



Friday, October 8, 2021

Dear Carson Graham Community,

As we head into the long weekend, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you take some time to rest, relax and connect with loved ones.

Please see below for some other important information:

### **October 2021 NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Survey**

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Steering Committee is inviting staff, students and families to complete a confidential, anonymous and voluntary online survey and share your thoughts and insights on opportunities, barriers and lived experiences within the school district. Your participation will support the school district's ongoing commitment to ensuring a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members. Click [HERE](#) to view a video message about the survey by student co-chairs Mabel Nahanee (Tesaxlewet) and Jessica Day.

The survey, accessible [HERE](#), will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday, October 22, 11:59 p.m.

*Please note:*

- *ALL responses will remain 100% anonymous and confidential.*
- *The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party [Bakau Consulting](#).*
- *Parents/guardians with elementary-aged children: we recommend you complete the survey together with your children and submit one response.*
- *Parents/guardians with secondary-aged children: secondary students may prefer to submit their own survey responses, separate from their parents/guardians.*

If you have any questions about the survey or this process, please feel free to contact Bakau Consulting directly at [feedback@bakauconsulting.com](mailto:feedback@bakauconsulting.com).

On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, thank you for your participation.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. Interviews will be virtual through MS Teams and we will be using Microsoft Bookings for scheduling. We have attached details instructions that are also available [here](#).

### **Early Dismissals for October 20th (PTIs) and October 21st**

Tutorial	8:30 am - 9:11 am
Transition	9:11 am - 9:20 am
AM Class	9:20 am - 11:05 am
Break	11:05 am - 11:15 am
PM Class	11:15 am - 1:00 pm
Dismissal	1:00 pm
Lunch	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



## News from the Performing Arts Department

The performing arts are rebuilding their culture of celebrating amazing student work with small audiences. Both Music and Drama have shows at the end of October.

Drama presents *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* by Dan Zolidis on October 27th and 28th. Tickets are \$10 and only 50 seats are available per show! For information and to reserve your seats please email [tickets@carsongraham.ca](mailto:tickets@carsongraham.ca).

Music will also present a Halloween Concert on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.carsonmusic.ca](http://www.carsonmusic.ca) for more information.

These two groups are also collaborating on a BBQ Fundraiser that will launch on October 20th. The menu will feature a fall selection from the gourmet, North Shore founded, Stapleton Sausage Co. Orders will launch through SchoolCash Online later this month.

## Opportunities for Students and Families

### Events, Workshops & More

**NVCL Spooky Story Contest** – North Vancouver City Library is seeking spooky story submissions from children in kindergarten-grade 7. For more information or to submit an entry, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/children/programs-and-events/spooky-story-contest>. Deadline for submissions is 5:00pm on Saturday, October 16.

**NVCL Break the Fake** – North Vancouver City Library is hosting a workshop for youth and families on online fact checking from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Wednesday, October 27. For more information or to register, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D155465059>.

**BC Youth Parliament** – Applications for the 93<sup>rd</sup> BCYP are open to youth (age 16-21) from across the province. Youth will travel to Victoria for a five-day simulation of the Westminster Parliamentary System, legislating bills that govern the organization's community service projects, hearing from speakers around the community and engaging in social activities. Register at <https://bcyp.org/session> or contact **Rhonda Vanderfluit** ([registrar@bcyp.org](mailto:registrar@bcyp.org)) for more information. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 26.

**PROUD2BE Rec Night** – Family Services presents a recreation night at West Vancouver Community Centre for LGBTQ2S+ youth, young adults and their allies (age 13-24) from 7:00pm-11:00pm on Friday, October 22. To register and find out more, see <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/attend-an-event/proud2be-pride/> or contact [proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca).

**NSWC Girls' Empowerment Group** – The North Shore Women's Centre is hosting a weekly empowerment group for girls and female/femme-identifying youth (age 12-18). The group meets on Wednesdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm and features arts, workshops and presentations from leaders and champions of gender justice for the community. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe82xjDek3bJzkVfpqLM0TtJdLmgncCb1HS5JkzRZFHx2rfEA/viewform> or contact **Emily Booker** ([emily.booker@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:emily.booker@mail.mcgill.ca)) for more information.

**NVCL Teen Writing Contest Call For Submissions** – North Vancouver City Library and the Teen Advisory Council are now accepting submissions to the fourth annual Teen Writing Contest open to all North Shore teens (grade 7-12). Entries must be an original screenplay produced in 2021 with 750 words or less. For more information or to submit an entry, see <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/teen/events-and-programs/teen-writing-contest> or contact **Kate Longley** ([klongley@cnv.org](mailto:klongley@cnv.org)). Deadline for submissions is 5:00pm on Sunday, October 24.

**2021-2022 ACTION Mini Grants** – Vancouver Coastal Health Community Investments are providing a funding opportunity for innovative, community-driven projects. For more information see <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/healthy-communities->



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[population-health/health-promotion-grants/apply-for-a-grant](#) or contact [Community.Investments@vch.ca](mailto:Community.Investments@vch.ca). The application deadline is 5:00pm on Sunday, October 31.

### Volunteering & Jobs

**Shipyards Site Host** – The City of North Vancouver is hiring auxiliary site hosts to assist with operations of The Shipyards Skate Plaza. Applicants must be able to ice skate and provide customer service. For more information or to apply, see <https://cnv.peopleadmin.ca/postings/1920>. The deadline to apply is Thursday, October 21.

**Join a City Committee** – The City of North Vancouver is looking for volunteers to serve on a variety of committees that help shape and make a difference in the City. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.cnv.org/Get-Involved/Committees/Current-Vacancies-Committees-Commissions-and-Boards>.

**Greenwood Park Restoration Planting** – The City of North Vancouver's City Park Stewards program is looking volunteers to participate in a restoration planting on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Register at <https://www.cnv.org/your-government/living-city/get-involved/city-park-stewards> or contact **Frances Ramsay** ([parkstewards@cnv.org](mailto:parkstewards@cnv.org)).

**MONOVA Opportunities** – The Museum and Archives of North Vancouver is seeking volunteers for events, transcription, archival documentation and assistance with school programs. For more information, see <https://monova.ca/volunteering/> or contact [info@monova.ca](mailto:info@monova.ca).

**Loutet Farm Volunteer Drop-In** – Join the Edible Garden Project at Loutet Farm for fun and engaging drop-in volunteer sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm-5:00pm (except statutory holidays). High school aged youth can receive hands-on experience in a small-scale agricultural operation. No experience is necessary; tools and training will be provided. For more information, see <https://ediblegardenproject.com/volunteer/> or contact **Cindy Wei** ([schools@ediblegardenproject.com](mailto:schools@ediblegardenproject.com)). Registration is not required.

**MacKay Marsh Invasive Pull** – Join the Wildcoast Ecological Society for an invasive species pull on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Register to volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mackay-marsh-volunteer-event-tickets-168789541061?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or contact **Krystal Brennan** ([krystalbrennan@wildcoastecological.com](mailto:krystalbrennan@wildcoastecological.com)) for more information.

**MacKay Marsh Planting Event** – Join the Wildcoast Ecological Society for a planting event on Saturday, October 30 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Register to volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mackay-marsh-planting-event-tickets-168789721601?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> or contact **Krystal Brennan** ([krystalbrennan@wildcoastecological.com](mailto:krystalbrennan@wildcoastecological.com)) for more information.

### Ongoing Programs

**NVCL Youth Drop-In** – The Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of North Vancouver City Library is reserved for youth (grade 7-12) Monday-Thursday from 3:00pm-6:00pm and Friday from 3:00pm-5:00pm to hang out with friends, complete homework, read, use computers, etc. Registration is not required. See <https://www.nvcl.ca/calendar?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D155162356> or contact [teens@nvcl.ca](mailto:teens@nvcl.ca) for more information.

**Open Gym Youth Drop-In** – North Shore Neighbourhood House is operating an open gym drop-in program for youth (age 13-18). This program takes place Fridays from 8:00pm-10:00pm and Saturdays from 7:00pm-10:00pm at John Braithwaite Community Centre. Registration is not required. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.





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**Delbrook Youth Centre Drop-In** – NVRC’s Delbrook Youth Centre is open Fridays from 3:30pm-9:00pm. Registration is not required. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

**Harry Jerome Youth Lounge Drop-In** – NVRC’s Harry Jerome Youth Centre is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Registration is not required. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

**John Braithwaite Youth Centre Drop-In** – The JBCC Youth Centre is open Tuesday-Saturday from 6:00pm-10:00pm for youth in grades 8-12 and Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm for youth in grades 5-7. Registration is not required. For a full schedule of drop-in programs, see <https://nvrc.perfectmind.com/23734/Clients/BookMe4?widgetId=191b3742-8801-4eb9-bbfa-abb28439f20c>.

**Young & Recovering** – Foundry North Shore and CMHA are hosting bi-weekly peer-led support groups for youth working towards active recovery from drugs and alcohol. The group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Foundry (<https://foundrybc.ca/northshore>). For more information, contact **Ty Javos** ([ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca](mailto:ty.javos@cmha.bc.ca)).

**PROUD2BE Drop-In** – This free, weekly drop-in program allows youth (age 16-24) who identify as queer, transgender, two-spirited, and/or questioning to connect and share experiences in a safe space. For more information, see <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/youth-support/> or contact [proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca](mailto:proud2be@familyservices.bc.ca).

**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, see <https://familysmart.ca/program/parent-youth-in-residence/> or contact **Ann Louise Filbert** ([annlouise.filbert@familysmart.ca](mailto:annlouise.filbert@familysmart.ca)).

**NS Connexions Respite Program** – North Shore Connexions offers a respite program for children and youth with intellectual disabilities and their families. The program offers one-to-one support, activities that encourage growth and independence, and opportunities to engage with the community. For more information, see <https://nsconnexions.org/services/community-respite/> or contact **Amanda Jordan** ([amandaj@nsconnexions.org](mailto:amandaj@nsconnexions.org)).

### Upcoming Events

October 11- Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)  
October 13- EPIC Wednesday  
October 13- PAC Meeting  
October 20- PTI's (Early Dismissal)  
October 21- Last Day of Grade 8 Elective Rotation 1  
October 21- Early Dismissal  
October 22- Provincial Professional Day  
October 25- Start of Grade 8 Elective Rotation 2  
October 31- Halloween 🎃  
November 3- Late Start @ 10 am  
November 11- Remembrance Day (schools closed)

Happy Thanksgiving,

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