



Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

Dear Carson Graham Community,

It's difficult to believe that we are half way through June and there is just over a week of regular class remaining! Please see below for some important information as we finish off the school year.

New Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement

As part of the Province of British Columbia's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education has updated the BC Graduation Program requirements. Moving forward, the Ministry is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students in British Columbia. Under the new model, students who are currently in Grade 10 will be the first group to complete this updated course credit requirement by graduation in June of 2024.

The change requires that all students complete at least one 4-credit course with an Indigenous focus prior to graduation. It does not change the number of credits required for graduation which remains at 80.

To ensure that our current grade 10 students will meet the new graduation requirement, Carson Graham will be enrolling all students in English First Peoples 11, as opposed to the English course selected at the time of course programming.

The new 4-credit graduation requirement will provide all BC students with the necessary time and opportunity to develop deeper understandings of the experiences, cultures, and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada, in support of the K-12 mandate to develop Educated Citizens.

For more information on the new Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement please refer to the BC Ministry of Education document [Indigenous-Focused Grad Requirement Overview](#).

Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation is one of the core pillars of North Vancouver School District's Strategic Plan and is echoed in the Provincial Government's passing of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. We look forward to working with our Grad Class of 2024 to roll out this new graduation requirement which will have an impact on our province for years to come.

Pride Month!!

Carson has been celebrating Pride Month throughout June. In addition to morning announcement and other initiatives designed to educate individuals on homophobia, transphobia, and LGBTQ+ rights, we have the following events coming up this week.

June 15th-16th - Pride Bake Sale to support LGBTQ+ charities

June 16th - Pride Flag raising ceremony in the Agora at lunch

June 17th - Rainbow Day- Wear a rainbow of colours to celebrate Pride!





Athletics Update from Darcy Grant, Athletic Coordinator

As the 2021-2022 season comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on everything the Carson Graham Athletic department achieved after two years of COVID. I am reminded that we have so much to be grateful for.

For one, we finally got to play again. Even though playing was a bit rusty, we were still playing. However, being back on the field and the court, made all the difference in the world. It was so gratifying to watch student-athletes find their way through hard fought competitions; learn to win with integrity and learn something from a loss. It was equally gratifying to see so many coaches, staff, and parents give up their own time to coach others' kids to provide them with an opportunity to play. And to have our school open again to our community, to see parents, teachers, and fans fill the bleachers to cheer on "The Eagles", reminds us again that we have so much to be grateful for. We have a lot to be proud of, and more importantly, we have very strong numbers at our junior grades to help build for the future.

In my first message, I began with some history:

- 35 Provincial Championships
- 34 Lower Mainland Championships
- 214 North Shore Championships

After this year our updated total is as follows:

- 35 Provincial Championships
- 1 Coastal Championship
- 34 Lower Mainland Championships
- 3 Sea to Sky Zone Championships
- 220 North Shore Championships

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Darren Wong, who acted as my Co-Athletic Director. He will not be returning next year in the same role, but he was a great help to me and to the athletic department. His contributions were greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank every staff and parent coach who volunteered their time with our Carson student athletes. No one really understands the time commitment unless they've actively been involved in coaching a team, and for that I am incredibly grateful to all our Carson Graham coaches. Thank you to everyone for a great 2022-2023 season!

Review and Completion: June 23rd, 24th and 27th

Wednesday, June 22nd marks the final day of regular classes. The next three school days are marked as Review and Completion. Please note that any students with outstanding assignments, or those who have not met the intended learning outcomes, are invited to attend. Please note, however, that attendance at Review and Completion does not necessarily equate to a student achieving credit for (ie





passing) a course. The goal of these three days is to foster student success next year, regardless of whether they repeat the same course or move forward to the next level.

Microsoft TEALS Program: Volunteers Needed

We are very excited that we are entering into a new community partnership with Microsoft Philanthropies TEALS (Technology Education and Literacy in Schools) for the 2022-2023 school year. TEALS was designed to support computer science education through professional development, activities, and connecting students with industry professionals. With the help of TEALS, we will be able to enhance our already excellent computer science program, and better prepare our students for a future within the technology sector.

A big part of the TEALS program is to pair industry volunteers with classroom teachers to team-teach computer science. The volunteers assist the classroom teacher in-person or remotely several days a week for the whole school year to help the teacher build their capacity in computer science and share relevant and real-world experiences with the class.

We are currently seeking volunteers with an IT/computer science background who are interested in helping us grow our computer science program. If you are interested or have any questions about TEALS, please email Justin Wong at jwong@sd44.ca.

Interested volunteers can also connect directly with TEALS BC regional manager Rashmi Acharyya (rashmi@tealsk12.org) or visit the TEALS website (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/teals>) to learn more!

School Fees Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has cleared their child's account on SchoolCashOnline. If you have not already done so, please log on to [SchoolCashOnline](#) now and clear up any outstanding fees prior to the end of the school year.

School fees must be cleared prior to picking up yearbooks at the end of June (date to be announced once we have a confirmed date of arrival). For grade 12's, fees must be cleared prior to picking up grad caps & gowns at our Grad Ceremony Rehearsal on Friday, June 17th at 10:30 am.

Upcoming Events

- June 13 -17 - Literacy 10 & Numeracy 10 Assessments
- June 14 - Grad Banquet, Westin Bayshore
- June 15th-16th - Pride Bake Sale to support LGBTQ+ charities
- June 16th - Pride Flag raising ceremony in the Agora at lunch
- June 17th - Rainbow Day- Wear a rainbow of colours to celebrate Pride!
- June 17- Year End Dance Show @7pm
- June 19 - Father's Day





June 20- Awards Ceremony
June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22 - Semester 2 Ends (last day of regular classes)
June 23 - Review & Completion
June 24 - Review & Completion
June 26 - Grad Ceremony @7:00pm Orpheum Theatre
June 27 - Review & Completion
June 28 - Final Report Cards Published

Best Regards,

Suzette Dohm, Principal

