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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



December 15th, 2021

Dear Handsworth Families:

As we close out the 2021 calendar year, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of our entire school community. Our incredible students continue to exemplify what it means to be a Royal – innovative and compassionate learners who serve and lead with curiosity and integrity. The Handsworth staff of over 120 incredible humans continue to prioritize the health and safety of all and execute their roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm and unparalleled energy. Our amazing parents and community members have supported our entire school community – coaching teams, serving students hot lunch, volunteering to organize performances, serving on committees and continue to be incredibly generous with supporting so many of our fundraisers. I extend a very sincere Handsworth thanks to all of you!

Thank you for your continued patience and trust as I lead Handsworth. I hope all the Handsworth staff have contributed to making your child(ren) feel safe and supported as we continue to work through many new and different things.

As you know, the new year will bring with it exciting changes! On January 15th, 2018 former Education Minister Rob Fleming announced the Handsworth School Replacement. Almost four years later to the date, I will begin assuming some duties in the new school, while all staff will officially move to the new build on Wednesday February 2nd. Students will commence semester 2 on Monday, February 7th, 2022. There is an incredible amount of planning that has gone into preparing the spaces, procuring the furnishings, and devising logistics around transitioning people and articles. I'd like to acknowledge the many staff who have contributed to these extensive and exhaustive plans, in many cases off the side of their desk.

In early January 2022, I will send out messaging to all families that will include important information about our transition into the new school. I invite you to join our HPAC meeting on Monday, January 17th as I will provide the final detailed update of our move to families and will be available to answer any questions. As always, do not hesitate to connect with me directly at rsamra@sd44.ca if you have questions.

To all the members of our Handsworth school community- you are critical to our success and I express my utmost gratitude for your support. Mr. Barrett, Ms. Desai and I wish all of you a wonderful and relaxing holiday break - be merry, be bright and I hope you find the time this break to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us!

Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal

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