



**CARSON GRAHAM**  
SECONDARY

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Carson Graham Secondary community, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our Carson Graham family! Our administrative team of myself, Mr. Dave Cadman (Grade 8-9 Administrator), Mr. Tuzar Irani (Grade 10-11 Administrator) and Ms. Rupi Samra-Gynane (Principal and Grade 12 Administrator) are truly excited about the upcoming year.

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer with friends and family. As summer winds down and the school year approaches, you and your child(ren) may be filled with both excitement and nervous anticipation for the new school year and the transition to high school. We hope this letter and the additional information provided on opening day will help you and your child(ren) prepare for a successful transition.

All students will receive their timetables on the first day of school, Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Grade 8s will arrive at the school for a welcome assembly in the Carson Graham gym at 9:45am. This will be followed by the distribution of information packages and school photos. Grade 8 students will have plenty of time to locate their lockers and track down the location of their classes in advance of classes commencing on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Carson Graham staff and students will be available to help our Grade 8s navigate the opening day.

All information will also be posted on our Carson Graham school website before the Labour Day weekend. Please be sure to bookmark the [Carson Graham Homepage](#) as all important information will be posted there. Throughout the school year please take some time to regularly visit the school website and to read the newsletters that are emailed home to stay up to date.

Communication and contact between home and school is still particularly important at the secondary level. We recognize that parent involvement in high school naturally tends to decrease as students get older and can take on more responsibility for their learning. Many grade 8 students, as they begin to feel more independent, will try to convince you that they do not need your help or for you to take an active role throughout the year, however, our experience tells us that this is not true. In fact, we encourage you to stay as involved as you can.

Over the course of the school year, subject-specific questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teacher. A list of our teaching staff and their email addresses will be available on our school website ([Staff Contacts](#)). Email is often the most effective way to get a hold of a teacher, but you can also call our office and leave a message for a specific teacher. If you have general questions or concerns about your child, you can also reach out to our Grade 8 counsellor: Ms. Mary Fletcher ([mfletcher@sd44.ca](mailto:mfletcher@sd44.ca)). Part of the role of the Grade 8 counsellor is to help facilitate a successful transition between elementary and high school.



We look forward to working with your child(ren) as they embark on the next exciting stage of their educational journey. We encourage students to reach out to us and/or their counsellor if they have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Please see below for some important dates.

On behalf of the Carson Graham Admin Team, welcome to the Carson family!

Sincerely,



Mr. Dave Cadman

Save These Dates:

Tuesday September 12 6:30pm

Grade 8 Parent Night

We will outline our school goals, processes, and student expectations at Carson Graham so that we can work with our Carson families to support student success. You will also have an opportunity to visit each of our students' classes and hear from their teachers.

Friday September 22

Terry Fox Run

Students participate in a school-wide walk/run/roll to raise money and awareness for the Terry Fox Foundation. Carson Graham students are encouraged to bring a "Toonie For Terry".

Tuesday September 26

Grade 8 Retreat

Our Grade 8 students will spend the day learning together and building connections at the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. Field Trip permission forms and waivers will be given out to students on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please have your student return them to the main office by Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>.