



May 21, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

We are so happy to see the sunshine! It has been wonderful to see students and staff taking advantage of the improved weather to take learning and lunch outside. It has been a busy month at Carson and we would like to share with you some highlights and upcoming events. First, congratulations to our Diploma Programme and Certificate students who wrote their DP exams throughout May. They are to be commended for finishing these challenging courses and exams. Well done! We would also like to make you aware of an administrative change that is in effect through June. Mr. Tim Ireland has taken a temporary leave and we would like to formally welcome Ms. Shannon Sharp as his replacement. Shannon brings a wealth of knowledge with her from previous roles as a Secondary Math Teacher, Learning Services Teacher, Family of Schools Leader and Elementary Administrator. Ms. Sharp will be overseeing grades 8 and 11 and can be reached at ssharp@sd44.ca.

Please find below some important information and updates:

Student Council

There is still time for students to put their names on the 2021-2022 Student Council Election ballot. Applications for next year's Student Council are still being accepted. Application forms are available in the main office and the application deadline is Friday, May 28th. Student Council Election day is Thursday June 10th. For more information, or if you have any questions, please see Mr. Everton, Mr. Dawson, Ms. De Beer or Mr. Wong.

Grad Gear

Grad 2021 gear is now available. T-Shirts, hoodies and sweatpants are available in 3 colours, along with grad 2021 stickers. To order visit <https://www.paddlevancouver.ca/collections/carson-graham-grad-2021> and use the password grad2021. The online stores closes on May 26th, so order now. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. All sales are final.

Graduation 2021 Updates

- **Filming dates** are Wednesday, June 16th and Thursday, June 17th. A detailed schedule will be sent out next week.
- **Last Words and Baby Photos:** We are now working on the ceremony script and need to gather the words that will be read out about students as they cross the stage. Additionally, and in keeping with Carson tradition, we are collecting baby photos of the grads to incorporate into the ceremony. Please submit this information [here](#). Note that this information was supposed to be handed in today and we need it ASAP! Please remember that in order to access the form, students must be logged into their school portal account and Office365 (i.e. Teams etc.). If you are unable to access the form, be sure to re-log into Teams and use your 123456s@sd44.ca email. Questions can be directed to Mr. Kwan at tkwan@sd44.ca.
- **Grade 12 Scholarships/ Awards/Bursaries:** Have you received a scholarship or entrance award from a university you applied to? Or a scholarship or bursary from an organization you applied for outside of Carson?

Then you need to let us know so we can recognize you in the Graduation Ceremony.

Please contact Ms. Thornhill by Tuesday, May 25th with the following info:



1. Name of the Scholarship/Entrance Award/Bursary
2. Name of School or Organization it is awarded by
3. Amount of scholarship

Opportunities for Students and Families

Cinelab 2021 –The Cinematheque is offering two-week filmmaking programs for aspiring artists aged 14-19 from Monday, July 5-Friday, July 16 and Monday, July 19-Friday, July 30. Apply at <https://thecinematheque.ca/learn/cinelab> or contact cinelab@thecinematheque.ca for more details.

NSPA Volunteer Opportunities – The North Shore Pride Alliance is seeking diverse volunteers for North Shore Pride Week 2021. Available positions include grant writing, financial/accounting, administration/letter writing, graphic/artistic/creative, event hosts/support, and general duties. Contact **Gary Woods** (northshorepridealliance@zoho.com) to apply or request more information.

FamilySmart Parent in Residence – Parents in Residence are available to provide peer support to families and caregivers who are parenting a child (0-young adult) with a mental health and/or substance use challenge. To connect with a FamilySmart Parent in Residence or request more information, contact **Ann Louise Filbert** (annlouise.filbert@familysmart.ca).

Hollyburn Counselling Sessions – Hollyburn Family Services has a new counselling intern available for low cost and free counselling sessions. Scott Walter is experienced in working with youth (10+) and young adults; his specialties are trauma, anxiety, school issues, and sport psychology. Contact **Leya Eguchi** (leguchi@hollyburn.ca) for more information or to request an appointment.

Upcoming Events

May 24 – Victoria Day (school closed)
May 26 - PAC Meeting
May 31 - EPIC Monday
June 1 - Q4 Rotation 2 Ends (Grade 8 Electives)
June 2 - Q4 Rotation 3 Starts (Grade 8 Electives)
June 16-17 – Graduation Ceremony Filming
June 20 - Father's Day
June 21 - National Indigenous People's Day
June 22- Last Day of Regular Classes
June 23-25- Review and Completion
June 28 - Q4 Report Card Published

Stay safe and have a great long weekend.



Suzette Dohm
Principal