



Friday, November 26, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

It's hard to believe that we are heading into December! With only three weeks of classes left before the Winter Break, it's important that everyone remain focused. We want to remind families that Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is a late start. The instructional day will begin at 10:00am and end at 3:00 pm:

Staff Collaboration	8:30 - 9:50
Period 1	10:00 - 12:00
Lunch	12:00 – 1:00
Period 2	1:00 – 3:00

As we head into the weekend, we would like to share some other important information:

### **New Carson Graham Parent Advisory Council (CGPAC) Fundraiser**

The months leading up to the holidays are the best time as people start preparing for the merry season and many are likely to stock up on gift cards, a present of choice loved by everyone. So, if you want cards for your holiday gifting season, this CGPAC fundraiser is made for you. Please see attached PDF for details. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is highly recommended that orders are placed before December 6th.

### **Volunteer Opportunity with City of North Vancouver**

The City of North Vancouver's Shipyards team is pleased to announce that the 2021 Spirit of the Season celebration will take place on Saturday, December 4th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at The Shipyards. This holiday event will focus on celebrating our local community's festive spirit. Attendees can expect to enjoy photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, kids' crafts, festive entertainment and a holiday light display. Skate Plaza will be open for public ice skating with programming throughout the day. The evening will commence with Mayor Buchanan lighting up our Christmas tree at the foot of Lonsdale.

#### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

We are looking for volunteers to support with different aspects of the event (craft station, line management, Santa's helpers ect.) Volunteer shifts will be from 12:30-8:30pm OR 3:00 – 7:00pm on December 4<sup>th</sup>. A small honorarium will be provided and City staff can sign for any school volunteer hour documentation.

Volunteers should expect to be outside for the duration of the event, interacting with the public, and standing for their shift. Breaks will be included in your shift. Staff/ volunteers are encouraged to wear masks. A festive hat will be provided to indicate volunteers to the general public. Shift responsibilities will be provided by the volunteer coordinator at the start of your shift.

If you would like to volunteer please email: Michaela at [mdeciantiswong@cnv.org](mailto:mdeciantiswong@cnv.org)

### **Opportunities for Students and Families**

#### **Events, Workshops & More**

**NVCL Christmas Bird Count Presentation** – Join the North Vancouver City Library for a virtual introductory workshop on Saturday, November 27 from 3:00pm-4:00pm in preparation for the annual Christmas Bird Count. Register or find out more information at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156133477> or contact **Kat Barrette** ([kbarrette@cnv.org](mailto:kbarrette@cnv.org)).

**NVCL Scholarship Workshop** – Join the North Vancouver City Library and Brittany Palmer of "Unlock Your Future" as she leads students and parents through a step-by-step program navigating the scholarship process. Students in all grades and their





parents are encouraged to attend this online workshop on Tuesday, November 30 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Register or find out more information at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156439644>.

**NVCL North Shore Wildlife** – North Vancouver City Library and the North Shore Black Bear society present a virtual workshop to provide a better understanding of how to responsibly share the North Shore with black bears, coyotes and cougars. This workshop takes place Wednesday, December 1 from 7:00pm-8:15pm. Register and find out more at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156607055> or contact **CJ Petland** ([cpetland@cnv.org](mailto:cpetland@cnv.org)).

**NVCL Squamish Stories** – North Vancouver City Library presents a live storytelling performance of Squamish legends popularized by E. Pauline Johnson's book "Legends of Vancouver." Register for this virtual event on Thursday, December 2 from 10:30am-11:30am or find out more information at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156418904>.

**MONOVA Grand Opening** – The Museum of North Vancouver will open its doors on Saturday, December 4. Admission will be free that day with COVID-19 safety protocols in place. See <https://monova.ca/museum-of-north-vancouver-opens-december-4/> for more information.

#### **Volunteering and More**

**Holly Haul** – The City of North Vancouver's City Park Stewards program is looking volunteers to participate in a holly haul on Saturday, December 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Register at <https://www.cnv.org/your-government/living-city/get-involved/city-park-stewards> or contact **Frances Ramsay** ([parkstewards@cnv.org](mailto:parkstewards@cnv.org)) for more information.

**Shipyards Site Host** – The City of North Vancouver is hiring auxiliary site hosts to assist with operations of The Shipyards Skate Plaza. Applicants must be at least 16 years old with the ability to ice skate and provide customer service. For more information or to apply, see <https://cnv.peopleadmin.ca/postings/1973>. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, December 1.

**NVCL Opportunities** – North Vancouver City Library is seeking general volunteers. For more information, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/teen/get-involved/for-teens>.

**NVRC Opportunities** – North Vancouver Recreation and Culture is seeking volunteers for aquatics, early years, special events, fitness and general recreation. For more information, see <https://www.nvrc.ca/about-us/employment-volunteering/volunteering> or contact [volunteer@nvrc.ca](mailto:volunteer@nvrc.ca).

**MONOVA Opportunities** – The Museum and Archives of North Vancouver is seeking volunteers for events, transcription, archival documentation and assistance with school programs. For more information, see <https://monova.ca/volunteering/> or contact **Andrew Hildred** ([hildreda@monova.ca](mailto:hildreda@monova.ca)).

**Family Services Opportunities** – Family Services of the North Shore is seeking volunteers for a variety of initiatives including fundraising event support and the Christmas Bureau. Apply at <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/volunteer-with-us/> or contact **Michele Varley** ([volunteer@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@familyservices.bc.ca)).

**Walking School Bus Leaders** – DASH is seeking two part-time Walking School Bus Leaders located in North Vancouver. For more information or to apply, see <https://dashbc.ca/team/join-our-team/>.

**Roots Mentoring** – Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is seeking teen volunteers to mentor children in grades 1-6. The program requires a weekly one-hour commitment of mentoring after-school and consistent participation in Youth Leadership throughout the school year. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/our-programs/roots/>.

#### **Ongoing Programs**





**NVCL Youth Drop-In** – The Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of North Vancouver City Library is reserved for youth (grade 7-12) Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm-6:00pm and Friday from 3:00pm-5:00pm to hang out with friends, complete homework, read, use computers, etc. Registration is not required. See <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D155162356> or contact [teens@nvcl.ca](mailto:teens@nvcl.ca) for more information.

**Open Gym Youth Drop-In** – North Shore Neighbourhood House is operating an open gym drop-in program for youth (age 13-18). This program takes place Fridays from 8:00pm-10:00pm and Saturdays from 7:00pm-10:00pm at John Braithwaite Community Centre. Registration is not required. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

**Youth Centre Drop-In** – NVRC's Harry Jerome Youth Centre is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30pm-6:00pm until Tuesday, December 14. John Braithwaite Community Centre's Youth Centre is open Tuesday-Saturday from 6:00pm-10:00pm for youth in grades 8-12 and Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm for youth in grades 5-7. Registration is not required for any of these programs. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

**Young & Recovering** – Foundry North Shore and CMHA are hosting bi-weekly peer-led support groups for youth working towards active recovery from drugs and alcohol. The group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Foundry (<https://foundrybc.ca/northshore>). For more information, contact **Ty Javos** ([ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca](mailto:ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca)).

**PROUD2BE Drop-In** – This free, weekly drop-in program allows youth (age 16-24) who identify as queer, transgender, two-spirited, and/or questioning to connect and share experiences in a safe space. For more information, see <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/youth-support/> or contact [proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca).

**North Shore PACT** – The CMHA has launched a civilian-led team that will respond to crisis calls related to mental health and substance use on the North Shore. Youth 13 and over can receive over the phone or in-person help with a range of mental health issues. See <https://northwestvancouver.cmha.bc.ca/programs-services/peer-assisted-care-team-pact/> for more details.

**FamilySmart Parent in Residence** – Parents in Residence are available to provide peer support to families and caregivers who are parenting a child (0-young adult) with a mental health and/or substance use challenge. To connect with a FamilySmart Parent in Residence or request more information, see <https://familysmart.ca/program/parent-youth-in-residence/> or contact **Ann Louise Filbert** ([annlouise.filbert@familysmart.ca](mailto:annlouise.filbert@familysmart.ca)).

**NS Connexions Respite Program** – North Shore 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, see <https://nsconnexions.org/services/community-respite/> or contact **Amanda Jordan** ([amandaj@nsconnexions.org](mailto:amandaj@nsconnexions.org)).

### Upcoming Events

November 28 - First Day of Hanukkah  
December 1 - Late Start @ 10:00am  
December 6 - Last day of Hanukkah, Start of Gr 8 Rotation 3, Jr Winter Concert @ 7:00pm Agora  
December 7 - Sr Winter Concert @ 7:00pm Agora  
December 8 - 9 - Drama performance of "**BAD ELF**" (title may change); shows @ 3:20, 7:00, & 8:15pm  
December 9 -11 - "No Regrets Tournament"  
December 10 - International Human Rights Day  
December 17 - Last Day of School before Winter Vacation, Anti-Bullying Day  
December 20 - Winter Holiday  
December 21 - Winter Solstice  
December 24 - Christmas Eve





**CARSON GRAHAM**  
SECONDARY

December 25 - Christmas Day 🎄  
December 31 - New Year's Eve  
January 1 - New Year's Day 2022  
January 4 - Classes resume

Have a great weekend,

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