



September 1, 2026

Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Carson Graham Secondary community, we would like to extend a warm welcome from our administrative team: Mr. Tuzar Irani (Vice Principal and Grade 8 & 10 Administrator), Ms. Stephanie Strandt (Vice Principal and Grade 9 & 11 Administrator), Ms. Kim Jonat (Principal and Grade 12 Administrator). We are truly excited about the upcoming year.

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer with friends and family. As summer winds down and the school year approaches, you and your child(ren) may be filled with both excitement and nervous anticipation for the new school year and the transition to high school. We hope this letter, the information that was sent to you yesterday, and the additional information provided on opening day will help you and your child(ren) prepare for a successful year.

All students will receive their timetables on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 8th. Grade 8's will arrive at the school by 9:15am for a welcome assembly in Carson Graham's large gym at 9:30am. This will be followed by the distribution of information packages and school photos. Grade 8 students will have plenty of time to locate their lockers and track down the location of their classes in advance of classes commencing on Wednesday, September 9th. Carson Graham staff and students will be available to help our Grade 8s navigate the school on opening day. Students can leave once they have located their lockers, had their school photo, and don't need any more support.

Yesterday, you also received a detailed school newsletter, the daily schedule, and a month-by-month calendar. All information is also posted on our Carson Graham school website [here](#). Please be sure to bookmark the [Carson Graham Homepage](#) as all important information will be posted there. Throughout the school year, please regularly visit the school website and read the newsletters emailed home to stay up to date.

Communication and contact between home and school is still particularly important at the secondary level. We recognize that parent involvement in high school naturally tends to decrease as students get older and take on more responsibility for their learning. Many grade 8 students, as they begin to feel more independent, will try to convince you that they do not need your help or active involvement throughout the year. However, our experience tells us that this is not true. We encourage you to stay involved and connected throughout the year.

Over the school year, subject-specific questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teacher. A list of our teaching staff and their email addresses is available on our school website ([Staff Contacts](#)). As for supplies for the first day of regular classes (September 9), please refer to the welcome email that was sent to all families yesterday.



If you have general questions or concerns about your child, you can also reach out to our Grade 8 counsellor: Ms. Tamara McKay (tmckay@sd44.ca). Part of the Grade 8 counsellor's role is to help facilitate a successful transition between elementary and secondary school.

We look forward to working with your child(ren) as they embark on the next exciting stage of their educational journey. We encourage students to reach out to us and/or their counsellor if they have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Please see below for some important dates:

Tuesday, September 15 evening - Grade 8 Parent Night

We invite our Grade 8 families to join us for an information session focused on supporting students as they transition to Carson Graham. We will review student timetables, school routines and supports, and extra-curricular opportunities, including sports, clubs, and other ways for students to get involved in the school community. More details to be shared closer to the date.

Friday, September 25 - Terry Fox Run

Students participate in a school-wide walk/run/roll to raise money and awareness for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Carson Graham students are encouraged to bring a "Twoonie For Terry".

Friday, October 9 - Grade 8 Retreat

Our Grade 8 students will spend the day learning together and building connections at the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. Field Trip permission forms and waivers are attached in this email and will also be given out to students on September 8th. Please have your child return the form to the main office by the end of the school day on Friday, September 11th.

On behalf of the Carson Graham Admin Team, welcome to the Carson family!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tuzar Irani

Vice Principal

