connexions Children & Youth Respite Program – NS Connexions offers a respite program for children and youth with intellectual disabilities and their families. The program offers one-to-one support, activities that encourage growth and independence, and opportunities to engage with the community. For more information, contact Amanda Jordan (amandaj@nsconnexions.org).

Young Playwrights Festival – Expect Exceptional Theatre Company proudly announces the Young Playwrights Festival for young BC artists enrolled in grades 6-9. The festival is open to original 15-minute plays of any genre. The top play will receive a prize of \$500 and the runner up receives a \$250 prize. Enter at https://expecttheatre.ca/?mc_cid=9b7bfb599f&mc_eid=04eb1e8776 from Monday, March 1-Monday, May 31 or contact ETC at https://expecttheatre.ca/2021-festival-contact/?mc_cid=9b7bfb599f&mc_eid=04eb1e8776 for more details.





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YWCA Gear Up – This free program starting Monday, April 19 will provide youth 16-30 with 2 weeks of development workshops, a Level 1 Bike Mechanic Certificate and 6 weeks of work experience in a local bike repair shop with training allowance provided. Register at <https://ywcavan.org/gear-up> or contact gearup@ywcavan.org for more details.

PROUD2BE Medical & Professional Panel – Family Services of the North Shore and West Vancouver Youth Services are pleased to present the third PROUD2BE Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation Virtual Event Series on Saturday, April 24 from 10:00am-12:30pm. Register at <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/attend-an-event/proud2be-pride/> or contact proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca for more information.

Flip the Script – Join North Shore Women’s Centre on Saturday, May 26 for a workshop designed for women 16-24 on safe relationships, sex, and pleasure with a goal of eliminating sexual violence. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/flip-the-script-tickets-149163948385> or contact Lori Barton (flipthescript@northshorewomen.ca) for more information.

Young And Recovering – A peer-driven support group for youth 12-24 struggling with substance abuse from Foundry, CMHA and VCH. Contact Ty Javos (ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca) for more information.

Upcoming Events

April 12th - 16th - Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

April 19 – Last Day of Regular Classes for Q3

April 20 - Quarter 3 Review and Completion

April 21 – Quarter 4 Starts

April 22 - Earth Day

May 10- District Professional Development Day

Stay safe,

Suzette Dohm

Principal

