

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families,

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, there is so much to celebrate at Carson Graham! This month, we are proud to highlight the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of some of our students and staff who recently received awards. Whether through leadership, service, or community their hard work and dedication inspire and uplift those around them.

We are thrilled to announce that Carson Graham teacher, Rob Olson has been awarded the prestigious BC Achievement Community Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education and community service. Through his leadership in the Community and Global Initiatives program, NVSD's engineering courses, and the Robotics Academy, Rob has inspired students to excel academically while inspiring students to become compassionate leaders and global citizens.



Carson teacher, Mr. Rob Olson, and The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia at Government House in Victoria, B.C.



In addition, our dedicated Behaviour Support Worker, **Ms. Valerie Jacober**, was awarded the **King Charles III Coronation Medal** for her decades of dedication to education, her community service, and her deep commitment to advancing Black History awareness in North Vancouver. Valerie's quiet leadership, steadfast anti-racism efforts, and tireless volunteerism have made a lasting and meaningful impact at Carson and the wider community.

We also want to recognize the impressive accomplishments of several Carson students and staff who were honoured with **City of North Van Civic Youth Awards Program**. These awards recognize youth between the ages of 10-24 years and adult supporters for noteworthy achievements and contributions in the community. The Youth Centennial Scholarship Program provides annual scholarships to youth



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who have demonstrated outstanding community service and are pursuing post-secondary education. Click [here](#) for further details on each award.

We are proud to share that the following students and staff were recognized at the ceremony:

### Give Back Awards:

Ngoc Mai Anh Bui  
Maira Cabrera  
Parastoo Parandirani  
Vania Vaziri

### Rise Up Awards:

Aily Gholizadeh  
Olivia Mendez  
Fatiha Zubedi

### Youth Centennial Scholarship:

Fatiha Zubedi  
Mario Firenze  
Lala Liljefors



### Outstanding Squad Award"

Carson Graham Community Initiatives represented by: Alessia Crotti, Isabella Gonzalez Rodriguez, Lala Liljefors, Allie Mang, Jordan Phukuile, and Nicki Tabatabaee Hosseini

### "Awesome Ally" Award - Staff

Larry Donohoe  
Andrea Jenks  
Andrea Kagan  
Rita Vilensky

Congratulations to all the award recipients and thank you for all your service and leadership!

In keeping with our commitment to service learning, this week our **grade 9 students** presented their **Service-Learning Projects** in the Agora during Advisory. The breadth and quality of projects were extraordinary, and their presentations demonstrated a commitment to helping others and making a positive difference in their community. Be sure to check out some photos at the end of this newsletter!





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

1. Upcoming dates
2. School information
3. PAC AGM
4. NVSD Summer Learning
5. Supplementary school fees
6. Capstone presentations and early dismissal
7. Grad reminders
8. Carson girls rugby fundraiser – Neufeld Farms

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal

Stephanie Strandt, Vice Principal





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## 1. Upcoming Dates

April 29 to May 21	IB Exams – gr. 12s
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)
Wednesday, May 28	Carson PAC AGM, 7pm, Zoom (register in advance)
Tuesday, June 3	Grad ceremony rehearsal– block 1 – mandatory for all gr. 12s Cap & gown distribution after rehearsal Year-end band concert – Cap U
Wednesday, June 4	Late start, 9:50am (staff collaboration)
Thursday, June 5	Year-end dance show
Sunday, June 8	Graduation Ceremony – Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 7pm
Tuesday, June 10	Year-end choir concert – Highlands church (*date change from original calendar)

## 2. School Information

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

## 3. PAC AGM

A reminder that the Carson PAC AGM is on **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** on Zoom. Please register in advance on the Carson PAC website: <https://carsongrahampac.ca/>

We are looking to fill several PAC Executive positions including Chair, Treasurer, Communications, Secretary and Members at Large





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### 4. NVSD Summer Learning (SL) - Registration is open

- Some courses fill quickly so we recommend registering right away.
- Registration is through School Cash online. Grade 12's do not get a link as most are not eligible for summer learning. 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](#)

### 5. Supplementary School Fees

Please login to your [School Cash Online](#) account and ensure all outstanding fees are paid.

### 6. Gr. 12 Capstone Presentations and Gr. 8-11 Early dismissal

On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 7. Grad Reminders

- Please see the [Grad Newsletter](#) emailed Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for details about upcoming grad events.
- **A reminder that Grad Ceremony and Grad Banquet tickets are on sale through School Cash Online until May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### 8. Carson Girls Rugby Fundraiser – Neufeld Farms

View our Gourmet Foods. All of your favorites are just a click away...burgers, meat, seafood, pastries & cookies, vegetarian, breakfast.

[CGS Rugby Neufeld Farms](#)

Order deadline: Monday, June 2

Pick up: Tuesday, June 10 @ 4pm in front of school

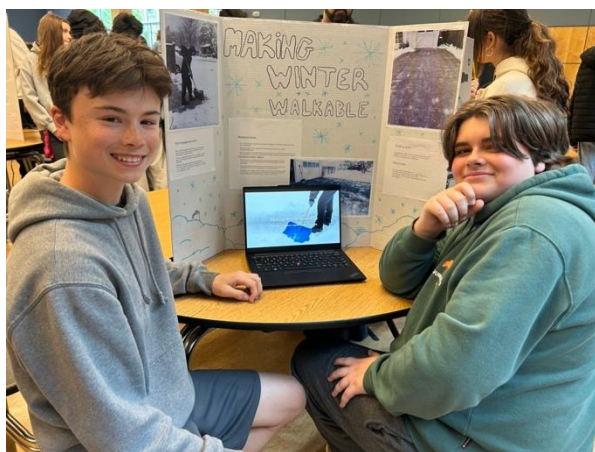
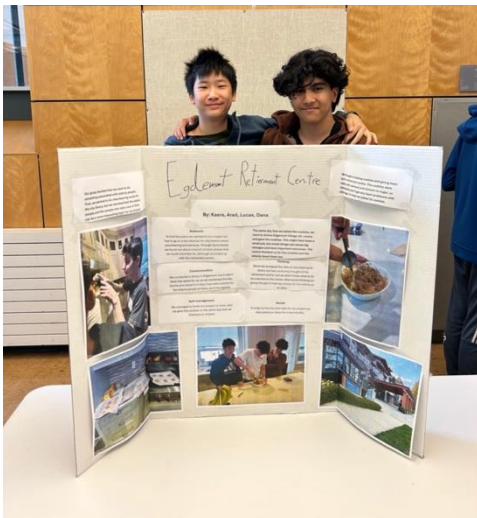






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## Advisory Grade 9 Service-Learning Projects







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