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Announcements

École Handsworth School Opening

On Monday, February 7, administration and staff warmly welcomed students into their brand new school. Described by the [North Shore News](#) as a “sleek modern three-storey design, full of natural light,” the new Handsworth is the school district’s most recent example of a modern school design that puts the focus on collaboration and community, which will naturally lead to continued excellence in teaching and learning experiences. We look forward to sharing with you a new school video soon; in the interim, here is a [teaser video](#) produced by Handsworth alumni Megan Hingson and Felix Soong. *Congratulations to the Handsworth school community!*

Engagement Opportunities – Your Voice Matters

We invite and encourage you to participate and share your feedback in the following initiatives:

Proposed 2022/2023 School Calendar

Share your input on the proposed calendar for the 2022/2023 school year [HERE](#) and before February 28, 11:59 p.m.

A summary of the feedback/comments received will be shared with the Board of Education at its Public Board Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2022.

Information about the development process for annual school calendars and a copy of the proposed 2022/2023 school calendar can be found [HERE](#).

2022/2023 Budget Priorities

Each year, the school district undertakes a public consultation process for input on budget priorities. School district stakeholders are invited and encouraged to provide their input on budget priorities that align with and support the school district’s vision, values and strategic goals. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Feedback can be provided:

- Online through an anonymous and confidential [survey](#) until March 15, 2022.
- By email to budgetcomments@sd44.ca until March 15, 2022.
- By traditional mail addressed to: Secretary Treasurer, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 2K6. Feedback must be received by March 15, 2022.

- Virtually through Microsoft Teams during the Public Standing Committee meeting*, scheduled for [April 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.](#)

*During the February 8, 2022, Public Standing Committee meeting, budget highlights related to the development of the 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget were shared. The presentation focused on major sources of revenues and expenses, which provide the foundation for next year's budget. A copy of the presentation slides is available [HERE](#); a video recording of the presentation is available [HERE](#).

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback.

Information

Lockdown Procedure and Practice Drill

The North Vancouver School District recognizes our collective responsibility in keeping students and staff safe while on school premises. Part of that responsibility includes ensuring school communities are familiar with procedures that keep one another safe during an emergency situation.

A *lockdown* is an emergency procedure designed to protect occupants from external harm or contain the movement of occupants during an emergency situation. A lockdown means people must stay where they are and cannot leave until escorted outside by designated response personnel.

In previous years, the school district and North Vancouver RCMP have led a district-wide lockdown drill on a specific date in February. This year, the initiative will shift to a school-based lockdown drill between the dates of Monday, February 14 and Friday, March 11. Families can expect to receive (or may have already received) additional information about the lockdown drill happening at your child's school directly from the school principal.

New Daily Health Check Resource from Vancouver Coastal Health

The Vancouver Coastal Health Rapid Response Team has prepared a new resource, [Daily Health Check & What to Do When Sick](#). This document has been posted to the [COVID-19 section](#) of our website and replaces any previous versions of the daily health check, which no longer align with recent changes to Public Health guidance.

North Shore Connects Requests Prioritization of Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit

North Shore Connects is a partnership of the District of West Vancouver, Skwxwu7mesh Nation, City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, who are together improving transportation on, to and from the North Shore.

North Shore Connects is requesting that Burrard Inlet Rapid Transit (BIRT) be prioritized in the new Mayors' Council 10-Year Regional Transit and Transportation Vision and Investment Plan, following supportive council votes by all three local North Shore governments on February 7 and support from the host Nations. [Click here to read the full media release.](#)

NVSD Events

Public Board Meeting – February 15

The next Board of Education Public Board Meeting takes place virtually on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Visit our [Meetings & Minutes](#) page for information on how you can provide input and to review the agenda and board package (available on the Thursday afternoon preceding the public meeting).

Explore & Create Saturday Art Program

Children aged 5 to 12 are invited to visit the Gordon Smith Gallery on Saturdays between 1 and 3 p.m. for art activities that are collage and drawing based and inspired by the current exhibition, *Beyond the Horizon*. Admission is by donation (\$5 suggestion per attendee) and parental/guardian supervision is required. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Beyond the Horizon Exhibition ends February 24

Beyond the Horizon is an expression that encourages us to consider what is “farther than the possible limit of sight, beyond what we can foresee, know or anticipate.” The horizon as a metaphor provides us with an opportunity to challenge and evaluate our own ways of knowing. The artists in this exhibition expand conventional uses of materials and explore modes of making through collaboration with other artists and the land. Click [HERE](#) for more information, including gallery hours.

NVSD Registrations

IB Diploma Programme – Key Dates in February

The [International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme \(DP\)](#) is an internationally recognized, rigorous university preparatory two-year program for students in Grades 11 and 12 that leads to a qualification that is widely recognized by the world's leading universities. It is offered at Carson Graham Secondary.

Key Dates:

- **February 15 at 7 p.m.: online information session** for parents/guardians and prospective students. The meeting link is posted [HERE](#).
- **February 16-17: "DP for a Day."** Prospective students in Grade 10 can explore the program firsthand and meet IB coordinators, the current cohort, and teachers. Register via email to [Cora Pross](#).
- **February 18: Application deadline.** Students will submit a comprehensive application package, along with their Grade 10 report card. Click here for additional [application information](#).

Academies – Applications accepted until February 21

Our highly specialized academies are designed to enhance the overall student experience by providing learning environments that concentrate on a focal skill set. Students in Grades 8 to 12 work towards graduation while accelerating their knowledge and skill development in an area of interest that can form a foundation for successful post-graduation pursuits.

The following Academies will be offered during the 2022/2023 school year. Please visit the Academy page for program-specific information. [Applications](#) will be accepted until February 21.

- [AFK Studio Art](#)
- [Basketball](#)
- **New!** [Business and Gaming Entrepreneurship Lab](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Digital Media](#)
- [Digital Media Lite](#)
- [Field Hockey](#)
- [Hockey Skills](#)
- [Robotics](#)

- **New!** [Rowing](#)
- [Soccer](#)
- [Volleyball](#)

YELL – Applications accepted until March 11

The [Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad \(YELL\)](#) provides Grade 11 and 12 students with a thorough understanding of how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to future studies, launching a business or entering the workforce. Students earn course credits toward graduation while working with teachers, business and community leaders and a mentor to design a student-led business concept. YELL is offered at Sutherland Secondary School and Handsworth Secondary School.

Click [HERE](#) for more information. Applications will be accepted until March 11.

Late French Immersion Information Session and Application Period

A pre-recorded information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in registering in the Late French Immersion program (Grade 6 entry) is available for viewing [HERE](#). Note: Priority placement for Late French Immersion runs until March 4 at 4 p.m. For more information about the program and registration process, click [HERE](#).

Elementary Band and Strings Program – Registration open

This program is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for Band and Grades 4 – 7 for Strings. Registration for the 2022/2023 school year runs until March 4. While there is a Late Registration enrolment period, this is subject to program availability and class size at a student's school site, and is dependent on sufficient registrations received by March 4. More information, including program fees, is available [HERE](#).

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) – Registration open

NVOL provides students with rigorous, engaging, and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from Grades 8 through 12 in both English and French.

The French Immersion Online Course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open; click [HERE](#) for more information.

AFK's After School Art – Registration open

Taught by art specialist teachers and assisted by secondary art students, AFK's After School Art classes provide students the opportunity to further their artistic ability and foster positive attitudes towards the visual arts. Registration is open (virtual and in-person options available). Visit the [Artists for Kids](#) website for more information.

Community Initiatives

Shape the City of North Vancouver's Mobility Strategy

The City of North Vancouver is developing a Mobility Strategy with a vision of creating healthy streets that work for everyone. The new strategy will be the playbook for planning and making decisions about city streets and how residents and visitors get around for the next decade. As it works towards a final version for City Council to consider later this spring, you're invited to provide input on the Draft Mobility Strategy. Click [HERE](#) for more information; the deadline to participate has been extended to February 11 at 4 p.m.

Good News Stories from the NVSD

Visit the [Learn, Share & Grow Blog](#) and [News & Announcements](#) section of our website to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- Black History Month at Eastview Elementary ([NVSD blog post](#))
- The NVSD Salmonid Program ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Trilingual Me! Moi, Trilingue! ([NVSD blog post](#))
- B.C. moving to 'endemic' approach to COVID, says medical health officer (VIDEO; [North Shore News article](#))
- North Vancouver's Jordan Weal earns spot on Olympic hockey team (NVSD alumnus; [North Shore News article](#))
- New École Handsworth Secondary gets ready to wow in North Van ([North Shore News article](#))
- North Vancouver skier Brodie Seger ready for his Olympic debut (NVSD alumnus; [North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pearmain".

Mark Pearmain
Superintendent of Schools

The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.

Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).