



**CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY**

Carson Graham Grade 12 Newsletter

Welcome to your grade 12 year! This newsletter will provide you with some essential information and important dates, so please read it carefully.

IMPORTANT:

Carson Grade 12 Students & Guardians/Parents Night (large gym) Oct. 3rd

5:45 pm Meet & Greet (come meet our new principal, Ms. Rupī Samra-Gynane)

6:30 pm Presentation (Post-secondary planning, Scholarships, CLC 12, Grad events...)

*Please note that we will be handing out student graduation credit reports this evening.

Grade 12 Timeline

- Oct 3rd** *Grade 12 student & parent night @ 6:30PM (LARGE GYM)
- Oct. 5th** IB/DP Parent Night (Agora) @ 6:30pm
- Oct 5th** Canadian Universities Event (CUE). Connect with 15-25 post secondary schools to explore programs and talk to their recruiters. 6:30-9:00pm @Sheraton Guilford Hotel. Registration available via the CUE website: [Meet University Reps - Canadian Universities Event \(cuebc.org\)](http://MeetUniversityReps-CanadianUniversitiesEvent.cuebc.org)
- Oct 6th** Major scholarship candidate personal statement due via email to Ms. L. Thornhill by 3pm.
- Oct. 19th** University of Victoria Business school at Carson Graham (lunch)
- Oct. 23rd** University of Calgary at Carson Graham (lunch)
- Oct. 26th** **BC Post-Secondary event (PSBC) 9- 11am at Carson Graham**
- Nov. 2nd** Waterloo University at Carson Graham 3pm
- Nov. 6th** Guelph University at Carson Graham @lunch
- Nov. 14th** Simon Fraser University at Carson Graham at lunch
- Nov. 20th** Simon Fraser Beedie School of Business at Carson Graham at lunch (Fishbowl)
- Jan. 22-26th** **Literacy 12 Assessments (Grad requirement)**
- Jan. 25-30** **Grad Photos**-book sitting online: Artona: Since 1909
- Nov 30th** Grad Yearbook write up due by email – form available on Teams in Oct.
- Feb. (TBA)** Carson Scholarship applications due
- June 24th** Graduation Banquet @ Westin Bayshore – details to follow
- June 27th** Graduation Ceremony – 7pm at Orpheum Theatre – details to follow





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Post-Secondary Information

What you need to apply to Post Secondary Institutions (PSI)

- Personal Education Number (PEN – can be found on your report card)
- An account with Education Planner BC (see instructions below)
- An account with Student Transcripts Service (STS) (see instructions below)
- Know your deadlines – do not be late!
- Know your program requirements

Tips for applying

- Start early - some programs have a short window for accepting applications and can be as early as October 1st, 2023.
- Create your personal responses in a word document to cut and paste into applications
- Proofread your application

How to apply

- 1) Check PSI website to confirm you have or will have met the entrance requirements
- 2) Know your PEN (can be found on your report card or DVR)
- 3) Set up an account with **Student Transcript Services**. You will need to sign up for a BCeID before registering with STS - instructions are on the STS website listed below
www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

All official transcripts are issued by BC Ministry of Education.

An account with STS:

- Allows you to view your grade 10-12 completed courses
- Order transcripts (25 transcripts free of charge for current students) to be sent directly to post-secondary institutions or to a third-party
- Order your graduation certificate once you have successfully completed your grade 12 year

Check out the videos for detailed instructions on how to register with Student Transcript Service and request your transcripts be sent to post-secondary institutions

[Help videos for STS](#)

- 4) Set up an account with **EducationPlannerBC**
 - Helps you plan your post-secondary journey
 - Search programs offered at PSIs in BC
 - Apply to many post-secondary programs directly from this site
www.educationplannerbc.ca





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- 5) Request transcripts through Student Transcript Services for all post-secondary institutions you are applying for
- 6) Complete application online (either through EducationPlannerBC or directly through institution)

Entrance Requirements Post-Secondary Institutions

- It is your responsibility to check each institutions website for up-to-date information
- Remember that many programs are competitive, and you will need to achieve more than the minimum. **Many competitive programs will require GPA in academic courses to be 80%+**
- Some programs have unique deadlines for applications or supplemental pieces such as auditions, interviews, 2nd application etc., so be sure to check websites early
- Some post-secondary institutions require a Language 11 course (UBC & SFU)
- Most universities have a minimal math requirement (Precalc 11 or Foundations 12 – check websites as it varies between PSIs)
- Most will look at grade 11 and 12 academic courses – English 12 and English 12 First Peoples are particularly important!

How to find out more information

- Google search – “University name” + “admission”+”program” (example: SFU+admission+criminology)
- Use www.educationplanner.bc and www.workbc.ca to search programs at colleges, universities, trade, and technical schools
- Attend virtual and live information sessions (will be posted on Class of 2024 in Teams)
 - Post-Secondary BC virtual event (PSBC) www.postsecondarybc.ca
 - Canadian University Event (CUE) www.cuebc.org
 - Individual Post-Secondary Institutions will hold their own virtual or in person events (some may come to Carson so pay attention to Teams)
- Contact university advisors directly
- Talk to family, friends, mentors, teachers and your counsellor

Things to consider when choosing your post-secondary path

- Your interests – choose an area that creates a spark of enthusiasm for you
- Location
- Cost
- Class size
- Which prerequisites have you met?
- Campus life – do you like the layout of the campus, and do they offer activities/clubs that interest you?
- Are you interested in a Co-op program?





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What to do if you are missing a required course or your grades are not high enough for the program you want to attend?

- 1) Consider starting at Capilano University or one of the local colleges to pick up required courses or improve your grades. You can take upgrading courses through Adult Basic Education **free** of charge, check out [Capilano University ABE courses](#) for more information on one local option. Some other local options are Douglas College, Kwantlen College, VCC, Langara College and BCIT (check their websites for more information)
- 2) Complete a 2-year Associate of Arts or Science degree at one of the schools listed above and then apply to transfer to the university of your choice. Most of your completed courses should transfer and count towards your final degree. Have conversations with academic advisors at these institutions to help you plan your route
- 3) Some programs at certain universities have partnered up with colleges to offer specific Foundation/Preparatory programs that feed into specialized programs (e.g.: nursing, engineering)

BC transfer guide

For information about how to transfer credits between post-secondary institutions in BC, or how to plan a transfer route to a degree, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/>

References

Some applications will require letters of reference.

- Consider asking adults who know you well and can speak to your strengths and accomplishments
- Give at least 2 weeks notice to the person you are requesting a reference from
- Provide the referee with details you would like included in the letter and clear guidelines for what is required and where it should be sent

Trades: WorkBC

- Explore the trades
- Check out current employment opportunities

www.workbc.ca

Scholarship and Bursary Information

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded based on performance in courses and exams, community achievements, community/school service, extracurricular involvement, and leadership experience.

Bursaries





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Bursaries are awarded based on financial need (proof may be required) and may or may not consider academic achievement.

Tips

- Attend workshops
- Cast your net wide – applying to many small awards can add up
- Watch deadlines
- Pay attention to messages on Teams

Categories of Scholarships

1) Provincial Government Scholarships and Awards

- Information will be posted on Teams

2) Post-Secondary Institutions

- Awards for students entering their first year
- Some of these are scholarships based on grades on the admission application and do not require a separate application.
- Major entrance scholarships will require an application, and to be eligible students should have marks well over 80%, as well as major community and school involvement. Check application dates on websites!

3) Community Scholarships & Bursaries

- Research personal/family connections to organizations who recognize student achievement
- We will post public opportunities for scholarships & bursaries on Teams
- Start researching now as due dates will vary

4) Carson Graham Scholarship Committee (updated information will be coming on Teams and the Carson Graham website)

- Awards a number of scholarships and bursaries which recognize students who have excelled in academic courses, extracurricular accomplishments, and/or Service.
- The application is comprised of **two** parts. Both parts of the application must be completed
 - Online Form
 - Written application package
- Applications will be available in January
- Due February 10th at 3:15PM in Ms. Fletcher's office – no late applications will be accepted
- You must complete an application to be considered for any Carson Graham award

Financial Support

Check out Student Aid BC for information on grants and loans

www.studentaidbc.ca

