

ROYALS NEWS

The Handsworth community develops empowered, innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity

Remembrance Day



Students, staff, and guests gathered on November 10th to honour the thousands of soldiers who defend our way of life. Retired Brigadier-General Don Macnamara spoke to the importance of knowing, Mme Yaraghi shared her moving personal story with war. Great performances from the Senior Wind Ensemble, Film & Television 12 class and the Advanced Dance Company were also highlights of the ceremony. Thank you to all the students and staff that made this touching tribute possible.



Photos by Oskar Blyt & Angus McInnes

Here are some of the great things happening in December:

Santa's Breakfast (Dec 18th, 2015)

Don't forget it is Santa's Breakfast and PJ Day on the last day of school this month, Dec. 18. Tickets are \$3 which will get you pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and a tiny little candy cane made for you by Santa's Elves in the North Pole. All the money will be donated to a charity chosen by your Student Council members.

Breakfast will begin at 7:45 am. Grade 8 classes will be coming to Santa's Wonderland in the Cafeteria to take part in the Breakfast and enjoy some fun with the Elves during the first block on Friday. Don't forget your camera to capture the spirit of joy and sharing in our photo booth.

Tickets can be purchased in advance in the Gallery during lunch beginning on each of our Festive Friday events in December and everyday beginning Dec. 14.

Handsworth Sweet Music

In December, all ensembles will be playing in the Sweet Music concert, which includes a bake sale and raffle draws with entrance by donation. It is always a wonderful event to spread some holiday cheer. Please join us on Dec. 9th at 7:00pm in the large gym.

Model UN

Handsworth was well represented at the 'Connectmun' Model United Nations Conference from Nov. 20 to Nov.22. Our six students joined 650 students for 2 nights at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver to try to resolve some of the world's most perplexing problems. Each student prepared a position paper and presented it to the conference, and then debated resolutions on issues like the current refugee crisis; cybercrime; nuclear proliferation; and the environment (to name a few.)

Especially exciting was the midnight crisis according to our delegate Angus McInnes. After a whole day of school and evening meetings, students met again in their committees from 11:55pm until 1:30am only to get up and meet all the next day and into the evening! Our Delegate Maggie Yang said it was exhausting, but a great learning experience.

All students are welcome to join our Handsworth Model UN Club every Friday at lunch in rm. 219b. Beginners are welcome. Mr. MacKenzie is the staff sponsor.



French Immersion Play

The two AP French Immersion 12 classes are working extremely hard on their original theatrical productions: "Les 5 indices" and "Les incurables". The two plays will be performed during December 7-10 for Handsworth students as well as other French Immersion schools.

"Les 5 indices" will be open to the public on December 8th at 6:00 pm and "Les incurables" will be open to the public on December 10th at 7:00 pm. Both performances will be taking place in the Drama room (Room 131).

Daily Physical Activity

Reminder to students that Daily Physical Activity Forms are due to the main office by December 7th.

Grad Photos

Grad photos are scheduled for January 16th to January 23, 2016 at Mountain West Studios. This photo will be your Yearbook photo. There is no charge for the photo, so please have one taken even if you are not planning to buy photos. Please visit www.mountainwest.ca for more information.

Grade 12 Parent Night

Parents and Guardians are invited to a presentation regarding graduation, safe grad, and general post-secondary information.

Please join us in the school library on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm.

Report Cards

Term 1 reports cards will be distributed on December 11th during a special homeroom at 12:30pm.



Feature: No Regrets Basketball Tournament.

The North Shore Invitational Basketball Tournament has a storied past over its almost 25 year history with the likes of Steve Nash and Robert Sacré participating in the tournament. It is with great pride and excitement that the Quinn Keast Foundation takes on responsibility for the operations of the tournament. Nearing 10 years of existence, the Quinn Keast Foundation has hosted basketball games, built outdoor courts and awarded scholarships to numerous high school students, all while taking the 'No Regrets' approach. Therefore, it seems fitting that with the evolution of this local tournament, it be rebranded as the "No Regrets Basketball Tournament".

Historically, the tournament has been host to a boy's bracket, but the No Regrets Basketball Tournament is expanding its roots by adding an 8-team girl's division to the lineup of events. The 2015 tournament will include teams from across western Canada including teams from Saskatoon, Calgary and Kamloops, as well as many of our local North Shore teams.



In addition to adding the girl's bracket, this year's tournament will have a strong community presence and will work to increase attendance. This will be done with online and social media presence, dance teams, mascots, and pep rallies - getting the North Shore involved, and getting students, parents and the general public excited about the high level of basketball being represented. There will be scholarships awarded, rewarding the recipients for their dedication and passion for their sport.

The No Regrets Basketball Tournament sets its aim towards providing a memorable experience for all participants. British Columbia is known for its amazing basketball tournaments, so our goal is to leave the student-athletes with great memories and an eagerness to return the following year, while spreading the mantra of "No Regrets" and its relevance to BC basketball. This simple saying is something that many of us have lived our lives by over the last decade and truly believe it is a message worth spreading. With terrible losses, like the passing of a great person such as Quinn Keast, comes great motivation to be better. With the inspiration of Quinn's story by our side, the No Regrets Basketball Tournament committee is both proud and excited to bring this special event to our local gyms for many years to come.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces in the crowds during the 3-day tournament. We thank everyone that has helped us make our vision for this tournament a reality by sponsoring the event.

Fall Athletics Update

by Davis Jevning

Football:

The Handsworth Royals finished off their season with an impressive record of 4-1, finishing second in their league only because of point differential. With a respectable victory over Salmon Arm to finish off their 2015 regular season, the Royals were advancing into the playoffs. Unfortunately they came up short against the No4 ranked New Westminster Hyacks, to finish off their season. However the team was still extremely pleased with their results, and are looking to do even higher next year. The Royals had 5 league all-stars this season in Sam Tholl, Gerard Carrasco, Jacob Ghazizadeh, Jack Finlay, and Shareef Sadain. Also Jacob Ghazizadeh finishing his 5th season as a provincial All-Star and Sam Tholl winning Gr.11 player of the year. Lastly we would like to thank all the graduating players, as well as the 5th year guys who gave 5 hard years into our amazing program.



Field Hockey:

The Royals field hockey team, had a very successful season as they lost 12 grade 12 players last year, and with only 6 returning players, the Varsity field hockey team was very young, but didn't let that hold them back whatsoever. The Royals came away in a very respectable 4th place finish in the Bridgman Cup, which is the most prestigious and longest living tournament in BC. They brought home the North Shore banner against the Argyle Pipers in a very hard fought game by both sides. With this victory, they were off to the provincials in Cowichan, where they finished at the top of their pool in the first round, and then won the quarter final game with a very solid result 3-0 to punch their ticket into the semi-finals against Kelowna, where they were victorious 1-0, to secure a spot in the AAA Final against Cowichan, where they lost a very heart breaking game in a shootout.



Volleyball:

The 2015 Royals varsity volleyball team has a very strong team. With an impressive 15 women roster, and 11 of them being returning players, the Royals are a very experienced team. The Royals are ranked No1 in AAAA, and have an undefeated regular season, only losing in tournament play. The Royals also have a very impressive tournament record winning the North Shores, Lower Mainlands, BCO Invitational, and the Heat Tournament. The Royals are headed to Nanaimo later this week for the 2015 Provincial Tournament with sights of winning it all, and bringing home the trophy. The last time the Royals did this was 5 years ago and they are extremely hungry for another championship. Finishing first in their league the Royals are very confident, and hope to keep the winning streak alive. Go Royals!



Handsworth Drama:

The Handsworth Dance, Film, and Theatre Programs.

The Handsworth Dance, Film, and Theatre programs are based on a project-based learning model. Rooted in a highly flexible, yet well-structured design thinking process, we focus on the “big picture” and integrate the prescribed learning outcomes and curriculum around a shared artistic vision. The vision of the dance, film, and theatre programs are rooted around the student’s co-creations, which includes the annual school play and Hands Up performances at Centennial Theatre. Students write, direct, choreograph, and film original creations, which essentially are learning designs that shape the students’ learning pathway. Senior students are designers, creators, and natural leaders who guide their grade 8-12 peers through a creative process. Over time, the junior students become senior students who “pay it forward” and pass down the values and traditions to the next generation of learners, who are encouraged to explore new creative possibilities.



The practice of co-creating as designers and serving as role-models is based around a shared core philosophy: “by co-creating a production, we create a community”. Through the process of being connected to a supportive and caring community, students are more likely to be motivated to do better personally, artistically, and academically. They strive to be ideal citizens taking on the responsibilities of uniting over twenty classes and hundreds of Handsworth students through a shared vision. The focus is not about the vision of one teacher, one student, one director, one choreographer, or even one overall program design, but

rather on integrating a diverse range of creative ideas and providing opportunities for expression and exploration of ideas. While the events of the final performances drive the momentum of the curriculum pathway, it is in the day-to-day unpredictable interactions of people, curriculum, and art-making where learning unfolds in an organic manner.



Upcoming Handsworth Drama Productions:

***THE ART OF HOPE***

April 7-9, 2016 @ Centennial Theatre

This year our play, *The Art of Hope*, examines the fundamental ties between families, our communities, and the larger global world. As strangers meet in a park near an unusual piece of art, each of them is affected by it in different ways. The artist has created his masterpiece in hopes of winning back his girlfriend's affections. Unfortunately, the media attention that surrounds the art, exposes details about their private lives, and eventually reveals a heart-breaking secret about their

past. Fundamentally the play explores a timely issue: how do we remain hopeful, in an increasingly complex world? *The Art of Hope* is the creation of our grade 12 writing team, along with almost 200 students from grade 10-12 theatre, dance company, English, and technical production classes.

HANDSWORTH FILM FESTIVAL

Wednesday, May 11 @ Handsworth

Film 11/12 students showcase their best films of the year!

HANDS UP

Tuesday, May 31 & Wednesday, June 1 @ Centennial Theatre

Hands Up highlights a wide range of students' works and talents from the dance, film, and junior drama classes. Due to the huge success of the November 25th Hands Up show, we have added an extra Hands Up show in the spring.



Handsworth Drama:

Staff Bio



David Beare

Currently David Beare teaches all the grade 10-12 theatre and production courses. He works closely with the grade 12 directing students to develop their leadership skills as they direct scenes with their younger peers. In addition, he works closely with the grade 12 writing team to co-write the annual school play at Centennial Theatre, a tradition that he has developed with his colleagues over his 20 years at Handsworth. Every year since 2005, he has been teaching various pedagogical courses in the Faculty of Education department at UBC. His teaching practice and research is rooted in theatre for positive youth development.

Tracey Lloyd

In addition to teaching Humanities 8, Tracey Lloyd now teaches all the Drama/Dance 8 classes. She introduces the S.A.F.E. model to her students, which is the foundation of the performing arts program at Handsworth: Sensitivity (empathy towards all that surrounds us); Awareness (the ability to observe and to develop inner and outer

“consciousness”); Freedom (self-confidence to express oneself without inhibition); and Energy (a degree of commitment to the work that impacts an audience). At the last *Hands Up* show, along with the leadership of senior student choreographers, she directed the grade 8s in *Evolution 8*--a showcase of popular dances from the 1950s to today. She also continues to teach English 12 TP. This is a course that allows performing arts students to connect some of their English 12 course content to the themes emerging in each year's major school play.

Elizabeth Isabelle

This is Elizabeth Isabelle's second year at Handsworth. Currently, she teaches in the French Immersion program, and she runs the Handsworth dance company program. This year she expanded the dance company program by including a new dance 9 class. She is the key organizer of the successful bi-annual Hands Up shows, which includes organizing the senior choreographers to develop original dances and to lead their grade 8-12 peers. For the past ten years, Elizabeth Isabelle has led a highly successful classical ballet training program on the North Shore, and she is currently taking her Masters in Education at UBC in Educational Administration & Leadership.

Crystal Primrose

For the current school year, Crystal Primrose is on maternity leave with her third child. Typically she teaches drama 9 and Film 11/12. She started teaching drama at Handsworth in 2007, and over time she has developed the annual film festival at Handsworth. Crystal Primrose is also one of many teachers on staff who have graduated from Handsworth.

Carol Adamson

Carol Adamson is a new teacher fresh out of UBC's teacher education program. She is replacing Crystal Primrose during her maternity leave. Currently she is teaching Drama 9, Film 11/12, and PE Dance 10. She plans to organize the annual Handsworth film festival, and she intends to assist with the annual school play.

Hermila Gallaher

Hermila Gallaher works as a support worker in the LAC program. Also, she is an integral part of the theatre arts department. Her granddaughter, who was heavily involved in the dance company program, graduated from Handsworth last year. Since 1999 Hermila has worked as the head props master and works backstage with all our major school plays and Hands Up shows at Centennial Theatre.