



**CARSON GRAHAM  
SECONDARY**

## **Carson Graham Newsletter**

### **December 19, 2025**

We extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year. May the winter break be a time to rest and recharge, and we look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday, January 5.

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## ***Upcoming Dates***

### **January**

Dec. 20 to Jan. 4	Winter Break – school is closed
Mon. Jan. 5	School reopens & classes resume (block order 1234)
Thurs. Jan. 8	Safer Schools Together – Digital Safety & Citizenship presentation – gr. 8 & 11
Mon. Jan. 12	Literacy 12 grad assessment
Tues. Jan. 13	Literacy 10 grad assessment
Wed. Jan. 14	Late start – first class starts at 9:50am (staff collaboration) Grad winter semi-formal at The Polygon Gallery NVSD Enhanced programs & Academies evening at Carson
Jan. 15-16	Carson FOS elementary school music tour
Mon. Jan. 19	Carson Professional Development Day (no classes)
Tues. Jan. 20	Numeracy 10 grad assessment





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Wed. Jan. 21	Advisory schedule Carson PAC meeting, 7pm
Tues. Jan. 27	Grade 7 family night
Thurs. Jan. 29	IB Diploma Information Night (for interested gr. 8, 9, 10 students)
Fri. Jan. 30	Last day of semester 1 grade 9 and 10 electives

## *Information*

### **January Provincial Graduation Assessments**

Due to the impact of the recent BCGEU strike on the provincial technical service provider, the graduation assessments previously scheduled for November were postponed to January.

**The schedule for January is below.**

- **Monday, January 12 – Literacy 12**
- **Tuesday, January 13 – Literacy 10**
- **Tuesday, January 20 – Numeracy 10**

Grade 12 students will not have regular classes on January 12.

Grade 10 students will not have regular classes on January 13 or 20.

Sample exams can be found here:

- [Literacy 10](#)
- [Numeracy 10](#)
- [Literacy 12](#)

### **Save the Date**

### **IB Diploma Info Night – January 29**

Students in grades 8, 9 and 10 and their parents interested in learning about the IB Diploma program in grades 11 and 12 are encouraged to attend the IB Diploma program info night on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Carson library. The IB Diploma is a rigorous 2-year university preparation program that students apply for in grade 10.





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### Program planning for 2026-2027 – February 5

A programming planning information night for parents for the 2026-2027 school year will take place on the evening of Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This is for parents of grade 8 to 11 students. There is a separate evening for grade 7 families. More details will be shared in the new year.

### Carson's Breakfast Program

Thank you to everyone who donated to Carson's breakfast program. We truly appreciate your generosity! With the support of our community, we can expand the variety of foods offered and help ensure the program's long-term sustainability. Breakfast is available for all students from 8:30am to 9:05am in the Eagle's Nest (next to the library).

If you would like to donate to this program through School Cash Online (SCO):

Click on the [North Vancouver School District SCO Donation Link](#)

- enter your donation dollar amount

Message to School Board

Message: (Optional)

Breakfast-Secondary

- type **Breakfast-Secondary** in the Message box (per screenshot below)
- A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout

### NVSD Calendar Photography Contest — January 12

NVSD students in Grades 8-12 are invited to submit up to 10 original photos for the chance to have their work featured in the 2026/27 School Year Calendar. There are \$500 in prizes to be won, including gift cards to your favourite local spots! Photos must reflect the theme, *What makes your school great?* The [contest](#) closes January 12 at 4 p.m.





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## **Community offering: Vanguard Scholars program — Apply by January 31**

Vanguard Scholars, a flagship program of the [BlackNorth Initiative](#), is a free, comprehensive six-year program starting the summer after grade 11 designed to empower high-achieving Black students in Canada by equipping them with the academic, professional, and leadership skills needed to thrive in selective universities and high-trajectory careers.

[Applications](#) are open now through January 31, 2026. The inaugural cohort begins in Summer 2026.

### **Program Eligibility:**

- Self-identify as Black
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.7+ or an equivalent of 84%
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate involvement in school, government, community, or faith-based organizations
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Currently enrolled in Grade 11 at a high school in Canada.

## **Carson Graham Girls Rugby 2026 - Christmas Tree Chip Up and Bottle Drive Fundraiser**

- SATURDAY, JAN 3rd & SUNDAY, JAN 4th
- 10:00am – 3:00pm
- LOCATION: CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY PARKING LOT

Please support our team by letting us take care of your Xmas tree and any extra bottles lying around for you! Trees by donation.



### **CARSON GRAHAM GIRLS RUGBY 2026 XMAS TREE CHIP UP & BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**



**SATURDAY, JAN 3<sup>rd</sup> & SUNDAY, JAN 4<sup>th</sup>  
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## Parent Resources

### ***Teens and Sleep***

Tired of always being sleepy? Having trouble staying awake in class? Find it hard to get out of bed in the morning? Have an overwhelming need for a nap when you get home from school? If your teen answers yes to any of the questions, they are not alone. Many teens feel they are always tired. Research shows many teens do not get enough sleep: recommended 8-10 hours per night. See more information and tips [here](#).

### ***Mental Health Matters***

Understanding substance use for teens: [Substance Use & Youth | Kelty Mental Health](#)

Talking to youth about substance use: [Talking to youth - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

## Carson Graham Quick Reference

**Attendance**

[carson\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:carson_attendance@sd44.ca)

**Carson Graham**

**604-903-3555**

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**This Week at Carson...**

**Winter Choir Concert**  
**Above – Carson & Seycove**  
**Auditioned Choirs**  
**Right: Carson Concert Choir**

**Below: Friday Night Coffeehouse**  
**featuring Carson's Sr Jazz Band**



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**Wheelchair Basketball lunchtime game in partnership with BC Wheelchair Basketball, the NV RCMP, and Carson's Senior Girls and Boys Basketball Teams**

