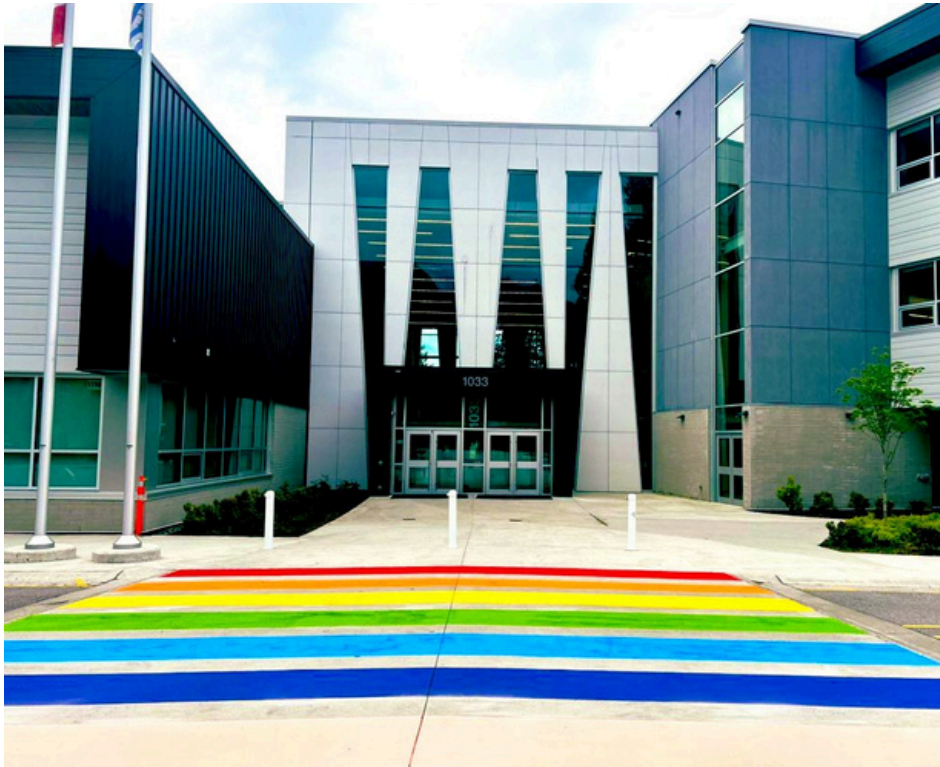




ROYALS NEWS



Upcoming Events Summary

Sept 25.....	School Based Pro-D Day
Sept 26.....	Buchanan Bowl
Sept 29.....	Truth & Reconciliation Assemblies
Sept 30.....	Truth & Reconciliation -School Closed
Oct 1.....	Grade 12 Parent Night
Oct 12.....	Thanksgiving - School Closed
Oct 23.....	Provincial Pro D Day
Oct 27.....	BC Post Secondary Fair
Oct 28.....	Late Start - Adjusted Bell Schedule

For a FULL and Up to date list of all events happening at Handsworth,
please visit our calendar on the school website.

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Attendance Matters!

Reminder to report your
student's absences via email:
handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca

Visit the [Handsworth
website-Attendance
Procedures](#) for more info



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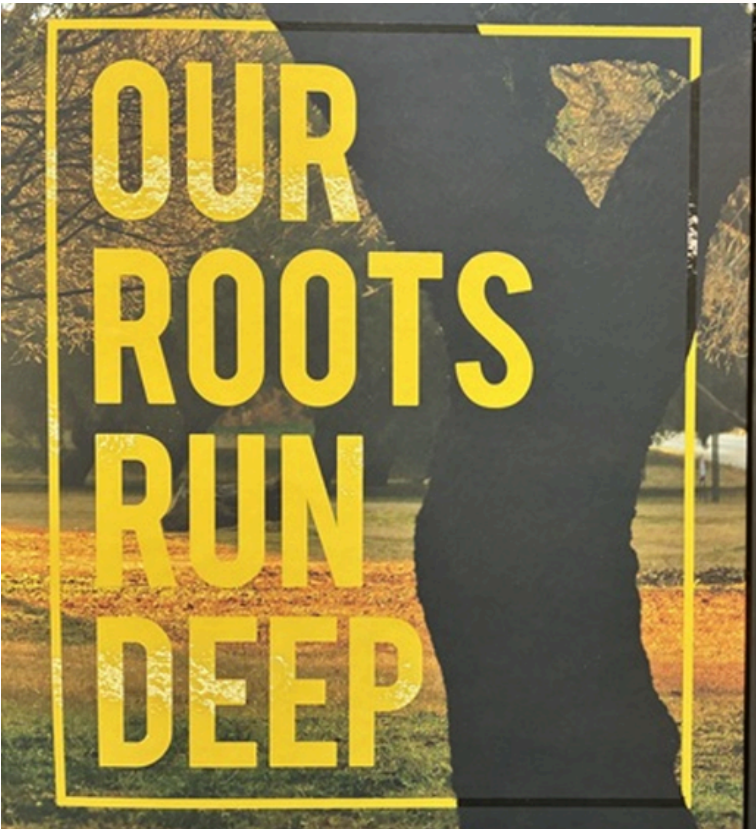
School Information

Daily Announcements/Block Rotation	Daily Announcements - École Handsworth Secondary
Handsworth Calendar	Calendar - École Handsworth Secondary
Reporting Student Attendance	Attendance Procedures - École Handsworth Secondary
Staff Contact Information	Staff Info - École Handsworth Secondary

Handsworth Website Update

We keep our website up to date with upcoming events, resources, and more throughout the year. Over the summer, our website moved and was completely redesigned. We are still working out a few kinks and we appreciate your patience as we complete this exciting refresh this Fall. If you need information and can't find it online, please email the office at handsworth@sd44.ca.

Reminder to Pick Up Your 2025-26 Yearbook



Reminder to pick up your pre-paid yearbook from last school year.

Pick up available from the school office during tutorial, lunch and after school.

Reporting a Student's Absence: Attendance Matters!

We want to remind families of the importance of regular attendance. There is a direct relationship between attendance and academic success in school. Students absent from class are missing out on key learning opportunities and chances to work cooperatively with peers and teachers. Therefore, every attempt should be made by students and their families to minimize the amount of time absent from school.

This is a reminder **to please report (via email) your child's absence to the office** if it is excused. We only call/email home unexcused absences, not lates. Please contact your child's [grade counsellor](#) or administrator if you need support with school attendance.

Please refer to the [Handsworth website](#) or complete details on absence reporting including Extended Absences.

Attendance Reporting Procedures



SEND US AN EMAIL!!!



Please send your student absences (including late arrivals and/or early dismissals) via EMAIL!!!

You can email us at handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca

Please ensure the word "absence" or "attendance" appears in the subject line.

When reporting an absence/early dismissal or late arrival please include the following:

1. First name of student
2. Last name of student
3. Grade
4. Date of absence (whole day or state the portion of the day)
5. Explanation for absence ("excused", "ill", "appointment", "vacation")
6. Your name & relation to the student. (Only emails from parents and legal guardians are accepted)

Health Awareness

Health awareness reduces the likelihood of a person coming to school when they are sick. This includes checking regularly for symptoms of illness to make sure your student does not come to school while sick. **Please help us keep everyone safe & healthy!**

Students, staff and other adults should follow public health guidance and the recommendations of their health care provider when they are sick. Health information is also available from Healthlink BC or by calling 811.

If your student develops symptoms of illness while at school, they need to let their teacher know and then report to the office immediately. Office staff will then contact parents/guardians to come and pick up their student.

PARENTS— School Start up Forms



Student Information Verification forms—Due ASAP!

If they are still at home, please complete and have your student drop off in the office ASAP.

Information has changed? Please note we are working very hard to enter all the new updated information, please bare with us during this busy time of the year!

Student Permission Forms—Due ASAP!

The remaining three start up forms can be completed through [School Cash Online](#) (no cost):

- Personal Information Consent
- Impromptu Walking Field Trip
- Student Acceptable use of Technology Agreement

If you need help setting up a School Cash online account please contact us via email:
handsworth@sd44.ca

We appreciate your support with these important documents!

Welcome New and Returning Staff!

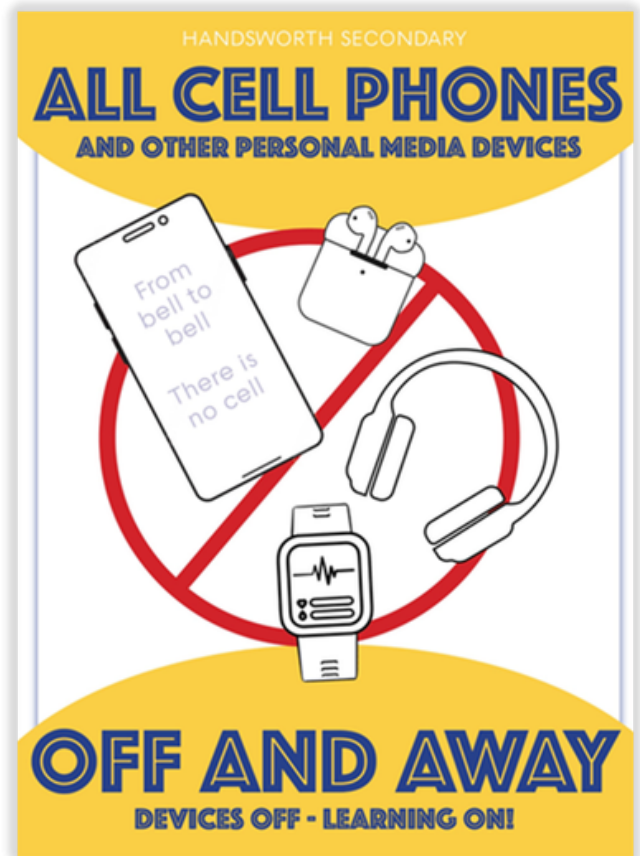
Zahra Bayan (EA)
Jack Coyne (English/Socials)
Marie Decninck (Science/French Immersion)
Brittney Gawley (PHE/Socials)
Emoke Madar (Science/Math)
Alyssa Ritchey (English)
Victoria Waud (Foods/Business)
Kimberly Jung (English/Economics)



Personal Digital Devices in School

In line with the Ministry of Education mandate and the NVSD Code of Conduct, use of personal digital devices (cell phones, smart watches) is restricted in schools. Students are expected to leave cell phones at home, in their bag/backpack, and/or in their locker during instructional time.

If you need to get a hold of your child during instructional time, please call the school office at 604-903-3600 and we can deliver the message.



Food Drive September 24 - October 2

Are you looking for a way to give back and make a difference in your community? **Join Handsworth Takes Action!**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Handsworth Takes Action is hosting our **first food drive from September 24th to October 2nd** to support those in need in our local community. Throughout the food drive, tables will be set up throughout the school with posters, information sheets, and decorated donation boxes where you can drop off your contributions.

Whether you're able to donate one item or a whole bag of food, they all make a difference. We encourage students and staff to bring non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, etc. For a full list, please check out the sheets we have on our boxes or email us at handsworthtakesaction@gmail.com for more information.

Come together as a school community this Thanksgiving season to give back and make a positive impact in our community. Look out for our tables and posters around the school and help us make our first food drive a success!



Safety & Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off & Pick Up

Att: All Drivers!



A reminder that our parking lots are designed for **one-way traffic** movement only.

When travel by car is necessary, we ask parents to make use of designated drop off areas located at the front of the building ONLY. **The west parking lot is NOT a pick up zone.**

TO ENSURE FLOW, PLEASE DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOTS OR ON THE STREET FOR DROP OFF.

If other family members/caregivers are driving, please remind them of our parking lot rules.

As always, we continue to encourage students to walk, bike or transit to school whenever possible.

Photo Retake Day—October 9th!

Did you miss photo day in September?



Retake day is Friday October 9th

- For all NEW students and any students who were ABSENT on Photo day.
- Any students in Grades 8 to 11 who require a RETAKE must bring in their ID in exchange for a photo.

NO retakes for Grade 12 students, your Grad Portrait is published in the yearbook.

Ordering School Photos

It's never too late to order School Portraits!

Order your School Portraits [Handsworth Artona School Photos](#). Your order will be shipped directly to your home.

Need help? Please [Contact Artona](#).



New Artificial Turf Field at Handsworth Complete!



In partnership with the North Vancouver School District, the District of North Vancouver has completed the [new artificial turf field](#) at École Handsworth Secondary. The field accommodates soccer, rugby, field hockey, and football. The project also includes field lighting, benches, and fencing. Public washrooms are expected to be completed later in 2027 for use outside of school hours and operating separately from school facilities.



Post-Secondary Virtual Visits and Open Houses

Post-Secondary open houses and opportunities! You and your parents are welcome to attend these events, learn about what is being offered and ask questions about a wide variety of programs. Don't miss out, check the [Post-Secondary page on our website](#) regularly for updates on locations. Please contact David Craik, the 2026-27 Grade 12 Counsellor for any questions.

Institution	Date	Location
<u>Simon Fraser University</u> <u>Faculty of Applied Science</u>	October 1, 2026 at Tutorial 08:30	Library
<u>Beedie School of Business</u> <u>at Simon Fraser University</u>	Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Tutorial 08:30	Grand Commons
Post-Secondary BC Information Night: More info on our website	Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Grand Commons
<u>University of Alberta</u>	Thursday, October 29, 2026 at Lunch 12:50	Grand Commons
<u>Queens University</u>	Thursday, October 29, 2026 at Lunch 12:50	Grand Commons
<u>University of Victoria</u> <u>Gustavson School of</u> <u>Business</u>	Friday, November 13, 2026 at Lunch 12:50	Grand Commons

2026-27 Advance Placement (AP) Exam Information



Exam Registration is now Open!

Handsworth AP Students in Enrolling Classes:

Students enrolled in an AP course at Handsworth will be asked to indicate whether they wish to write the AP exam for their course when they sign-in to their College Board Account and join their course(s). AP teachers will walk students through this process in class and provide them with the "Join Code". Students who do not want to write the AP exam for their course in May 2027, must let their teachers know by November 12th so that their exam order can be cancelled without a fee. For those students writing their exam, please be sure to pay your fee(s) (\$160) online through your School Cash Online account by November 12th.

Self-Study Students:

Handsworth Secondary will be offering the following AP Exam sittings for students enrolled in self-study courses at a cost of \$295 per exam:

Week 1	8:00am	12:00pm
Monday May 3, 2027		Biology
Tuesday May 4, 2027		Microeconomics
Wednesday May 5, 2027		Physics 1: Algebra
Thursday	French Language & Culture Physics 2: Algebra	Chemistry
Friday		Macroeconomics

Week 2	8:00am	12:00pm
Monday May 10, 2027	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Tuesday May 11, 2027		Statistics
Wednesday May 12, 2027	English Language & Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday May 13, 2027		
Friday May 14, 2027	Computer Science Principles	Psychology

For students who are completing **courses through self-study** and not within a Handsworth AP class, you will need to **complete the following 3 steps by November 12, 2026:**

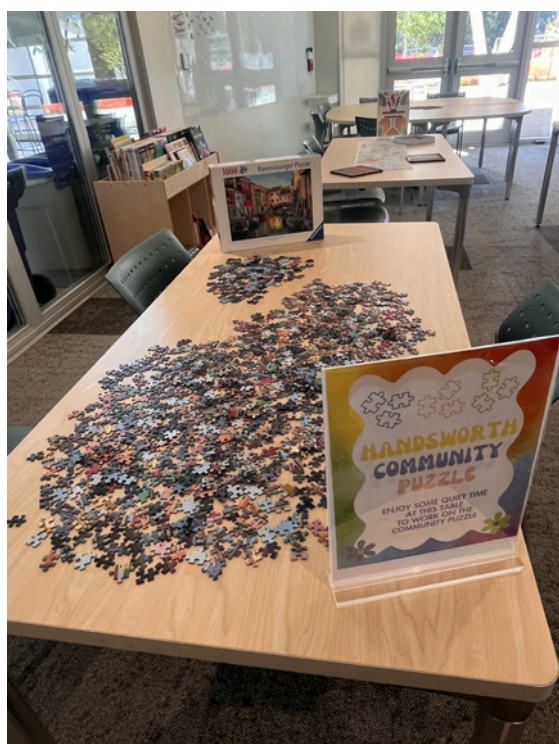
1. Request an exam sitting by filling out the form using this [link](#): **REGISTER TODAY!**
2. Pay an exam fee (\$295). Pay through the School Cash Online emailed to you after completing the request form. If you decide not to write before November 12th, there will be a \$75 processing fee. **After November 12th, there are no refunds for cancelled exams or exam no-shows.**
3. Once you have completed the two steps above (form and payment), you will be emailed a "Join Code" to the email address you have provided on the form. Once you have your "Join Code" you must then register yourself with the College Board to indicate you will be joining a "Self-Study" course section and will be writing the exam at Handsworth.

Any questions, please contact the Handsworth AP Coordinator at npowell@sd44.ca

Library Learning Commons

Welcome back from the Handsworth Library Learning Commons. We love hearing what the students have been reading over the summer.

We've got more than books! Come enjoy the community colouring page and puzzle and check out our brand new magazine/newspaper resource program. Requests encouraged!



Boys Club

We are excited to share that the Boys Club will be returning this fall following a highly successful inaugural year. Students met weekly to share lunch, build connections, explore values, and support one another in a welcoming and respectful space.

Rooted in the principles of **HOPE** – Hope, Opportunity, Positive Mentorship, and Education – the Boys Club fosters personal growth and meaningful relationships with peers and mentors.

We are proud to recognize that Malen van den Berg was awarded a scholarship last year in honour of his outstanding service and commitment to the Boys Club.

A highlight of the year was our incredible group of guest speakers, whose stories and mentorship made a lasting impact. We extend our sincere thanks to:

- Brandon McLaren – Actor/Musician
- Paulo Areaga – Police Liaison
- Peri Mainwaring – RCMP Officer in Charge
- Robert Maingot – Body Builder/Musician
- Dr. Keyvan Hadad – Pediatrician
- Jonathan Wilkinson – Member of Parliament
- Keith Gallant – Choices Teacher
- Carl Valentine – Whitecaps Ambassador/Former Player
- Commander Arthur Hastings – Naval Reserve
- Cary Hungle – Handsworth Principal
- Bruce Barnett – BC Lions Football, Handsworth Alumni
- Chance Daldy – LAC Teacher, Handsworth staff
- Dr. Erica Harris – Chiropractor, Cancer Survivor
- Jian Pablico – Motivational Speaker
- Jay Prepchuk – Counsellor, Coach, Football Player (BC Hall of Sports)
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We look forward to building on this strong foundation. The Boys Club will begin meeting at the end of September 2026, and we warmly invite interested students to join. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Daldy, Mr. Craik, Mr. Mustapich, and Mr. Pather



Waterloo University Chemistry contest in May 2026

The top finishers in the Waterloo University Chemistry contest in May 2026 are current grade 12 students, pictured from left to right:

Jordan Rahim (2nd place in North Vancouver)

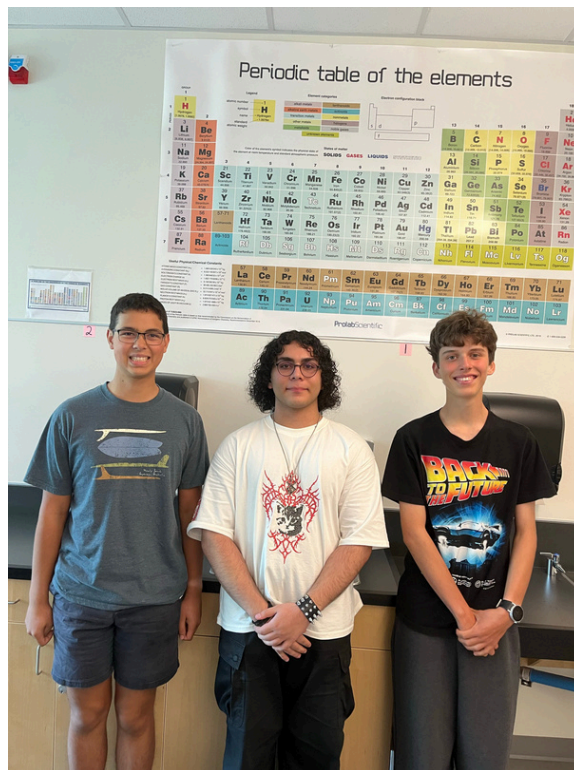
Amirabas Karimi (1st place in North Vancouver)

Aidan Heeney (3rd place in North Vancouver).

Amir also holds the distinction of a perfect score on the Thompson Rivers University Contest, placing 1st overall.

Congratulations go out to these outstanding students, and we encourage students to sign up for the Chemistry 11 and 12 contests in May 2027!

(Details about these contests will be communicated after March Break!)



Parents of the 2027 Grad Class

Grad 2027 parent committee is starting to plan!

Parent planned activities are a highlight throughout the grade 12 year and we need your contact information to get started.

Please complete the google document below so you don't miss out on important events and information:

Click here! → [Fill in the Google Doc](#)

Share the form with all your Grade 12 contacts!

Parents can also follow our new Instagram Account: [handsworthgrad2027](#)

Please send any questions to: hss.grad.events.2027@gmail.com

Upcoming Grad Events

- **Thursday, October 15** - Parent Pub Night - The Black Kettle Brewing Company, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
- **Friday, February 19** - Winter Formal - The Pipe Shop



Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches—OPENED September 21st

Hot Lunch is coming back on October 1, 2026! Our usual favorites are back... sushi, pizza and subs! Based on your many requests, we have **added Mexican** this year! Looking forward to seeing all your faces very soon! Please help support Handsworth!!



Order your Royals Hot Lunches: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth>.

Ordering will stay open for the entire of the school year.

Monies raised go towards buying items for all our sports activities – Our Handsworth athletes have performed incredibly well last year and with your support we can continue this momentum!

Place your Royals Hot Lunch: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth>, providing lunch is easier than ever!

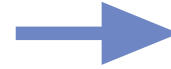


Handsworth PAC News

The following content is shared on behalf the Handsworth Parent Advisory Council

Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram. (@handsworthpac).

Make sure to subscribe to the new [HPAC newsletter!](#)



SEPTEMBER MEETING

HANDSWORTH PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

LOCATION:

Handsworth Secondary
School, Learning Commons



This meeting includes elections for our vacant executive positions. We are looking forward to electing a new Chair, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. If you have ever been curious about how the PAC works, or you have been meaning to get more involved, this is the meeting to come to.

No experience needed, and no commitment required just to show up. Come listen, ask a few questions, meet the team, and hear what we have planned for the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome. See you on the 28th.

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information, Agenda and Meeting Minutes.