



CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

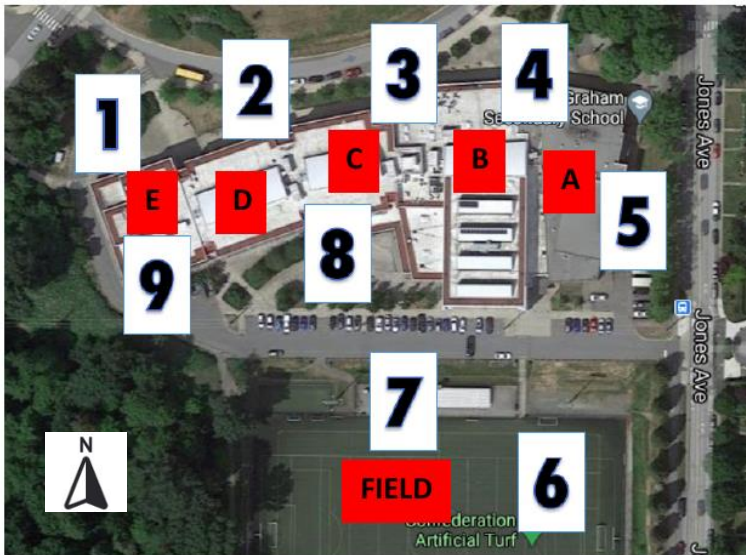
The time has finally arrived for your Grade 7 graduates to enter high school. Carson Graham's entire staff is excited and happy to welcome them all!

To prepare for the year ahead, Carson will be holding an orientation morning for all Grade 8 students this **Thursday, September 10 from 8:45 am to 12 noon.**

Students will enter the building in alphabetized groups through one of nine areas. The teachers at each entrance will have student timetables, so it is important for students to enter through the correct entrance. In the event that the teacher does not have a student's timetable, that student will be directed to the counselling suite where they will be provided with their missing schedule.

Once the students receive their timetable, they should make their way into the school and go directly to their Q 1 P 1 T 1 class: Quarter 1, Period 1, Term 1. They will be able to find their class and room number on their schedule.

Again, entrance groups will be alphabetized as per the diagram and descriptions below. Teachers and educational aides will be standing at all stations and around the outside of the school from 8:45 – 9:00 am. Students may ask any staff member for directions if they are unsure about where to go. Please see the diagram for a visual of the below.



Groups 1 – 4 will meet on the Larson Road side (north) of the school.

1. **Aba... to Bla...:** meet at the west side of the school (E wing) outside of Choices
2. **Bli... to Cro...:** meet between C and D wings outside by the “School Bus Parking Only” sign.
3. **Csa... to Ghi...:** meet west of the main entrance of the school outside the agora by the picnic tables.
4. **Gib... to Jun...:** meet outside the main office at the front entrance.

Groups 5 – 9 will meet on the south side (back) of the school.

5. **Kad... to Mah...:** meet on Jones Avenue by the bus stop. Please don't block pedestrian traffic!
6. **Man... to Ock...:** meet on the artificial turf field also known as Confederation Field.
7. **Ols... to Run...:** meet in the metal bleachers on the artificial turf field.
8. **Sam... to Tay...:** meet outside the library/music entrance near the picnic tables.
9. **Tha... to Zub...:** meet at the far west end of the back of the school near the wood and metal shops.





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Please click on the following link for a virtual school tour! <https://youtu.be/63EHa0f72IA>

Our hope is that all students will be in a classroom and seated by 9 am, so please **have your child arrive before then...around 8:45.**

During Thursday's orientation, students can expect the following things:

1. School pictures will be taken.
2. A briefing on social distancing and safety at school during Covid-19.
3. Information about clubs and school spirit
4. Students will receive a red Carson T-shirt (free).
5. A review on how to read the timetable.
6. A physical tour around the school.
7. An introduction to one or both of their quarter 1 teachers.
8. A review/introduction to healthy relationships.
9. A review/introduction to the role of the Grade 8 school counsellor.
10. An introduction to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) courtesy of Ms. Jennifer Tieche and Mrs. Liz Thornhill, IB MYP Coordinators.
11. An introduction/review on how to access Microsoft 365, especially Teams.
12. School email information (Students will be required to use their NV school email address)
13. A review on social media use and cyberbullying.
14. Question and Answer session.

Once the orientation is over, in order to maximize social distancing, please remind your child to exit the building as soon as possible **and through the same door as they entered.**

Other key reminders:

- There will be NO cafeteria service during Covid-19.
- There will be no locker use during Covid-19.
- Both parking and stopping are not permitted at the front of the school on Jones Avenue.
- Please ask your child to wear a mask to school until they reach their first block classroom. They may remove it then or keep it on through the orientation. Generally, masks are to be worn at all times in common areas unless there is a reason a student cannot wear their mask for medical reasons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Karen Marshall (kmarshall@sd44.ca) or Mr. Walter Mustapich (wmustapich@sd44.ca), the Grade 8 school administrator, by email or by phone.

Once again, welcome to Carson Graham!

Karen Marshall, Walter Mustapich and the rest of the Grade 8 team

