

Friday, September 12th, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families!

We're off to a great start this school year, and the first couple of weeks have been full of energy and engagement as students settle into their classes. We encourage students to get involved in the many extracurricular opportunities at Carson, including athletics, clubs, and volunteering, to make the most of their high school experience. We also want to recognize and appreciate the efforts students are making to be on time and ready to learn each day.

Please take some time to read the important updates below on:

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We're looking forward to an exciting and successful year together!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12)

Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)

Stephanie Strandt, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)



Upcoming Dates

September 15 to 19

Wednesday, Sept. 17	Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Welcome Night
	 School tours, 6:15pm to 6:55pm - meet in Agora
	 Presentation in large gym, 7pm to 8pm
Wednesday, Sept. 17	Advisory schedule
Thursday, Sept. 18	Lockdown Drill (more info will be emailed early next week)
Friday, Sept. 19	Carson Graham professional day (no classes)
Saturday, Sept. 20	Buchanan Bowl at Carson
	 10:30am Junior Football Game vs Handsworth
	 1:30pm Senior Football Game vs Handsworth

September 22 to 26

Wednesday, Sept. 24	Late start (staff collab)
Friday, Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run – adjusted schedule

Reminders

School Start Up Forms

Please complete these 3 online forms in School Cash Online:

- 1. Impromptu Walking Fieldtrip Form
- 2. Personal Information Consent (allows your child's photo to appear in the yearbook)
- 3. Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement

Paper Form - Student Verification Form - distributed on the first day of school

- o Review form
- Make changes directly on the form
- Parent/guardian signs the form
- o Return the form to the office
- o If there are no changes, please still sign and return the form.

Thank you to everyone who has completed their start-up forms!





Personal Digital Devices

Access to and use of personal digital devices is not permitted during instructional time.

If there is an urgent need to contact your child during class, please call the Carson Graham office.

If a student uses a PDD without permission:

- First incident Staff will speak with the student and may hold the PDD for the rest of the class.
- **Second incident** Staff will speak with the student, contact home, and the student will be asked to bring the PDD to the office until 3:00 pm.
- **Third incident** The student will be referred to the office with the PDD. An administrator will contact home, and the PDD will remain in the office until 3:00 pm.

Attendance & Punctuality

Student absences or late arrivals can be reported by email at: carson_attendance@sd44.ca

Whenever possible, please book appointments outside of the school day and plan vacations during school breaks.

Click <u>here</u> for more info about attendance procedures.

Regular attendance matters—absenteeism is the strongest predictor of academic underachievement, school disengagement, and failure to graduate.



Scents

Please avoid wearing perfumes or colognes at Carson, as many students and staff have allergies and sensitivities to scented products.





Traffic Safety

- Please travel slowly in and around Carson Graham—this applies to cars, e-scooters, bikes, and skateboards.
- Students riding a scooter, bike, or skateboard must wear a helmet. It's the law!
- We also recommend using a U-lock (not a cable lock) and securing your bike to the bike racks provided.

Information

Terry Fox Run

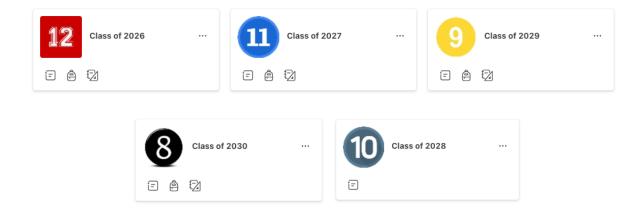
Carson Graham is proudly participating in the annual Terry Fox School Run on **Friday, September 26**, to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. We encourage all students to support our fundraising efforts by bringing a toonie (or more!) to their Block 5 class on September 26.

Donations can also be made online through the **Carson Graham Secondary Fundraising Page**.

Together, let's make a difference!

Microsoft Teams

All students are part of a Grade Team. Information about extracurricular opportunities, school events, and important reminders is posted there. Students are encouraged to check their Grade Team daily. Please ask your student to show you their Grade Team. Classes and many clubs and teams are also set up in Microsoft Teams. Students are expected to check Teams daily for updates.







Carson Athletics Fundraiser – Okanagan Apples

Support our orchard harvest fundraiser by purchasing healthy, premium Okanagan apples, freshly harvested and delivered straight from the grower!

How to order: Click the "Buy Now" button here:

Carson Athletics Apple Fundraiser

Important dates:

Order deadline: Sunday, October 6
 Pick-up: Late October (exact date TBC)

Thank you for supporting Carson Athletics!



Grad Information

Canadian Universities Events (CUE) - Gr. 11 and 12s

Thursday, September 25th – <u>Handsworth</u> Secondary's Gym, 6pm to 8pm

The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a forum featuring **50+ Canadian universities**. The event rotates across the North Shore, with several schools invited each year.

This year, the event will be held at **Handsworth Secondary**.

Grade 11 and 12 students, along with their parents and guardians, are encouraged to attend.

Grade 12 Information Night for Parents/Guardians & Students

Save the Date: Thursday, October 2nd at 6:00pm. Join us for an important evening for Grade 12 students and their families!





We will share information on:

- Graduation events and requirements
- Post-secondary admissions and pathways after high school
- Scholarships and bursaries
- And much more!

Diploma Verification Reports (DVRs) will also be distributed.

This is one evening you won't want to miss. Please mark your calendars!

Carson Graham Quick Reference

Carson Graham Attendance carson_attendance@sd44.ca

Carson Graham Office 604-903-3555

Carson Graham Website

Calendar

Staff Emails

Daily Announcements

School Cash Online (start-up forms)

