



Friday, September 3, 2021

As we head into the long weekend and as a follow-up to last week's communication, I would like to provide you with a few more general and calendar updates.

All students are to report to the school (on the north side of the building outside the Agora for students in grades 9-12 and to the gym for grade 8 students) on Tuesday, September 7th at the time indicated below. Students will receive timetables and other important information. Additionally, student photos for the yearbook and ID Cards will also be taken.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the first week, most students will be in classes from 9:20 am until 3:00 pm. Exceptions may include those who have arranged tutorial time with a classroom teacher, those with a designated study block or those attending "x-blocks."

Tuesday, September 7th- Timetables & Individual Photos

Grade 9	10:00
Grade 10	10:45
Grade 11	11:30
Grade 12	12:15
Grade 8	1:00

Wednesday, September 8th- Regular Classes (Day 1)

Tutorial	8:30 - 9:11
Transition	9:11 - 9:20
Period 1	9:20 - 11:40
Lunch	11:40 – 12:40
Period 2	12:40 – 3:00

Thursday, September 9th- Regular Classes (Day 2)

Tutorial	8:30 - 9:11
Transition	9:11 - 9:20
Period 3	9:20 - 11:40
Lunch	11:40 – 12:40
Period 4	12:40 – 3:00

Friday, September 10th- Regular Classes (Day 1)

Tutorial	8:30 - 9:11
Transition	9:11 - 9:20
Period 1	9:20 - 11:40
Lunch	11:40 – 12:40
Period 2	12:40 – 3:00





In addition to the updates I provided on August 27th, I would like to inform you of other staffing changes:

Steven Pruner- Learning Services Teacher
Leanne Ross- Learning Services Teacher
Ashley Anderson- Foods
Shawn Stibbards- English
Vanessa Apissoghomian- Autism Support Worker
Kelly D'Aoust- Family of Schools Leader

Additionally, I am pleased to let you know that the Nicola Jones and Emma Koloska, District Support Teachers- Indigenous Education, will be based out of Carson Graham.

On behalf of the Carson Graham staff, I'd like to wish everyone a great long weekend. We look forward to a successful 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Suzette Dohm
Principal

Road Closure (sent on behalf of the City of North Vancouver)

The City of North Vancouver's Utilities Section will be installing new water and sewer services along the 1900 Block of Larson Crescent. The work will take approximately 5 business days to complete and will begin on Tuesday, September 7th. During the hours of construction (7am-5:30pm daily), a full road closure will be in effect on Larson Crescent between Westview and 23rd Street.

Pedestrians will be able to continue to use the sidewalk on the west side of the street. Detours will be in place directing drivers to use 23rd Street and Westview Drive and for cyclists to use 21st Street and Westview Drive to avoid the area. Outside of the hours of construction the street will be open and passable for all.

For parents picking or dropping students off at the school please use Larson Road to connect to the school driveway, Jones Avenue or consider alternate modes of transportation such as walking, cycling or taking transit.

The City of North Vancouver recognizes the inconvenience this work may cause and thanks you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions please contact Eng@CNV.org





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Calendar Updates

Tutorial Time

New to this year's schedule is a daily tutorial time from 8:30am to 9:11am. Students are encouraged to access support from their teachers during this time. Schedules will be shared with students and posted on our website. Attendance is not required at tutorials but students are strongly encouraged to access this support.

IB Staff Collaboration Late Starts

For the 2021-2022 year, Carson Graham will continue to have staff collaboration time incorporated within our calendar. This is accommodated by modifying our daily timetable. As an International Baccalaureate school, Carson Graham Secondary uses late starts to fulfill our program requirements for both our Middle Years Programme (Grades 8-10) and our Diploma Programme (Grades 11-12).

Carson Graham has (10) Wednesdays throughout the year that enable further staff collaboration. During this time, staff are collaboratively developing, reflecting and refining their units of instruction both within their subject area and across disciplines. Ultimately, this targeted time is intended to continually improve our teaching practices. The instructional day will begin at 10:00am and end at 3pm on these days.

EPIC Wednesdays (Extended Essay, Personal Project, Inquiry, CAS – Creativity, Action, Service)

At Carson Graham, we have customized our instructional time to align with our school goals and IB programmes. Students are working on Inquiry based learning and will have (8) Wednesdays throughout the year to work in smaller groups with a teacher.

Students will be divided into teams and our teachers will focus on developing students' Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills. These skills include thinking, social, communication, self-management and research. For example,





lessons will focus on building skills for academic success, becoming familiar with our IB reporting practices, learning about the Carson school community and its diverse programs, building community connections, and mindfulness and self-regulation practices.

Upcoming Events

- September 7- School Opens and School Photos
- September 8- Semester 1 and Regular Classes Start
- September 14- Clubs and Teams Fair
- September 14- Grade 8 Virtual Parent Night
- September 22- Staff Collaboration Late Start @10am
- September 24- Terry Fox Run
- September 24- Grade 8 Community Day
- September 27- Music AGM
- September 29- EPIC Wednesday
- September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
- October 1- Curriculum Implementation Day (No Classes)
- October 6- Staff Collaboration Late Start @10am
- October 11- Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)
- October 13- EPIC Wednesday
- October 13- PAC Meeting

