



Friday, November 22nd, 2024

Hello Carson Graham Families,

We are excited to share highlights and updates from a busy and successful month at Carson Graham!

Our recent **STEAM Career Fair** was a tremendous success, featuring over 30 exhibitors. From post-secondary institutions like BCIT and SFU to organizations such as Seaspam, Genome BC, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the Vancouver Aquarium, students had fantastic opportunities to explore diverse career pathways.

In **athletics**, our Bantam (Gr 8) boys' rugby team won the North Shore banner! Our Field Hockey team also had an impressive showing, placing 4th at the Provincial Championships! Congratulations to all our Fall sports teams, and best of luck to our Winter sports teams as basketball and wrestling seasons get underway.

This month, we launched our first **Lunch with a Scientist** and **Lunch with an Artist** sessions. These events are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance career awareness by connecting students with professionals in various fields.

As we approach December, we are gearing up for many exciting events, including a **Band, Jazz Band, and Choir concert**, our first **Learning Update (report card)**, and a **Career and Post-Secondary Fair for Indigenous students** on December 4th.

In today's newsletter, you will find information about:

1. Upcoming Dates
2. School Cash Online: Start-up forms & fees
3. Review & Completion Day
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10. Fundraisers:
 - CGS Music: Purdy's Chocolates
 - CGS Girls Rugby: Growing Smiles Poinsettias and Winter Arrangements

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal
Dave Cadman, Vice Principal
Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal





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1. Upcoming Dates

November 25 – December 6

Friday, Nov. 29	Trimester 1 ends
Monday, Dec. 2	Jazz Night – Agora, 7pm
Tuesday, Dec. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & Completion Day – classes not in session 8:30am – IMPACT North Shore workshop on accessing and reading learning updates (English with Farsi translation) - Carson Graham Agora
Wednesday, Dec. 4	Late start Wednesday (staff collaboration); first class starts at 9:50am
Thursday, Dec. 5	Indigenous career and post-secondary fair, 10:30am agora
Friday, Dec. 6	Curriculum Implementation Day – classes not in session

2. School Cash Online

School Start-up Forms

Please ensure school start-up forms in School Cash Online are complete. There is no fee to complete the forms.

Fee Reminder

A reminder to please login to [School Cash Online](#) and pay any supplemental school fees, athletics fees, or fieldtrip fees added to your account. Supplemental fees provide enhancements beyond the basic curriculum in classes.

For financial support with fees please contact your child's grade administrator:

Grade 8 & 11 – Mr. Tuzar Irani, tirani@sd44.ca

Grade 9 & 10 – Mr. Dave Cadman, dcadman@sd44.ca

Grade 12 – Ms. Kim Jonat, kjonat@sd44.ca

3. Review and Completion – Tuesday, Dec. 3

On Tuesday, December 3 regular classes are not in session. This marks the end of the first trimester of the school year. This day is an opportunity for students to see teachers to review and complete any missing work or work that needs to be redone. Students who are fully caught up and who do not have work to complete do not need to attend.





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4. Learning Updates – Monday, Dec. 9

The first learning update will be published to MyEd on Monday, December 9th.

We encourage all students and parents to login to the [MyEd parent portal](#) prior to December 9th. If you forgot your password, please click on the “I forgot my password” link on the MyEd portal login page. MyEd is where students and parents can view schedules and where learning updates (report cards) are posted later in the year.

5. Grade 12 Information - Winter Formal Tickets

Tickets to the grade 12 winter formal are on sale until December 15th on School Cash Online. The event is on January 15th at the Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver. Tickets are \$75. For details, please see the letter sent November 15th and [posted on the school's website](#).

6. Clothing Drive

The Carson Graham G.S.A. club has started a clothing drive initiative for the North Shore Crisis Services Society. The NSCSS provides supportive housing and trauma-informed services to women and children facing domestic abuse on the North Shore. As part of their ongoing fundraising strategies, the NSCSS runs *The Good Stuff Clothing Thrift Store*, which sells gently used secondhand clothing on the North Shore. All donations from the clothing drive will be sent there.

There are donation boxes set up inside the school outside the front office and outside the school counselling offices. **If you have new or gently used warm clothing to donate, please drop it off in the boxes by Wednesday, November 27th.**

7. Student Career Exploration Opportunities

Explore Cap U Open House (RSVP) North Van Campus	Saturday, November 30	11am to 3pm	Capilano University Main Campus - 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver	Explore 100+ programs, tour the North Vancouver campus, and meet faculty and students.
Indigenous Career and Post- Secondary Fair	Wednesday, December 4	10:30am to 12pm	Carson Graham Agora	Indigenous students are invited to attend a career and psi fair in the agora.





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<u>Digital Media Youth Expo</u>	Saturday, December 7	12pm to 3pm	Argyle Secondary	Meet with representatives from many Lower Mainland Post-Secondary Schools as well as local & global organizations & institutions and studios involved in digital media
<u>Explore Cap U Open House</u> (RSVP) Squamish Campus	Saturday, December 7	11am to 2pm	Capilano University - Squamish Campus 3200 University Boulevard, Squamish	Explore programs, campus tours, and meet students. RSVP today!

Check out the **NVSD Careers website** [here](#) for job and volunteer opportunities, and career exploration opportunities.

8. Youth Services

Foundry now offers free mental health and wellness services for youth aged 12-24 and their families/caregivers both in-person and virtually.

- [Foundry North Shore](#) is located at 211 W 1st St, North Van.
- Foundry Virtual BC: <https://foundrybc.ca/hereforyou/>
- Download the [free Foundry BC app](#) and get support today – wherever you're at.

9. Parent and Guardian Info

Absence Emails

Thank you to everyone who has started using the carson_attendance@sd44.ca email to report absences and lates. A reminder that this is a different email address than the general school email. To avoid notices about absences please email absences by 3pm.

Information about reporting absences can be found [here](#).

Emails must come from a parent or guardian email listed in our student information system, MyEd. If your email changes, please contact the Carson Graham office. Students cannot email in their own absence; only messages from parent and legal guardian email accounts are accepted.





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For all absences, please include the following information:

To: carson_attendance@sd44.ca

Subject of Email: Absence – Student Name

Include in the body of the email:

- First and last name of student
- Grade
- Date of absence & whether it is for the full day or what portion of the day
- Reason for absence (e.g.: ill, appointment, vacation)
- If late, state the approximate time of arrival.
- If leaving early state time of departure.

We will still be accepting voice messages for absences but would prefer parents to send an email instead.

Info Sessions

A) Carson Graham Learning to Access Learning Updates (report cards):

Tuesday, December 3rd, 8:30am, Carson Graham Agora

This workshop is presented in partnership with IMPACT North Shore. **It will be presented in English with translation in Farsi.**

Parents are invited to attend a workshop on accessing MyEd for report cards and learning to read an MYP report card.

Slides will be posted to the Carson Graham website following this presentation.

B) IMPACT North Shore - BC Secondary School Grad Requirements and Course Selection

Tuesday, December 3rd, 10:00 am– 11:30 am

The workshop will be presented in English with translation in Mandarin. This workshop is open to newcomer and immigrant parents and guardians with children in North and West Vancouver schools. Online via Zoom Details provided after registration. To participate in this workshop, you must be registered as a client with Impact North Shore.

Click [here](#) for details.





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10. Fundraisers

Carson Graham Music Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser



The music department relies heavily on the funds raised from this fundraiser to offset the costs of maintaining our vibrant and expanding program. Please consider supporting Carson Music through this on-line fundraiser and check some holiday shopping off on your list!

1. CHECK OUT THE PURDYS [CATALOG](#)
2. PLACE AN ORDER [HERE](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Order Deadline: End of day Monday, Nov. 25th

Order Pick-up: Friday, Dec. 6th from 3-5pm and Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 6-8pm in the Carson Agora

Carson Graham Senior Girls Rugby

The senior girls rugby team is doing their annual poinsettia sale to raise funds for our season. These winter plants are of superior quality at an excellent price.

Order deadline: Tuesday, Nov 26th

Delivery date: Tuesday, Dec 10th

[Carson Graham Secondary Girls Rugby \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](http://growingsmilesfundraising.com)





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Approximate Poinsettia Sizes:
6.5" pot:
14 to 16" tall and 13 to 16" wide



\$13
6.5" Premium Poinsettia
A Holiday Favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red and white, the poinsettia is perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays.



\$35
Indoor Tropical Planter
*Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different plant varieties planted in these rectangular holiday themed tins. **Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.***



\$35
Holiday Wreath
A Holiday Wreath is a classic door upgrade. Fresh noble, cedar and juniper decorated with a large plaid bow, frosted pine cones and red berries are sure to give you and your guests a homey warm feeling from the outside.



\$45
Outdoor Greenery Arrangement
Welcome your guests in from the cold with this large, beautiful and fresh holiday greenery arrangement. Pinecones, berries and a large red bow complete the festive look. Standing at 2 feet tall this statement piece is sure to inspire the joyful spirit!



\$35
Hanging Greenery Bough
Greenery that is versatile! A fun, vintage burlap bag holds premium greens and red ilex berry branches. Completing the look are holiday picks like a bow and a pinecone. Lean it up against stairs, benches or your home and hang from your door.



\$35
Succulent Bowl
A beautiful, ceramic, patterned bowl is 9" in diameter. Perfect for your coffee table or as a holiday gift. An assortment of popular succulents are planted with a flowering Kalanchoe in the center.

All items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers and holiday features.