



June 30, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us; what a year it has been! We have survived not only a global pandemic but now a heat wave unlike any BC has ever seen. In a year of immense challenge and change, we have admired the understanding, adaptability and continued efforts of our students, staff and the school community. Everyone worked together to make the very best of difficult situations and for that we are grateful and optimistic as we look ahead to the 2021-2022 school year!

Every year brings new challenges and possibilities – and sometimes it brings changes for our staff team. We would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a few staff who will be seeking new horizons next year. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the retirements of Terry Brown and Heidi Kruz. Mr. Brown has been at Carson since 1998 while Ms. Kruz, only at Carson since 2012, has worked in the North Vancouver School District since 1989. We wish them well on their upcoming retirements. I would also like to say farewell to our Records Clerk, Jamie Allan. Ms. Allan has taken an Administrative Assistant position at Norgate for next year but we are thrilled that she will remain within our Family of Schools. Other staff changes will be announced at the end of summer.

Please see below for important information and updates:

### **Final Report Cards**

Final report cards were published to the [MyEd parent portal](#) on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report card prior to July 31<sup>st</sup> as report cards disappear at year-end rollover. This final report will contain all courses and marks for the year and will serve as a full replacement for any previous reports. If there are any questions or concerns about your child's report card please contact teachers by email directly prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **2021-2022 School Timetable & Calendar – Semester System**

We are planning for a return to Stage 1 and full in-person instruction next September. Next year's schedule was created with the feedback and survey data from parents, students, and staff earlier this year, as well as Provincial health and safety considerations taken into account.

All Secondary Schools in North Vancouver will be on a semester system. Semester 1 will run from September until the end of January. Semester 2 will run from February until the end of June. Students will take two classes per day. Similar to this year, students will have two 140 minute blocks each day. In Semester 1 students will have Periods 1 and 2 on Day 1, and Periods 3 and 4 on Day 2. In Semester 2 Periods 5 and 6 will be on Day 1, and periods 7 and 8 on Day 2.



There will be a 60-minute lunch between periods. Each morning, there is a tutorial period where every student will have the opportunity to access additional support from teachers in all subject areas. More information on tutorials and the tutorial schedule will be shared at the start of the school year. Class starts after morning tutorial time at 9:20am and our school day finishes at 3:00pm.

Carson's calendar is available [here](#) and a detailed monthly calendar and daily schedule will be sent to families and posted in August.

Students will receive their timetables on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 7th, 2021. Information about the first day of school and school start-up information will be emailed home and posted on our website during the last week of August prior to the Labour Day holiday weekend.

### **Athletics**

We are anticipating a full return to school sports and athletics next year. We will be looking for assistance with some of our coaching and sponsorship roles. If you would like to help with Carson Athletics, please reach out to our Directors, [Mr. Darcy Grant](#) and [Mr. Darren Wong](#).

### **Student Opportunities**

[XdHacks Mini Vancouver](#) is Vancouver's first and largest highschool hackathon nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding the reach of STEM in BC. Our unique focus is on helping students develop an interdisciplinary mindset, which is becoming increasingly important in the workplace. We organize highschool hackathons annually, connecting hundreds of students worldwide who are passionate about a career in technology, or simply in technology itself. At our events, we offer workshops ranging from Design Thinking, to Coding languages, while helping students create a network within our community. The fourth iteration of XdHacks Mini Vancouver will be Climate Code 2021, with the theme of Environmental Issues.

Our hackathon will run from August 6th to 8th and will be taking place virtually with no cost for attendees. Participants will be eligible to win prizes, interact with guest speakers, learn fundamental STEM principles, and partake in fun activities. No experience is necessary.

Participants can register for our event through our [Eventbrite page](#). The deadline to register is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

[CampOUT!](#) – A free, virtual summer camp for queer, trans, Two-Spirit, questioning, and allied youth (age 13-21) to share knowledge and learn about 2SLGBTQ+ resources and leadership. Participants gain social and life skills, inspiration, and gain support networks while engaging in virtual workshops and activities. Virtual events start from Friday, June 4th through Saturday, July 24th.

Register at <https://campout.ubc.ca/come-to-camp-virtual-edition/> or contact Anna White ([campout.director@ubc.ca](mailto:campout.director@ubc.ca)) for more information.





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[Youth Justice Lab](#) - North Shore Restorative Justice Society is hosting the Youth Justice Lab, a cohort-based, collaborative, skill-building opportunity for youth aged 15-19 years old residing on the North Shore. Participants will meet remotely once a week, on Thursday nights from 6:00pm- 8:30pm, for seven weeks (July 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>). Throughout the lab, youths will build useful life skills in mediation, teamwork, project management, and networking, as well as explore questions like: How can we use restorative justice principles to meaningfully engage in decolonization, truth, and Reconciliation? What does youth justice look like in our community? What is peer mediation and how can we use it in everyday life? At the end of the seven-week program, participants will receive a diploma of completion at a graduation ceremony, and a \$100 bursary for full attendance at all sessions.

Here is a link to the application form, which also includes information on the program [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6hZkcd\\_rtyzvF5-38x7jW8QttaoCSC6neHH1-yPtcvqQVdA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6hZkcd_rtyzvF5-38x7jW8QttaoCSC6neHH1-yPtcvqQVdA/viewform). The application deadline is July 7th at 5PM.

We wish all of our families a restful summer. Take time to relax and rejuvenate. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Best Regards,

Suzette Dohm  
Principal

