



Monday, January 17th, 2022

Dear Carson Graham Community,

We hope that you all had a restful weekend. Although students were not in classes on Friday, school staff were engaged in a multitude of Professional Development offerings. In recognition of the first Black Excellence Day in BC, a number of staff and I were able to virtually attend an event put on by the Ninandotoo Society that focused on Black contributions and achievements. Attendees were reminded of the importance of uplifting diverse voices and the importance of sharing the stories of racialized groups to provide a more inclusive view of history and society. You can read about the Ninandotoo Society's journey here: [Black Excellence Day CBC Article](#).

We also want to let the community know that Carol Oswald, Carson's Administrative Assistant of the past sixteen years, is retiring. We wish her well in this new stage of life. Jennifer Harman has taken on this position and brings a wealth of knowledge with her to Carson. She can be reached at jharman@sd44.ca.

PAC News

There will be a CGPAC meeting this Wednesday (the 19th of January). Our online PAC meeting starts at 7:00 PM sharp and if you are not registered, you can do that here: https://bit.ly/CGPAC_Jan2022_GM — remember you must register in advance to attend this meeting.

This month, our PAC meeting will largely be about February & March PAC-sponsored events, such as Tackle Tomorrow — which teaches "life skills" to upper grades, Unlock Your Future — a scholarship workshop for all grades, and others. If you have an event you would like us to sponsor, please bring the event to the PAC table to discuss. Lastly, we have TWO PAC fundraisers right now: Starting on Tuesday, January 18th, help your school's General PAC fund grow by ordering these North Vancouver made Samosas at <https://samosafundraiser.com/carson-graham-samosa-fundraiser>



Report Cards

Report cards will be published to the MyEd parent portal on **February 8th** (please note that we had communicated the wrong date in our letter of last week). Parents/guardians will receive an email from "SysAdmin" once the report card is published.

Please ensure that you can access to your [MyEd BC Parent Portal Account](#) prior to the publication dates. Supporting information can be found [here](#).





Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

The BC Graduation Program requires ALL students to write the following Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

Current grade 12 students will have the opportunity to complete their Grade 12 Literacy Assessment from January 24th to 28th. A detailed schedule of times and locations will be shared in the new year. For information on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment and sample questions, please visit: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>. For students interested in attending UBC next year, please see the UBC admission website to view recent changes to admission requirements regarding the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment: <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/keep-offer/>.

Opportunities for Students and Families

Events, Workshops & More

CNV Community Grants – Municipal community grants support not-for-profit organizations serving North Vancouver residents. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.cnv.org/city-services/planning-and-policies/grants-and-funding/community-grants> or contact communitygrants@cnv.org. The deadline for grant applications is Monday, January 31.

CNV Mobility Strategy – Help shape the City's Mobility Strategy through online engagement. See <https://letstalk.cnv.org/mobility> for more details. The deadline for feedback is 4:00pm on Sunday, February 6.

NVCL Scholarly Research for Beginners – North Vancouver City Library presents a workshop geared towards new university or college students seeking more information on scholarly research or students who would like to refresh their knowledge on academic writing. This virtual event takes place Thursday, January 20 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Register or find out more information at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156962784>.

NVCL Teen Creators Collective – The Teen Creators Collective is for arts-focused youth (grade 7-12); each month they will explore a new creative theme. The theme for January is illustrative journaling and poetry and the Collective will meet virtually on Thursday, January 27 from 3:30pm-5:00pm. To register or find out more information, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156961456>.

NVCL Tween Trivia – Join North Vancouver City Library and test your trivia knowledge on Saturday, January 22 from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Register for this virtual program at <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156606174> or contact teens@nvcl.ca for more information.

Winter Grit – Grit Vancouver presents youth (age 7-12) empowerment workshops throughout January and February 2022. To register or find out more information, see <https://www.gritvancouver.com/fall-2020-grit>.





Cannabis on the Adolescent Brain – YMCA’s Youth Cannabis Awareness program is hosting a free cannabis education workshop to increase awareness of recreational cannabis use among youth (age 12-24). The YCA takes a non-judgemental, evidence-informed and harm reduction approach during this virtual program on Monday, January 31 at 10:00am. To register or find out more information, see https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IAqDcKwTR2NkpwUNS1JuQ or contact **Andres Ariza** (andres.ariza@ymcagta.org).

ISCBC Provincial Youth Summit – The Invasive Species Council of BC presents the 2022 Provincial Youth Summit “The Power of One” on Saturday, January 15 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. This virtual summit brings together youth (age 15-30), leaders and industry experts from across BC; attendees will explore volunteer projects in habitat restoration and learn from environmental experts. For more information or to register, see <https://bcinvasives.ca/news/iscbc-provincial-youth-summit-the-power-of-one/?fbclid=IwAR2RzyWb4SgGYeVYV-jPyG3X6JfE2k-zw1tCrdSd4qZyE7S5SsCmL-dq1Js>.

Volunteering and More

Mosquito Creek Park Invasive Pull – The City of North Vancouver’s City Park Stewards program is looking for volunteers to participate in an invasive pull from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, January 22 and Saturday, February 19. Register at <https://www.cnv.org/your-government/living-city/get-involved/city-park-stewards> or contact **Frances Ramsay** (parkstewards@cnv.org) for more information.

Greenwood Park Scotch Broom Pull – The City of North Vancouver’s City Park Stewards program is looking for volunteers to participate in an invasive pull from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, March 19. Register at <https://www.cnv.org/your-government/living-city/get-involved/city-park-stewards> or contact **Frances Ramsay** (parkstewards@cnv.org) for more information.

NVCL Teen Book Reviewers – North Vancouver City Library is seeking teen book reviewers. Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm. A mandatory orientation will be held from 4:00pm-5:00pm on Monday, January 31. For more information, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/teen/get-involved/for-teens>.

NVRC Opportunities – North Vancouver Recreation and Culture is seeking volunteers for aquatics, early years, special events, fitness and general recreation. For more information, see <https://www.nvrc.ca/about-us/employment-volunteering/volunteering> or contact volunteer@nvrc.ca.

MONOVA Opportunities – The Museum and Archives of North Vancouver is seeking volunteers for events, transcription, archival documentation and assistance with school programs. For more information, see <https://monova.ca/volunteering/> or contact **Andrew Hildred** (hildreda@monova.ca).

Family Services Opportunities – Family Services of the North Shore is seeking volunteers for a variety of initiatives. Apply at <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/volunteer-with-us/> or contact **Michele Varley** (volunteer@familyservices.bc.ca).

EYA Roots and Shoots Internship Program – The Environmental Youth Alliance is looking for youth (age 18-25) to join this paid environmental stewardship opportunity. The program includes 10 weeks of land-based program (Tuesday, February 22-Saturday, April 30) and 12 weeks of supported work placement (Monday, May 2-Friday, July 22). More information and application forms are available at <https://eya.ca/internship/> or contact **Erica Ellis** (erica@eya.ca). The deadline to apply is Sunday, January 23.





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World Wetland Day at MacKay Marsh – Wildcoast Ecological Society is looking for volunteers to participate in an invasive pull from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, February 5. To register or find out more information, see <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/world-wetland-day-at-mackay-marsh-tickets-230642717577?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

ISCBC Community Science Youth Team – The Invasive Species Council of BC is seeking volunteers for the Community Science Youth Team. Get your hands dirty with fieldwork, engage in skill-building workshops and gain community service experience. For more information or to apply, see <https://bcinvasives.ca/take-action/community-science/youth-team/>.

Roots Mentoring – Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is seeking teen volunteers to mentor children in grades 1-6. The program requires a weekly one-hour commitment of mentoring after-school and consistent participation in Youth Leadership throughout the school year. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/our-programs/roots/>.

Urban Repurpose Opportunities – Urban Repurpose is seeking volunteers of all ages and skill levels to support their non-profit organization and keep valuable products from going to waste. See <https://www.urbanrepurpose.ca/volunteer> or contact info@urbanrepurpose.ca.

Ongoing Programs

NVCL Youth Drop-In – The Room on the 2nd Floor of North Vancouver City Library is reserved for youth (grade 7-12) Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm-6:00pm and Friday from 3:00pm-5:00pm to hang out with friends, complete homework, read, use computers, etc. Registration is not required. See <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar> or contact teens@nvcl.ca for more information.

Youth Centre Drop-In – NVRC's Youth Centres are now open is open for drop-in. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

Young & Recovering – Foundry North Shore and CMHA are hosting bi-weekly peer-led support groups for youth working towards active recovery from drugs and alcohol. The group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Foundry (<https://foundrybc.ca/northshore>). For more information, contact **Ty Javos** (ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca).

North Shore PACT – The CMHA has launched a civilian-led team that will respond to crisis calls related to mental health and substance use on the North Shore. Youth (ages 13 and up) can receive over the phone or in-person help with a range of mental health issues. See <https://northwestvancouver.cmha.bc.ca/programs-services/peer-assisted-care-team-pact/> for more details.

Provincial Youth Wellbeing Resource – For provincial resources for youth mental health and wellbeing, see <https://wellbeing.gov.bc.ca/youth-mental-health-and-wellbeing>.

NS Connexions Respite Program – North Shore Connexions offers a respite program for children and youth with intellectual disabilities and their families. The program offers one-to-one support, activities that encourage growth and independence, and opportunities to engage with the community. For more information,





see <https://nsconnexions.org/services/community-respite/> or contact **Amanda Jordan** (amandaj@nsconnexions.org).

Upcoming Events

January 17-21 - Reflection Week (students will work on Ministry-required self-assessments of ATL Skills)
January 19- EPIC Wednesday
January 19- PAC Meeting
January 24-28- Gr 12 Literacy Assessment
January 26- Grade 7 Parent Programming Night
January 27- Semester 1 Ends
January 28- Review and Completion
January 31- Semester Turnaround Day (Classes not in session)
February 1- Semester 2 Begins
February 1- Chinese New Year
February 2- Late Start @10:00 am
February 4- District Professional Development Day (Classes not in session)
February 8- Report Cards Published
February 8- Grade 9/10 Programming Evening (for current grade 8/9 students)
February 9 – Diploma Programme Info Session for Carson Students @ Lunchtime
February 10- Grade 11/12 Programming Evening (for current grade 10/11 students)
February 15- Virtual DP information session for parents & students.
February 16- DP for a Day
February 18: DP Application Deadline

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Stay safe,

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