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## **Carson Graham Newsletter**

### **May 15, 2026**

Hello Carson Families,

It has been an exciting and eventful couple of weeks here at Carson, with students and staff involved in a wide range of meaningful learning opportunities, performances, and community events.

Grade 7 students joined our grade 8 students who had the privilege of hearing from Indigenous author David Robertson, who shared powerful stories about his life, resiliency, and writing journey.

Carson Drama also wrapped up an outstanding five-night run of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Congratulations to the entire cast, crew, and staff for an entertaining and professional production.

Earlier this week, our Grade 11 and 12 students participated in a mock crash simulation and guest speaker presentation focused on the dangers of impaired, distracted, and speeding-related driving. The event, which was featured on [CTV News](#), was both impactful and emotional. Students also heard from Nolan Barnes, who shared his personal story following a life-changing motor vehicle collision that left him paraplegic. Nolan spoke about resilience, mindset, and how he went on to become a world champion adaptive water skier, advocate, public speaker, and successful business professional.

Our Grade 9 students recently presented their Service Learning projects during Advisory as part of the IB MYP program. The projects reflected an impressive range of community involvement, including volunteering at animal shelters, elementary schools, food banks, and community clean-up initiatives. In addition, Grade 9 students presented their interdisciplinary units (IDUs), combining learning from Languages and Physical & Health Education by creating instructional sport videos in another language. It was wonderful to see students applying their learning in creative and authentic ways.

Finally, we would like to recognize our Grade 12 IB students, who are currently in the midst of writing their IB exams and will finish next week. These exams represent the culmination of a 2-year program of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Congratulations to all our IB grade 12 students and we wish them all the best as they complete their final IB exams.

Today's newsletter includes:

1. Upcoming Dates
2. Information
  - Carson PAC AGM notice
  - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary football event – May 30





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- One Night Only music fundraiser event – May 22
  - Carson Rugby fundraiser
  - Summer learning registration on now
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Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12)  
Tuzar Irani, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)  
Stephanie Strandt, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)

***Upcoming Dates***  
**May**

April 28 to May 20	IB Diploma exams for grade 12 students
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day (school closed)
Wednesday, May 20	PAC meeting, 7pm, online
Friday, May 22	Early dismissal for grade 8 to 11s at 12:15pm  Grade 12 Capstone Projects from 1pm to 3pm  Evening: One Night Only Carson music event (19+)
Monday, May 25	Community Initiatives Dinner
Wednesday, May 27	Staff collaboration – LATE start for students – first class starts at 9:50am
Saturday, May 30	Carson Graham 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Football Event, 19+ ticketed event

***Year End Concerts, Performances & Events***

- Band concert – Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> **at Centennial Theatre (not at Carson)**
- Dance showcase – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Carson
- Choir concert – Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at West Van United Church
- School Awards Reception – Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Carson
- Year-end Student Council Event – Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, afternoon





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**Grad Events – ticketed events**

- Grad Ceremony – Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Orpheum Theatre
- Grad Banquet – Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bayshore

**Information**

**Carson Graham PAC AGM Notice – May 20<sup>th</sup> online**

We invite all Carson parents and guardians to join us for the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 PM** — online for your convenience!

Please see the attached PAC info bulletin for details.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Football 19+ Event – Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us in celebrating .....

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## Anniversary



**MAY 30TH**

**OPEN 07.00 PM** | **CARSON GRAHAM AGORA**  
2145 Jones Ave

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS!](#)

[CAN'T MAKE IT? NO WORRIES!! DONATE HERE!](#)

If donating please put in message "60<sup>th</sup> anniversary"



Food, drinks, socializing, silent auction and more

**19+ Event** Please have a responsible safe way home





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## One Night Only Carson Music Fundraiser

On **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** the Carson Graham Music Department will host **“One Night Only” (19+)**, a fundraising evening with food, dancing, and musical performances by our students. Over 200 adults from the North Shore community will attend this event. We hope to raise \$20,000 in support of the music program at Carson Graham. The funds will go toward purchasing instruments and equipment and making repairs to items that we currently own.

All of our Carson Graham Concert bands will be playing for our One Night Only Event.

**Tickets are officially on sale! Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased at:**

<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/69354/69/False/True>

Tickets are for entrance, food and nonalcoholic drinks for this event. **This is a 19+ event** and there will be drinks available for purchase at the event.

As a part of this event, there is a **silent auction** to raise money to support student bursaries, purchase and maintain instruments, and purchase music for the program.

Events like this are successful due to generous donations from individuals and businesses in the community. We are kindly asking for any donations of **items or gift cards for our silent auction.**

Please email [carsonmusicparents@gmail.com](mailto:carsonmusicparents@gmail.com) if you can provide something.

**To donate the Carson music program:**

<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/299/69/false/true>

Important: make sure to select “Carson Graham”, NOT “Carson Graham PAC” in the “Fund Destination” drop-down list. And in the “Message” box please note that your donation is in support of the **Music** Department.

**A heartfelt thank you for your consideration.**

**We hope to have you involved!**





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## **Carson Rugby Fundraiser - Neufeld Farms Frozen Food**

Looking to stock up with frozen food for the summer? Please consider buying to help support both the Girls and Boys Rugby programs.

Order here:

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2026-carson-rugby/ref/em>

Last day to order: May 27th

Pick up: June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm at Carson

Any questions please reach out to Andrea Jenks at [ajenks@sd44.ca](mailto:ajenks@sd44.ca)

Thanks for your support!

## **Summer Learning Registration**

**Registration is open. Courses fill quickly!**

NVSD Summer Learning Website: [https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Daily attendance is mandatory for all programs.

At Argyle Secondary:

- Full Credit gr 10, 11, 12 courses – for more info click [here](#)
- Literacy 8, 9 – for more info click [here](#)
- Numeracy 8, 9 – for more info click [here](#)
- English Language Learning (ELL)– for more info click [here](#)

At Eslha7an – for Indigenous learners

- Eslha7an summer learning – for more info click [here](#)





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## Grad Information

A reminder to grade 12 families that grad ceremony and grad banquet are on sale. Purchases can be made on [School Cash Online](#). Please see the [Grad Update from April 29](#) for details.

- Grad Ceremony Tickets on sale until May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Grad Banquet Tickets on sale until June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Capstone Projects** – 1pm to 3pm on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a graduation requirement!

**Grad Ceremony Rehearsal** – Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in block 2

**Grad Cap & Gown distribution** – Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after the rehearsal



## Parent/Guardian Opportunities:

### [Connecting with Teens: A Conscious Parenting Approach – May 25, 31](#)

Feeling disconnected from a teen (or pre-teen)? Join this free parenting session to learn practical, conscious-parenting strategies for responding to challenges, building trust, and strengthening connection. A webinar will take place on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–8 pm** ([registration](#) required), as well as an in-person session on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 am – 12 pm** at Capilano Library.

## *Carson Graham Quick Reference*

Attendance	<a href="mailto:carson_attendance@sd44.ca">carson_attendance@sd44.ca</a>
Carson Graham	604-903-3555
	<a href="#">Website</a>
	<a href="#">Calendar</a>
	<a href="#">Staff Emails</a>
	<a href="#">Daily Announcements</a>
	<a href="#">School Cash Online</a>





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Little Shop of Horrors



Gr 9 Service Learning Projects



Author David Robertson



Mock Car Crash





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Mock Car Crash

Road Safety Speaker, Nolan Barnes



Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Two-Spirited Displays

