



CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY



Friday, September 1, 2023

Dear grade 10 students, families and friends,

On behalf of Carson Graham's IB office, we would like to welcome you to tenth grade and the final year of the Middle Years Programme (MYP). Last year, MYP students were actively involved in many aspects of IB in their classes and beyond. They attended Advisory lessons monthly to embody the Learner Profile Attributes, write self-reflections on the Approaches to Learning Skills, and organize service projects in the community.

This year, grade 10 students will take on the Personal Project. The Personal Project is an amazing opportunity for students to explore their own interests, pursue their passions, deepen their research skills and practice time-management. Each student's timetable will include the Personal Project course, as well as a teacher to provide support on this journey. At school, students receive guidance through Advisory blocks and through Managebac as they work independently to complete the project at home. The product itself should be finished by December, followed by a written report in January. Our Celebration of IB will take place on **Thursday, March 7th, 2024**. We invite families and friends to attend this special event, where students will present their Personal Projects.

Another critical component of the MYP is our commitment to Service as Action (SA). Students are encouraged to participate in volunteer work and community service each year. In order to qualify for the MYP Certificate, students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of service from grades 8-10. Students who participate in additional hours may qualify for service awards at the end of year. All service activities will be recorded in Managebac.

We encourage students to seek out service opportunities within the school and community related to their interests. They can join school clubs or community organizations like the NVRC, City/District of North Vancouver, sports clubs or other local initiatives. Many service opportunities will be shared with students through their Class of 2026 team on Teams throughout the year.

For more information about the requirements for completion of the MYP certificate or other IB information, please refer to our school's website at www.carsongraham.ca. If you have additional questions, please contact the IB coordinators.

Sincerely,

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