

ROYALS NEWS

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

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone. I hope your summer break has been an opportunity to recharge and find some quiet relaxing moments in your life as we head into an exciting new school year. I would like to welcome our new Grade 8 students and their parents to Handsworth Secondary, as we prepare for the 2016-2017 school year.

The theme we will be working with at Handsworth this year is "Deeper Student Engagement." Last year we focused on "Understanding How the World and the Workplace has Changed" and as a staff explored the "Design Thinking" process and the importance of teachers as designers.

We will continue this work this year as we continue to evolve our education practice based on good research and needing to meet student's needs to prepare them for their future in a rapidly changing world.

Student enrollment at Handsworth will again be approximately 1,500 students. Overall student enrollment is climbing in North Vancouver after many years of declining enrollment, and coupled with prudent fiscal management by our School Board, this means North Vancouver School District and Handsworth are in a financially secure position as we face the new school year.

Our excellent custodial staff has completed the summer cleaning of classrooms and hallways throughout the building. Handsworth looks fantastic and we are ready for the new school year.

I am proud and honoured to be the Principal of Handsworth and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

Dr. David Overgaard
Principal
Handsworth Secondary School

Environmental Club



Come join the Handsworth Environmental Club! Our goal is to provide the community with the necessary environmental knowledge to confront real problems with attainable solutions. The club is a great way to establish new connections, work on projects that benefit our community and learn how to be effective environmental advocates.

Last year, among other projects, we hosted the first ever Be Aware Fair showcasing companies and organizations that are striving to utilize sustainable practices. We meet Fridays at lunch in room 200. We hope to see you there!

September Events

Strachan Hartley Legacy Run The TENTH annual Strachan Hartley Legacy Run will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2016. The event will include all of the features you have grown to love - outstanding community vibe, the choice of a challenging 10km or stroller-friendly 5km, Kiddies Fun Race and 100% for charity. To find out more information about the Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation or to sign up for any of the activities please visit shlf.ca. To volunteer at the event please contact the Handsworth main office.

Buchanan Bowl at Carson Graham The 30th Annual Buchanan Bowl will take place on Saturday, September 17th with the Junior boys football team taking on Carson Graham at 10:30am. The Senior Football game will take place at 1:30pm. Come enjoy this great North Shore tradition and support our student-athletes.

Club Day On Wednesday, September 28th, students are encouraged to visit the main gallery for Club Day. Student clubs will host information booths on the many clubs and extra-curricular activities Handsworth offers. Students who are interested in starting their own club are asked to speak with their grade level student council representative.

Terry Fox Run - On Thursday, September 29, 2016 all Handsworth students and staff will be taking part in the Terry Fox Run. We will begin with a warm up on the field, followed by a planned route around the community.

Many people today have a connection to someone who has cancer so the run can serve as a personal dedication to a friend or relative, as well as necessary fundraising. We are encouraging students to donate a Toonie for Terry on the day of the run. There is also an opportunity for donations to be made online on our school page of the Terry Fox Foundation website. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated and donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.

If you choose to donate online, please go to www.terryfox.org or click this direct link <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=703027#&panel1-1> which will take you directly to Handsworth's school page on the Terry Fox Foundation website. The site is secure and receipts for donations can be printed immediately upon completing your credit card donation.

We are pleased to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Event and we encourage our students to dress in appropriate clothing and footwear for our walk/ run. Thank you in advance for your support.

For Update Information On Events And News About Handsworth, Visit Our Website Www.Sd44.Ca/School/Handsworth/Pages/Default.aspx Or Follow Us On Twitter @HandsworthHSS

Innovation Wednesdays

The intent is to introduce new learning opportunities that integrate academic disciplines and promote inquiry learning and project based learning, elements of the BC Education Plan. All students will be engaged in learning activities during innovation time and student attendance will be recorded.



Staff and Students brainstorming ideas for Innovation Wednesdays

This proposal has come from the school staff, which demonstrates their commitment and ownership and a willingness to explore together.

The initiative will undergo a trial period to the end of December at which time an instrument be used to assess the initiative's impact on learning and school culture as well as the community's satisfaction with the experience.

The September 14th Homerooms will give students an opportunity to provide feedback in a brainstorming session.

The information will be used to help shape the Innovation Wednesday time. The Staff professional day on September 23rd will be focussed on finalizing the design of the Wednesday Innovation time.

Come to the PAC meeting on Monday, September 19th at 7 pm in the Library to hear more.



Staff and Students brainstorming ideas for Innovation Wednesdays

Innovation Wednesdays

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A staff and student collaboration
A time for mindfulness and meditation
A time for quiet study spaces
A time for making connections in the community
A time for reaching out to feeder schools
A time for resume-building
A time for current events
A time for peer interactions
A time for tutorials
A time for making up exams
A time to catch up
A time to learn new things
A time for exploring your best self
A time to make
A time to shine!

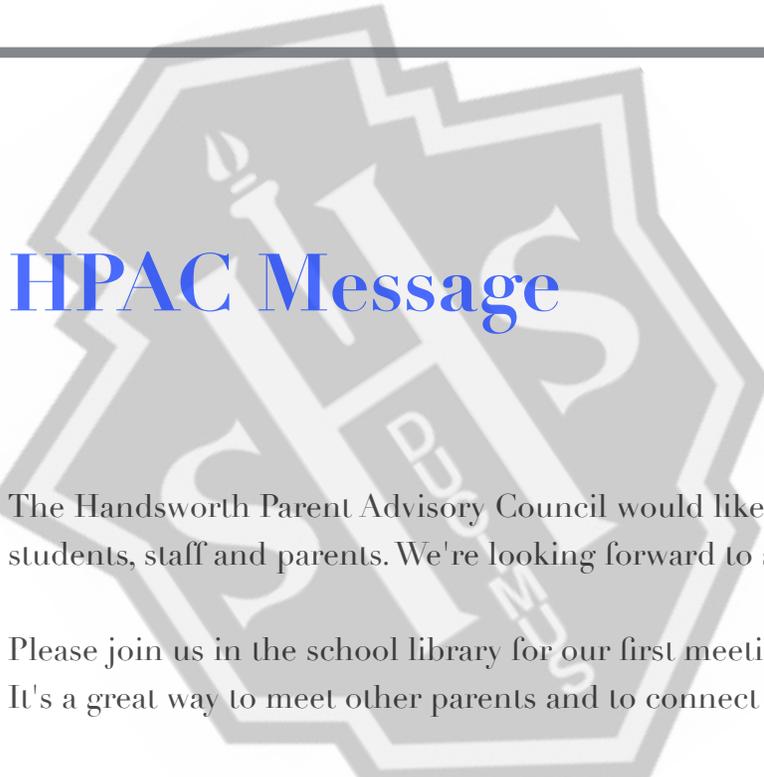
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A spare block
An excuse to do nothing
A time to leave the school grounds
A time to procrastinate
A time to waste!

Innovation Wednesdays is your chance to create and explore - to engage and reflect - to make your education more impactful for you!

Your serious and sincere input is necessary to the success of our ground-breaking pilot program.

Let your staff know what kinds of experiences will make your Innovation Wednesdays a true success!

The logo for Handsworth Community School is a large, stylized 'S' with a quill pen and a book inside it. The text 'HANDSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL' is written across the 'S'.

HPAC Message

The Handsworth Parent Advisory Council would like to extend a warm welcome to returning and new students, staff and parents. We're looking forward to sharing an exciting year of learning together.

Please join us in the school library for our first meeting of the year on Monday, September 19th at 7pm. It's a great way to meet other parents and to connect with key members of the Handsworth Community.

You will discover what's new in our school and district for students and families and learn how our school community works towards the Handsworth vision "to develop empowered, innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity."

Our guests for the evening will include school leaders from Student Council, Principal Dr. David Overgaard and Vice Principal Justin Wong as well as members of the new staff leadership team. We may even get a sneak peek from the Grade 8 retreat taking place that week!

We look forward to providing all parents and guardians with useful and interesting presentations throughout the year which will help maximize student success. We especially encourage parents and guardians of Grade 8 students to attend our first HPAC meeting.

A special note to Grade 12 parents that HPAC will be hosting an Options Solutions post-secondary school workshop evening on Monday, October 3rd. Please watch for an invite in the next few weeks. This will be followed by the school's information evening for graduating students being held on October 19th. Also, university visits to Handsworth begin the first week back!

All the best for a safe and successful school year,

Katy MacLellan and Carolyn Warner
Co-Chairs, HPAC

For more information about HPAC, please visit www.handsworthpac.com/

Grade 8 Retreat

A special welcome to the newest members of our Handsworth Community: grade 8 students and parents.

This is an exciting September as our new grade 8s participate in the first Handsworth Grade Eight Retreat. To help ease their transition into Handsworth, this retreat will help students build new friendships, become familiar with the Handsworth community, and develop connections with our grade 10-12 student leaders.

The Grade Eight Retreat is a three-day event that occurs September 19-21, 2016. Once divided into two groups, each grade 8 group will spend one day and one night up at Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale. On the other day, students will participate in our In-House Retreat back at Handsworth.

At Cheakamus, students will take part in team and community building games run by the Cheakamus staff. Additionally, our grade 10-12 students will act as leaders for an individual group and during special sessions, deliver several thoughtful and dynamic programs they designed specifically for the grade 8s.

When back at Handsworth, our In-House Retreat will feature various departments in the school as well as community leaders. Students will get the opportunity to travel with their group to different stations that feature fun and motivational activities.

On Wednesday, the final day of the retreat, all grade 8 students and their leaders will gather at Handsworth. A celebration BBQ and a final 'performance' will mark the end of what will surely be an unforgettable experience.

Many thanks to Erica Schmidt, and to all staff and student leaders who have worked tirelessly to make this retreat a reality.



HSC



Handsworth's Student Council is an integral component of the school that focuses on building a feeling of community and unity of the students and staff. We are an organization of students who work with teacher sponsors to create events in the school and start up certain projects. Every year, a new council is chosen and members are elected into specific roles that they carry throughout the year.



Student Council member meeting in June to plan out the upcoming school year

Led by a group of determined, passionate leaders of all ages, the Student Council meets weekly to discuss the events that will be run in Handsworth. We orchestrate various events such as school dances, spirit week, dress-up events, Santa's Breakfast and many more.

We are the voice of the students and are always eager to hear suggestions or answer questions. Our goal is to create a meaningful change in the school and to continue the pride of the Royals legacy.

We encourage your child to join Student Council to help make a difference in the Handsworth community! We are in need of a few Grade 8 Representatives, who communicate between their classmates and the Council, as well as Members-at-Large. An application form will soon be made available and will be due by the end of September. Meetings are on Tuesdays at lunch in room 227 - we would love to have your child there and participating in events!

Sincerely,
Brooke Cheng & Bitu Jokar
President & Vice-President



Student Council President Brooke Cheng and Vice-President Bitu Jokar

Music Notes

There are lots of exciting things happening in the Music Department! Back in late June the Senior Jazz Band played at the TD Vancouver Jazz Festival at Robson Square. The sun shone and the band played some very difficult music and played it great! The atmosphere was festive as there were three free outdoor music venues in the area along with food trucks and thousands of jazz fans soaking it all up. It was a great send off to the graduating members!

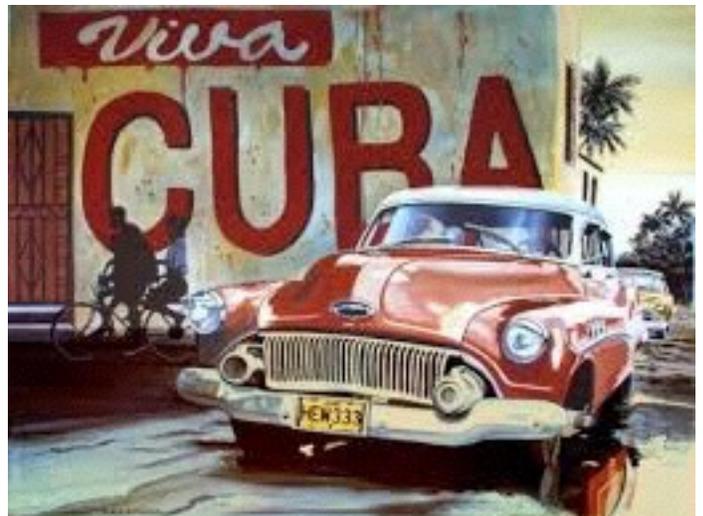
I have recently been in contact with a colleague working at the UBC music department and we have been discussing the possibility of doing a combined concert at the Chan Centre with our Senior Wind Ensemble playing along with a UBC group. It is just in the planning stages at this point but I am excited about the possibility.

Choir Class has been added to the courses offered at Handsworth. Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday after school. Anyone interested in joining this new group contact Mr. Bradshaw or come out to a rehearsal in room 135.

Music is combining this year with the Dance and Fine Art departments to go on an educational trip to Cuba. See the column about the Cuba trip for more details.

Cuba Trip

Music, Dance, and Fine Art students are heading to Cuba! This Caribbean Island Nation is a unique place and it may be about to undergo some significant changes due to the relaxing of the travel restrictions from the United States. The People there are gentle and kind, the culture is rich and fun, and the nature on the island is beautiful! We have enough students now for the trip to go ahead but if there are any others eligible to go on this trip who have not brought in their forms this is a last call.



The background features a large, semi-transparent watermark of the HSS logo. The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a stylized 'S' and 'H' intertwined, and a quill pen at the top. The text 'HSS' is written across the shield.

Volleyball

School started with a "bump" as the gyms were busy all week long with volleyball try-outs. Thank you to each and every player who tried out for the 2016 Handsworth Volleyball teams. The coaches and teacher sponsors were so impressed with the focus, hard work, positive energy and skill that was brought to tryouts!

We are very pleased to have a great group of volunteer coaches, including former and current HSS students, community members and parents who support our athletes and make all this happen. Of course we're grateful to the HSS staff who make it all work as well: Mr Wong, Ms. Freyvogel, Ms. Breakingbury, Mr. Langston, Mr. Leung and Mr. Murdock. It takes a committed group to ensure our teams run smoothly.

Congratulations to all the athletes who have joined the amazing Handsworth Royals Volleyball Program! Some teams are still looking for parent managers to help out with rides so if you're a parent who wants to get involved, please let your coaches know! Some players who tried out may not have been selected but we hope all our students will continue to develop their volleyball skills both at school and in the community. There are club volleyball teams on the North Shore that will be running tryouts in late November/early December, including BCO, North Shore Stars and Powerwest.

Make sure to check out the HSS website for game times and come join us for a game sometime! We have 5 teams: Senior, Junior, Juvenile and Bantam (2 teams for grade 8s, Blue and Gold).

Our seasons start soon and will run through to mid November with Provincials at the end of November or early December. HSS will be hosting the AAAA Senior Provincials this year. There are a number of tournaments you can enjoy watching: Seniors at Dover Bay Sept 16/17 and UBC Sept 23/24; Juniors, Juveniles and Bantams will be at Seaquam Sept 23/24 and Bantam again Sept 30/Oct 1.

Come out to the home games and support HSS volleyball. GO ROYALS!!

Handsworth Royals Football

The Handsworth Royals Football Club proudly enters the 2016 season with a combined roster of over 70 Junior and Senior Varsity athletes.

The Royals have had a great start to the season with an exhibition win against West Vancouver on September 3, and a recent double-header win on home turf Saturday, September 10. We had record attendance at our Home Opener event, with the new permanent bleachers spilling over with hundreds of fans. The Varsity team battled hard for a 19-7 win, and the Juniors were 28-8, both against GW Graham who only lost a single game last year!



On and off the field these boys are consistently learning many valuable lessons about strength of character, integrity, teamwork, community service, discipline and the importance of their education.

This group of ambitious young men and their families came together this past Spring to fundraise almost \$30,000 for new helmets and compression uniforms.

Several members of the Club rallied last weekend, working to repair damage done to our field by an early-morning SUV driver doing doughnuts on the grass. The tracks were discovered Monday morning of the long weekend, and within hours 20+ players and family members convened at the field, patching the grass and filling sand into all the tracks. After all...the field had to be ready for Homecoming!

This is clearly more than a football team - it's a family - and they will protect their house.

Please wear your blue and gold and show your ROYALS pride on September 17 at the annual Handsworth vs. Carson Graham Buchanan Bowl, held on the turf field at Carson Graham Secondary. Game times are 10:30am for the Junior team and 1:30pm for the Seniors. This is an event you do not want to miss!

