



February 19, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

Please find below some important information and updates:

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is coming up on Wednesday, February 24th. This event is recognized throughout BC as an anti-bullying day promoting acceptance and inclusion. Please encourage your child to wear pink! More information can be found [here](#).

Student Council

Many years ago, Carson Graham had a Student Council, and we are bringing it back! Student Council is an organization conducted by students and supervised by adults. The purpose of the student council is to act as the voice of the student body. Members help share student ideas, interests, and concerns with the school-wide community.

The function of the student council is based upon parliamentary procedures. Ideas are presented, voted upon, and confirmed by the student body president. Any student interested in leadership, organizational behavior, event planning, or becoming more involved in the school is welcome to become involved.

Student council allows students to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects, and planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare. Students will gain experience being an advocate for the student body and pursue causes they are passionate about.

Some benefits for students include learning more about themselves and developing skills (communication, public speaking, critical thinking, leadership, teamwork, etc.).

To see the structure and roles & responsibilities within student council, please go to the Carson Graham website: [https://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Students/studentcouncil/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/carson/Students/studentcouncil/Pages/default.aspx#/).

Normally, student council representative positions are done through an election; however, due to COVID, we have had to rethink how to do this for the current school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, student council will be elected through an application process, and for the 2021-2022 school year, student council election will take place in the Spring of 2021. Application forms (available from the site above) are due to the main office by Friday, February 26th, 2021.

If you have any questions please message Mr. Wong in the main office.

First Responders

Are you in grade 10 or 11? Are you interested in the medical field? Always wanted to help others? Thinking about a career as a paramedic or joining the fire department? Then you should consider join the First Responders.

Last year, we started the Carson Graham First Responders program. The Carson Graham First Responders are a student club that focus on First Aid and student safety. Our members are all trained in First Aid, whether at the Standard First Aid CPR-C or the First Responders CPR/AED HCP level. Each day of the week during the school year, we have student First Responders on duty who respond to any student injuries in a professional and responsible manner.



Application forms are available in the main office and are due March 5th. A virtual information meeting for the program will be held on Teams, a link to the event will also be available on our school website.

Grad Photos

We are making a last call for grad photos to be included in the yearbook. Artona will be bringing the studio to us. On **Friday, February 26th (Pro Day) and Saturday, February 27th**, they will be setting up a mobile studio in our parking lot. This an excellent opportunity to get your photo done for the yearbook and composite if you have not done so.

The link to schedule an appointment is here: <https://artona.com/schools/CARS/programs/graduation>.

COVID-19 Updates

Masks and Physical Distancing

Under the updated health and safety guidelines, non-medical masks are required for all staff in all K to 12 schools and all students in middle and secondary schools in all indoor areas, including when they are in their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- They are sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom
- There is a barrier in place
- They are eating or drinking

While eating or drinking students must maintain physical distance.

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group. Additionally, please remind students to use designated entrances and to remain within their classroom wing during breaks.

Handwashing

Handwashing remains one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of COVID-19. We ask for your help in stressing to your child the importance of vigorously washing all parts of their hands for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day including upon arrival at school, and before and after eating.

Daily Health Check Reminder

Parents are reminded of their responsibility to complete the daily health check with their child(ren). Students who have symptoms of COVID-19, or any other illness, **MUST** stay home. The NVSD Daily Health Checklist is posted [here](#).

Capilano Community Services Society's Youth Outreach Workers

This organization provides services to potentially at-risk youth who are 10 to 24 years of age, with priority assistance being provided to residents in the areas of Lower and Upper Capilano, Pemberton, Pemberton Heights and Norgate. The goals of



their programs and services are to support and strengthen families, provide opportunities for activities that promote and enhance health and well-being, and advocate for the rights and needs of youth. Flyer attached!

Course Programming 2021/22

Thank-you to everyone who joined the virtual course programming presentations and the post-secondary information sessions. The presentations have been posted [here](#).

Course request sheets and entry into MyEducationBC were due today. Please ensure that your child returns this form to their grade counsellor if they have not already done so.

Please note that at this time no decision has been made on the schedule for next year. Input will be gathered through a district wide survey in late February to help inform decisions about the schedule at secondary schools for next year.

NVSD Academies for 2021-2022

Information on District Academies can be found [here](#). There are many upcoming virtual information sessions that can be found on the linked page above. Please note the application **deadline of Sunday, February 21st**.

New Registrations & Transfer Requests for 2021-22

A reminder that priority placement for both new registrations and transfers for Grades 1 through 12 for the 2021/2022 school year runs from January 18th to March 5th at 4:00 p.m. Visit the [NVSD Transfers and Registrations page](#) for detailed information.

Upcoming Events

February 24 - Pink Shirt Day

February 26 - PD Day (*No Classes*)

March 3 - Q3 Elective 1 End (Grade 8 Electives)

March 4 - Q3 Elective 2 Starts (Grade 8 Electives), Mode of Instruction Change for Grades 9-12

March 12 - Q3 Rotation 2 End (Grade 8 Electives), Last Day of Classes

March 15th - 26th - March Break

March 29 - Q3 Rotation 3 Starts (Grade 8 Electives)

April 2 - Good Friday (*School Closed*)

April 5 - Easter Monday (*School Closed*)

April 7 - PAC Meeting

April 12th - 16th - Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

April 19 – Last Day of Regular Classes for Q3

April 20 - Quarter 3 Review and Completion

April 21 - Q4 Starts

April 22 - Earth Day

Stay well,



Suzette Dohm

Principal