

Friday, October 17th, 2025

Hello Carson Graham Families!

There's been great energy around the school this month with a range of activities and events including:

- **Grade 8 Retreat:** Students spent the day at the Cheakamus Centre participating in community-building activities. Thank you to our student leaders and staff for supporting this memorable experience.
- **IB Diploma Family Night:** Grade 11 and 12 IB Diploma students and their parents attended an informative evening about courses, program details, and the year ahead.
- **World Mental Health Day:** Our counsellors shared positive reminders, treats, and mental health resources, encouraging students to look after their well-being every day.
- <u>EdPlanner BC</u> Presentation: Grade 11 and 12 students learned about post-secondary planning tools and pathways available through this valuable resource.
- **Grade 9 Service Learning:** Students took part in a community-wide cleanup to launch their introduction to service learning.
- Shake Out B.C. Drill: Students and staff participated in the province-wide earthquake preparedness exercise this week.

Please take a few moments to review the important updates below on:

- 1. Upcoming dates
- 2. Reminders
 - Attendance & punctuality
 - Supplemental school fees & yearbook
 - Learning conference sign up
 - Grade 12 graduation photo sign up
- 3. Information
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 - Student sub-committee opportunity
- 4. Carson Graham Quick Reference
- 5. Community Opportunity: Foundry North Shore & Pathways

CARSON GRAHAM
SCORNAY

Mental Health
Matters

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12)

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

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



Upcoming Dates

October 20 to 31

| Friday, Oct. 24 | Professional day (classes not in session) |
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| Tuesday, Oct. 28 | Halloween band concert, 7pm, agora |
| Wednesday, Oct. 29 | Staff Collaboration |
| | Late start for students – class starts at 9:50am |
| Thursday, Oct. 30 | B.C. post-secondary institution fair in the agora during the |
| | morning. |
| Friday, Oct. 31 | Costume contest at lunch in the agora. |
| | Students are welcome to wear school appropriate Halloween |
| | costumes. No replica weapons or face masks. |

Reminders

Attendance & Punctuality

We appreciate the efforts families have made to help us encourage strong attendance and punctuality. So far this year, we've seen a 48% reduction in unexcused lates compared to last year — an incredible improvement!

Thank you for helping students arrive ready to learn. We've made great progress, but there's still work to do! A quick conversation at home about the importance of being on time, or small steps like preparing bags and lunches the night before, can make a big difference in keeping this positive momentum going.

Arriving on time is a transferable life skill and helps students engage fully in learning, connect with classmates, and start class positively. Thank you for reinforcing this important habit at home.

To report student absences or lates please email carson_attendance@sd44.ca.

Supplementary Fees & Yearbook

A reminder to please login to School Cash Online and pay any supplemental fees, fees associated with courses, athletics fees, or fieldtrip fees added to your account. Supplemental fees provide enhancements beyond the basic curriculum in classes.





The 2025-2026 yearbook is available for purchase under "optional items". The yearbook is a full colour hard cover book, approx. 175 pages, featuring student photos and events from throughout the year. The order deadline is January 23. Yearbooks are distributed at the end of June.

Learning Conferences

Sign-up for learning conferences begins Wednesday, October 22nd at 8am. Please see the email sent to all families on October 5th regarding sign up procedures and account creation. This information is also posted on the school's website <u>here</u>.

The learning conferences are on Thursday, November 6th from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm.

Grade 12 Graduation Photo Sign up

Sign up for a grad photo session now:

Dates: November 17 to November 23

- Location: Mobile Studio at Carson Graham Secondary
- How to book an appointment:
 - Go to www.artona.com
 - Select "Secondary Graduation"
 - For What School are you from? Type: "Carson Graham Secondary"
 - Click "Book this appointment" select a date and time

Information

Grade 10 & 12 Graduation Assessments

Grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 assessment on Monday, November 3rd. Grade 12 students will <u>not</u> have regular classes on this day.

Grade 10 students will write the Literacy 10 assessment on Tuesday, November 4th. Grade 10 students will <u>not</u> have regular classes on this day.

Parents/guardians of grade 10 and 12 students will receive more info in an email in the coming week.

These assessments are required to graduate.







For more information, including sample assessments please see:

- Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment
- Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment

Student Sub-Committee Opportunity

The Student Inclusive Education Committee is a sub-committee of the school district's Inclusion Committee and was created in 2022. The sub-committee provides an opportunity for neurodivergent students, students with disabilities, autistic students and students with intellectual disabilities to share their experiences and perspectives.

Participation is open to students in Grades 6-12. All students have the option to attend meetings independently or with the support of a family member, peer or support person. The sub-committee meeting locations and schedule will be determined with the participants.

If your student would like to participate on this sub-committee for the 2025-2026 school year, please email, lnclusiveEducation@sd44.ca and provide the student's name, school, grade and contact information.

Carson Graham Quick Reference

Carson Graham Attendance <u>carson_attendance@sd44.ca</u>

Carson Graham Office 604-903-3555

Carson Graham Website

<u>Calendar</u>

Staff Emails

Daily Announcements

School Cash Online (start-up forms)





Community Opportunity:

Coffee Talk with Foundry - Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society Event

Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personaliity Disorder, Depression, Anxiety Disorders, PTSD, Concurrent Disorders and Others

COFFEE TALK COMMUNITY AND CONVERSATIONS

THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH 10:30AM IN-PERSON & ONLINE FREE

October 21, 10:30AM





This month, Foundry North **Shore** will be joining us to share information on the free services they offer to youth (aged 12-24) and their caregivers for mental health and substance use challenges.

We encourage caregivers, relatives and friends to attend and learn how we can all better support the youth in our lives.

Foundry has multiple branches across the province.



Sign up today!

Location: 101-315 1st St West, North Vancouver 604-926-0856 | programs@pathwayssmi.org



