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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



September 25, 2026

Dear Class of 2027 and Parents/Guardians,

It has been a pleasure these past couple of weeks to welcome our Grade 12 students to the beginning of their graduation year and the culmination of their K-12 experience. Grade 12 can be an exciting year, with much opportunity to celebrate, but also with plenty of work to do, so it is important for student to stay on top of their studies and remain mindful of graduation requirements.

David Craik (Grade 12 Counsellor), Stephanie Carabetta (Grad Council Sponsor), Christina Higgins (Scholarship Committee Chair) and myself, Cary Hungle (Grade 12 Administrator), are working together to support our grade 12's this year, to ensure they have access to the information they need for graduation, and to plan the school-sanctioned grad activities. In order to share out information about the graduation year and post-secondary planning, we will host-an information meeting on Thursday, October 1st, at 6:00pm in the Handsworth Theatre.

To assist with planning, please find important dates below. These, and others as they are added, are listed in the [Grad 2027 and Grade 12 Information Page](#) on the Handsworth Website.

Thursday, October 1	Grade 12 Parent Information Meeting , 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Handsworth Theatre
Friday, October 2	Canadian University Event , 11:00am – 1:30pm at <u>Argyle Secondary</u> (open to NVSD students) Over 40 Canadian post-secondary institutions will have booths with representatives available.
Tuesday, October 27	Post Secondary BC Information Night , 5:30 – 7:00pm at Handsworth. BC universities, colleges, institutes, and governmental education organizations with booths set-up and representatives to provide information and answer questions.
Various Dates	Post Secondary Institution Visits , Detailed information can be on the school website under Post Secondary Visits and Open Houses . Please check back often for updates; the site will be updated as information is received from the various institutions.
December 13-19	Artona Graduation Portraits – Individual Photo Session , at the Artona Studio. Book your studio session here: ARTONA
Friday, April 23	Capstone Presentations , during class time

Friday, June 11	Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal and Breakfast, 7:30 – 9:00am
Monday, June 14	Graduation Ceremony , 7:00pm at the Orpheum Theatre
Friday, June 18	Graduation 2027 Dinner and Dance Banquet , 6:00 – 11:00pm at the Westin Bayshore Hotel

Message from Stephanie Carabetta – Grad Council Sponsor Teacher

If your graduate is looking for ways to get involved in their last year of school, Grad Council may be the right fit for them! It's an excellent opportunity for them to bond with their grad class, create lasting memories, and show leadership and initiative by planning and organizing events. For more information, please see the [Grad Council](#) webpage.

Message from Grad 2027 Parent Committee

The Parent Grad Committee is excited to plan and host the parent-sponsored events for the Class of 2027! The Committee sponsored the "Last First Day" celebration during SeniorFest on September 8th and is now looking forward to its fall fundraiser, The Parent Pub Night, in October. The Winter Formal will take place in February and as always, the Committee will host a Senior Breakfast before the Graduation Rehearsal in June. Communication is active and committees are forming, so if you are not receiving our emails, please contact Debbie Moore at hss.grad.events.2027@gmail.com or visit [handsworthgrad2027](#) on Instagram and fill out the Google Form in the bio. We look forward to seeing you soon...Cheers to the Class of 2027!

I have enjoyed starting to get to know our graduates better during these first few weeks and look forward to working with this grad class throughout the 2026/27 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at chungle@sd44.ca.

Sincerely,

Cary Hungle
Principal