

# Royals News

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## June Events

### 2016-2017 Japan Exchange

Current Gr 8 students interested in participating in the 2016-17 Japan Exchange, should attend an information evening on Wed. June 8th @ 7pm in the library. The first component of the exchange is hosting of a pair of students (in coordination with another Handsworth family) from Inage High School from October 7-14th, 2016. Our travel dates to Japan for next year are April 4-18, 2017. Any questions, please see Mr. Barrett in Room 213 or email [mbarrett@sd44.ca](mailto:mbarrett@sd44.ca)

### Music: Finale concerts - June 6th & June 7th, 2016

June 6<sup>th</sup> was the Junior concert and June 7<sup>th</sup> is the Senior concert. The concert starts at 7:00pm and takes place at Highlands United Church, 3255 Edgemont Blvd, in the village. These are the final concerts of the year.

## Senior Ultimate Team

The recently revived Handsworth Senior Ultimate team competed at the Provincial High School Ultimate Championships held at the Newton Athletic Centre over the weekend. Despite missing about half their roster, the team played their hearts out in four games and ended up tied with a few other teams for thirteenth place. This was an amazing accomplishment as the team only started practising together a couple of months ago, and many of their opponents have played together for years!

During the season the students honed their skills at two-hour practises held twice a week. Their hard work paid off when they beat highly ranked Windsor Secondary at the North Shore District Finals clinching third place and a berth at the provincial tournament. The Handsworth team was comprised of twenty-three male and female Grade 11 and 12 student athletes and was led this year by coach Cody Hubbard.

Many thanks to teacher-sponsor Mike Schafer for his support of this student-led initiative throughout the season, especially in the torrential rain!



## **TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival**

The Handsworth Senior Jazz Band will have the honour of playing at the Jazz Festival Youth Showcase at Robson Square on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please check the festival web site: <http://www.coastaljazz.ca/> There are two former Handsworth students performing. Laila Biali and Renee Rosnes are both grads from our school playing in separate ensembles at the festival. Check out some of the free concerts in various sights around the city. Congratulations to all the music students for a full and fantastic year!

## **Report Card and Yearbook Homeroom - Wednesday , June 29th, 2016**

Report cards and yearbooks will be distributed on Wednesday, June 29th. Grade 11-12 homeroom will be at 10:30am, and Grade 8-10 homeroom will be at 1:00pm. Students with debts will receive a fee invoice instead of a report card. They will be asked to clear up their debts in the library before receiving their report card. Students unable to clear up their debts on the day of Report Card distribution will need to pick up their report card from the Main Office after 3pm.

## **Student Council BBQ - Tuesday, June 21st, 2016**

Student Council will be hosting a student BBQ on Tuesday, June 21st during lunch. Student Council will be serving hotdogs, juice, and baked chips or ice cream. The BBQ is free for all students, and students will receive food tickets from the locker clean-up homeroom.

## **Grad Ceremony - Monday, June 20th, 2016**

The 2016 Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 20th, 2016 at 6:15pm at the Orpheum. Tickets for the Graduation Ceremony will be available at the Orpheum for \$8.00 each. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on June 16th at noon in the large gym. All grads must attend the rehearsal. For more information please contact Ms. Schwegler at [sschwegler@sd44.ca](mailto:sschwegler@sd44.ca).

## **Grad Banquet - Saturday, June 11th, 2016**

Just a reminder to all parents attending the graduation banquet that both parents and students will be subject to a security check at the door. The event begins at 6pm with dinner served promptly at 7pm. The Hyatt will not serve dinner until all guests are seated. Please ensure you are at your table no later than 6:50 pm. Please respect that this is a dry-grad event and guests are not to be under the influence of alcohol or other substances.

## **France/Vimy Ridge - 2017 Tour**

April 9th 2017 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the First World War battle of Vimy Ridge. This historic event marked the first time all four Canadian divisions were assembled together as a unit and ultimately lead to the first decisive and significant victory of the Great War for the allies. It is also referenced by many historians as a defining moment for our nation that solidified our identity and independence from Britain. Handsworth is proud to be a part of the 100th Anniversary ceremony!! We will be there, along with thousands of fellow Canadians to commemorate the event and recognize and appreciate the impact the great war had on so many. Our 7 day tour (**April 6-13, 2017**) will have us exploring and discovering Vimy, the Somme region, Paris and Versailles. There will be an information meeting on **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the library for all students & parents interested in attending. Please **RSVP** to Mr. Audia at [saudia@sd44.ca](mailto:saudia@sd44.ca) . For more information, please see Mr. Audia in Room 208.

## **Cuba Fine Arts Tour - Spring Break 2017**

This is a reminder that June 16<sup>th</sup> is the due date that forms need to be in to secure a spot on this trip! Please do not include a cheque as the new fee payment system is in effect. A fee will be added to each student's account. Then you will be able to make a payment by eCheck or credit card. Please go to: <https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com> You will need your student's student number.

## Program Spotlight: Summer Learning



### Important Changes to Summer Learning Review and Completion

Summer Learning is offering two new Review and Completion courses: Literacy and Numeracy. Both courses will be offered at the Grade 8 and 9 levels. This year, Summer Learning students will be learning Literacy and Numeracy through the big ideas and concepts that are foundational for student understanding.

Students who register for Math 8 and 9, or English 8 and 9 classes (Numeracy and Literacy) will be assessed on the first day of classes and then regrouped -providing the opportunity for directed individualized learning, depending on the gaps in learning and needs for support as demonstrated through the assessments.

The Literacy and Numeracy programs are designed for students who will benefit from increasing their knowledge in the subject matter through acquiring the necessary skills in these areas of study. Courses are targeted for students who are at risk of failing or have achieved under 50% in the course. Students will receive a passing mark (pass/fail) for the course if they meet the learning outcomes.

We are excited about the shift this year in the vision for Summer Learning and plan to run an exciting and innovative program to support students who need this additional time and extension in learning.

Find additional information on our Summer Learning website: <http://www.sd44.ca/school/summer/Pages/default.aspx>

## Program Spotlight: Environmental Club



This year the Environmental Club strived to improve the environment in our local community. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to partake in a shoreline cleanup in Stanley Park on May 21st. Our club's mantra this year was to provide the community with the necessary environmental knowledge to confront real problems with attainable solutions. Over the course of the day we had the opportunity to speak with many people on the beach and tell them about our club's goals and why we were doing the cleanup. We were able to show the community that there are many accessible ways to improve and protect our environment.

Later that day our club had the chance to try paddleboarding and kayaking. There were varying degrees of success paddleboarding and most people stayed dry. Everyone in our club enjoyed the day and we all look forward to having many other day trips with this club. The day was incredibly fun and we had the opportunity to see why we advocate so strongly for environmental awareness in our community. Our day on the water was not only to enjoy ourselves but also to remind us why we need to care and protect the delicate ecosystem we live in.



## Provincial Exam Schedule

Bold = E-Exam

Date	9:00am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm
<b>Wednesdays, June 22nd</b>		Social Studies 11 --- <i>Large Gym</i>
		<b>Sciences Humaines 11 - Room 213 &amp; 215</b>
<b>Thursday, June 23rd</b>	English 10 --- <i>Large Gym</i>	<b>First Nations 12 - Room 213 &amp; 215</b>
<b>Friday, June 24th</b>	English 12 --- <i>Large Gym</i>	Science 10 --- <i>Large Gym</i>
		<b>Sciences Naturelles 10 --- Room 213 &amp; 215</b>
<b>Monday, June 27th</b>	Communication 12 - <i>Large Gym</i>	Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10 --- <i>Large Gym</i>
		Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus 10 --- <i>Large Gym</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 28th</b>	<b>Francais Langue Seconde- Immersion 12 --- Room 213 &amp; 215</b>	

# Handsworth PAC News

Handsworth Parent Advisory Council AGM

The Handsworth PAC AGM was held in the school library on Monday, May 16th. The evening included music by Senior Jazz Band students, a Heart Talks video presentation featuring Handsworth teachers and delicious refreshments.

HPAC Co-Chair Caroline Ramsay gave a year-end report highlighting the many interesting PAC meetings and events held over the past year. The treasurer's report outlined where the gaming funds were spent this year and the many programs that have benefitted.

It was also time to say thank you and good-bye to three long-serving executive members: Co-Chair Caroline Ramsay, Member at Large Holly Robertson and Treasurer Kathy McGreener. Their positive energy and amazing organizational skills have helped strengthen the role of the HPAC and truly made a difference in the lives of students and families over the past five years.

The election and re-election of HPAC executive members for the 2016-17 year was also done.

HPAC Co-Chairs: Katy MacLellan and Carolyn Warner,  
Treasurer: Dave Anderson  
Secretary: Sylvia Sanchez  
DPAC Representative: Elly Safari  
Members At Large: Gitte Oldendorff, Azita Namazi, Lori Wheeler

Parent Representatives to the Athletic Council were also elected:  
Lori Wheeler and Andrea Campbell.

The meeting ended with a Principal's Report by Dr. Overgaard which included news about curriculum and staffing changes, the school Athletic Council, and new programs for next year, including the Grade 8 Outdoor School Retreat.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended this final meeting of the year. Your questions and comments made it an informative and lively gathering and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to Handsworth at our next meeting on Monday, September 19th.

Last but not least, our congratulations to the Handsworth Graduates of 2016. We have so enjoyed hearing about your enriched learning experiences and many accomplishments over the past five years, and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

To learn more about HPAC, please visit [www.handsworthpac.com](http://www.handsworthpac.com)

## HPAC Annual Handsworth Staff Luncheon

The date for this year's HPAC-sponsored staff luncheon has been set for **Tuesday, June 28th**. This annual HPAC event is great opportunity for parents to show their appreciation for the Handsworth staff and thank them for all they do for our children throughout the year. You can do your part in making this a memorable lunch and maintaining this wonderful tradition by providing a salad or dessert, donating cash, or volunteering your time to help with the event. Please use this link to sign up, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fafaf22a1fc1-handsworth>. Questions: Maura at [maurab@shaw.ca](mailto:maurab@shaw.ca)



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## Handsworth Secondary School Calendar 2016-2017

Schools Open (Partial Day for Students)	<b>Tuesday</b> , September 6, 2016
School Based Professional Day	September 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	October 10, 2016
Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	October 21, 2016
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2016
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (Teacher New Curriculum Training)	November 14, 2016
Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	December 16, 2016
Winter Vacation Period	December 19, 2016 to January 2, 2017
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	<b>Tuesday</b> , January 3, 2017
<b>(Note: 2017 Starts on a Week 1 Rotation)</b>	
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation)	January 20, 2017
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	February 13, 2017
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	February 24, 2017
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 10, 2017
Spring Vacation Period	March 13, 2017 to March 24, 2017
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	<b>Monday</b> , March 27, 2017
Good Friday	April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	April 17, 2017
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	May 8, 2017
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	May 22, 2017
School Based Professional Day	June 2, 2017
Provincial Exams	June 23 to June 28, 2017
Last Day of School	June 29, 2017
ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	June 30, 2017
Late Start Wednesday (9:50 am)	September 28, 2016
	November 30, 2016
	January 25, 2017
	April 26, 2017

## Year-End Procedures:

### YEAR-END STUDENT INFORMATION 2016

(PLEASE NOTE: All dates below are subject to change with short notice)

#### 1. LOCKERS

##### All Grades

- Your locker must be cleaned out by Tuesday, June 21st.
- Homeroom on Tuesday, June 21st at 12:10pm for locker clean out forms and locker tag
- Locker clean out forms must be signed by a staff member
- Any items remaining in lockers after June 21<sup>st</sup> will be placed in the Lost and Found.
- Locks will be collected during Homeroom on Tuesday, June 21st. You will be given a tag to record your combination and attach to your lock; all material must be removed from your locker by this time. There will be a \$15 cleaning charge if your locker needs to be cleaned by school personnel. Cleaning materials may be borrowed from the main office.

#### 2. TEXTBOOKS/LOCKS

- It is your responsibility to ensure your textbooks are returned to subject teachers. DO NOT hand in textbooks to the office.

#### 3. YEAR-END FORM

- If you had a locker and do not have a year-end form signed by a staff member, it will be considered an outstanding item and will be assessed a fee invoice.
- Year-end forms will be given at homeroom on Tuesday June 21st

#### 4. ASSESSMENTS

- You will be charged for missing textbooks, uniforms, and other school items.

#### 5. REPORT CARDS

- All report cards will be available for pick-up during a homeroom on Wednesday, June 29th.
- Students in grade 11 & 12 will receive their report cards in homeroom at 10:30am On Wednesday, June 29th
- Students in grade 8-10 will receive their report cards in homeroom on Wednesday, June 29th @ 1pm.
- Students with debts will receive a fee invoice instead of a Report Card. They will be asked to clear up their debts in the library before receiving their Report Card.
- Students unable to clear up their debts on the day of Report Card distribution will need to pick up their Report Card from the Main Office after 3pm.

#### 6. YEARBOOKS

- If you purchased a Yearbook, they will be distributed on June 29th in the Small Gym at 11am for grade 11 & 12 students, and at 1:30pm for students in grade 8-10, provided all debts have been paid. A Yearbook will not be issued to any student owing the school any outstanding monies or books.

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Default.aspx](http://www.Sd44.Ca/School/Handsworth/Pages/Default.aspx) Or Follow Us On Twitter @HandsworthHSS**