



CARSON GRAHAM
SECONDARY

September 29, 2023

Dear Grade 8 Families,

We have made it to the end of the first month of high school!

Earlier this week we enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish for our Grade 8 Retreat. Although the weather was wetter than we would have preferred, the students managed themselves well and the rain did not seem to dampen too many spirits. Overall, the students seemed to have a great time and started to develop connections to each other, and to our staff that were able to attend. We want to say a big thank you to all of you for your support in getting you children to school for the early departure, and for waiting patiently for our return that evening. Please take some time to connect with your student about their experience on the Retreat. If they or you have feedback, we would love to hear it. You can pass feedback along to Dave Cadman (dcadman@sd44.ca).

We know that some students were unable to attend at the last minute due to illness, injury, and a variety of other reasons. For those families, we have issued a partial refund (\$90) to your School Cash Online accounts. Given the amount of planning that goes into the retreat and the costs associated with planning buses, food and other resources for full attendance, we are assessing a \$15 Administrative Fee. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Dave Cadman (dcadman@sdd4.ca).

Thanks again for your support and engagement in your Grade 8 student's start to their high school career. We are looking forward to the rest of the year ahead.

We wish you a reflective and restful long weekend as you and your family observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Sincerely,

The Carson Graham Grade 8 Retreat Team

