

Friday, May 2nd, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

As we move into May, there is a renewed sense of excitement in the air at Carson Graham. Students are busy preparing for final projects, performances, and athletic events, and we are proud of all they have accomplished so far. A special good luck to our Grade 12 IB students as they embark on their IB exams this month — we are cheering you on every step of the way!

In today's newsletter, you will find updates on:

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Sincerely,

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1. Upcoming Dates

April 29 to May 21	IB Exams – gr. 12s	
Friday, May 2	Grade 12s – Ceremony write up due (Teams Form)	
Monday, May 5	Professional Development Day – classes NOT in session	
Wednesday, May 7	Late start for students due to staff collaboration	
	(first class is at 9:50am)	
May 12 to 16	Bike/Scoot to School Week	
Tuesday, May 13	Gr. 8 & 9 assembly – digital citizenship and cyber-safety (10:30am)	
Wednesday, May 14	Carson PAC AGM – 7pm, Zoom	
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day (school closed)	
Thursday, May 22	Gr. 12 Capstone Presentations 1pm to 3pm;	
	Early dismissal for gr. 8 to 11 at 12:15pm	
Saturday, May 24	One Night Only music fundraiser (19+ event)	

2. School Information

Carson Graham Website	Homepage - Carson Graham Secondary Website (sd44.ca)	
Daily Timetable (block rotation)	Daily Timetable - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)	
Full Year Calendar	<u>Calendar - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</u>	
Reporting Attendance	Attendance - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)	
Daily Announcements	Daily Announcements - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)	
Staff Contact Information	Staff Contact Info - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)	
Library Catalogue	<u>Library Catalogue - Carson Graham Secondary (sd44.ca)</u>	

3. NVSD Summer Learning (SL)

Registration is now open

- nvsd summer learning
- Some courses do fill very quickly so we recommend registering right away.
- All grade 7 to 11s will have a registration added to School Cash online if they choose to use it. Grade 12's do not get a link as most are not eligible. If a Gr 12 is eligible and needs a course, please see Ms. Marshall.
- More info about SL available at https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer/Pages/default.aspx
- Summer Learning FAQ.pdf



Below is a summary of the programs offered:

• For a list of specific full credit courses offered click HERE.

2025 Programs and Dates

Course Type	Dates	Time
Full Credit Courses Located at Argyle Secondary School	July 2 to July 31, 2025	8:30 a.m 12:30 p.m.
Foundations Courses Located at Argyle Secondary School • 7/8 Transition • Literacy 8/9 • Numeracy 8/9 • English Language Learning (ELL) 8-11	July 2 to July 18, 2025	8:30 a.m 11:55 a.m.
For Indigenous students Review and completion of core academic courses (grades 8-12)	July 2 to July 15, 2025	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.

4. Supplementary School Fees

Please login to your School Cash Online account and ensure all outstanding fees are paid.

5. Gr. 12 Capstone Presentations and Gr. 8-11 Early dismissal

On Thursday, May 22nd grade 12 students will be presenting their final Capstone Presentations from 1pm to 3pm. Students in grades 8 to 11 will be dismissed at 12:15pm.

6. Grad Reminders

- Grad Ceremony Write up DUE TODAY (May 2nd) grads must enter this using the Teams form. This is different than their yearbook write up.
- Please see the Grad Newsletter emailed Friday, April 25th for details about upcoming grad events.





- A reminder that Grad Ceremony and banquet tickets are on sale through School Cash Online until May 30th.
- Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2025 Graduates Graduating students are reminded to make their PSI selections in the StudentTranscripts Service (STS). Most public BC and Alberta universities and colleges and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) can retrieve ongoing transcript updates as soon as authorized by the student in STS.

7. Bike/Scoot to School Week - May 12th to 16th

Students and Staff are encouraged to bike or scoot to work from May 12th to 16th as part of our annual Bike to School Week. There will be prize draws and fun events during the week. Remember to bring your bike/scooter locks.

8. Eagle Pride – School Events

Student Vote, All Candidates Meeting – Last week the agora was packed with gr. 11 and 12 students in an allcandidates meeting where the candidates running in the Capilano-North Vancouver riding answered questions posed by our student moderators. On the Federal Election Day, grade 10, 11, and 12 students participated in a Student Vote.

ICBC Road Safety Speaker – Grade 11 and 12 students listened to John Westhaver share his story on Tuesday about the importance of making good decisions and the real-life consequences when poor decisions are made behind the wheel.



Student Council Talent Show –the student council organized a talent show in the gym on Thursday and Friday at lunch.

Carson FOS Music Festival – Last week Carson hosted the Carson Family of Schools intermediate music festival which saw students from 8 elementary schools plus Carson students come together to perform and share music together.

Spring athletics – Teams are wrapping up their regular season schedules with playoffs on the horizon. Congratulations to all the spring athletes and thank you to all the coaches and staff sponsors!

Whistler Music Con Brio Festival – This week intermediate band students are in Whistler for a 3-day music festival full of performances and clinics.





9. Parent Opportunities

i) Parent Sessions- Creating a Substance Use Prevention Plan

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with Dr. Hayley Watson, Adolescent Clinical Psychologist and Founder of <u>Open Parachute</u> is hosting free webinars focused in helping you create a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in your home.

Time: 6:00-7:30pm PST (includes Q&A!)

Please register in advance by selecting the session which you would like to attend:

May 7th – 6:00-7:30pm PST

May 8th – 6:00-7:30pm PST

ii) NVPAC: Supporting Learning at Home with AI

DATE: May 14th, 2025

TIME: 7:00pm to 8:00pm on TEAMS

Register online

Hear from Simon Worley, Embedded Technology Teacher for the NVSD. Simon holds a Master's in Education Technology from UBC and will explore how parents can use AI tools to support their children's learning at home in meaningful and responsible ways. This session will highlight practical applications of AI that can be used at home, including text-to-speech applications for improved accessibility, translation tools for multilingual families, AI-generated practice questions and study aids, and organizational tools to help children and youth stay on track. Simon will also discuss strategies for identifying when AI is being used appropriately as a learning aid versus when it may be undermining skill development, such as using it to write an entire essay. The goal is to leave with a better understanding of how to integrate AI into home learning while fostering critical thinking and academic integrity.

10. Carson PAC AGM – May 14th

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the <u>Carson PAC</u> AGM on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00pm on Zoom. There are several key roles to fill on next year's PAC Executive.







11. Student Opportunities

The Building Tomorrow Youth Trades Fair is an exciting free event at the Italian Cultural Centre for high school students considering a future in the skilled trades. It will feature exhibitors such as BCIT, IRL Construction, Pogon Projects, Etro Construction, VanMech, Airstream, Ventana, and more - offering students a chance to speak directly with industry professionals and explore potential career paths.

There's no cost for students or their parents/guardians to attend. Plus, the first 300 attendees will receive free pizza and pop/water.

Register through Eventbrite here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/building-tomorrow-youth-trades-fairtickets-1286848150459

12. Introducing the RCMP Youth Support Team (YST)



The Youth Support Team (YST) is a dedicated group of North Vancouver RCMP officers who work closely with schools, students, and families throughout the school year. Our goal is to build positive, trusting relationships with youth while offering support on topics like substance use, online safety, harassment, driving, and other safety or criminal concerns.

We take a supportive, community-focused approach showing up not just when something goes wrong, but as

consistent, approachable adults students can feel comfortable talking to. You'll often see us in schools, at events, and out in the community, building connections and supporting students in making safe, positive choices.

We also work alongside a network of partner agencies that focus on youth wellness. Together, we believe in the idea that it takes a village to support young people—and we're proud to be part of that village.

If you'd like to connect with us, ask questions, or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help. NV Non-emergency Line: 604 985-1311





Bike & E-Scooters - Message from NV RCMP

With the return of warmer weather, we have seen an increase in scooter and bike thefts from school bike racks. These thefts are often crimes of opportunity, and unfortunately, students' bikes and scooters are frequent targets.

Theft prevention recommendations:

- Use a high-quality U-lock or heavy-duty lock (not just cable locks as they have been easily and quickly cut).
- Ensure a lock is used EVERY DAY and the bike/scooter is securely locked to the rack.
- Record the serial number, make and model of the bike or scooter, and keep it somewhere safe in case it needs to be reported stolen (a photo is also helpful).
- Register your bike or scooter at https://project529.com/garage (you can register e-scooters too)



If a theft does occur, please contact both the school administration AND make a report to the NV RCMP non-emergency line (604-985-1311).