



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



August 28th, 2020

Dear Handsworth Families:

Mr. Barrett, Ms. Best and I hope that all of you found some time to explore our beautiful backyard – the three of us, like many of you, stayed a little closer to home this summer break and enjoyed exploring some of trails, parks and beaches found in our stunning province. As many of you are winding down the summer, and looking forward to a return to learning, I would like to provide families with an update on school operations for our September start-up.

This morning I had an opportunity to connect, virtually, with most of the Handsworth staff and we are all extremely excited to welcome our new, and returning, students back into the building for the 2020/21 school year!

I hope all our families received the communication from Superintendent Pearmain as he had shared a letter with all families on August 26th. I would encourage you to review the letter if you haven't had a chance yet: [August 26th Superintendent Letter to Secondary Parents](#)

Over the summer, North Vancouver School District principals and vice principals have been meeting with district leadership to review the protocols and key aspects of a safe return (e.g., OHS protocols, instructional models and design, attention to a social emotional/mental health focus). We will continue to work further on refining the details of the Restart Plan so that final preparations for September return to school can be made. It is important to note that as our landscape shifts, changes are inevitable and it is critical we periodically review information to keep informed of any changes. I am committed to communicating information that directly impacts operations at Handsworth as it becomes available.

Additionally, our NVSD website is a wonderful resource and is updated regularly with new Restart Plan information. I encourage you to please review the following links as they contain important information, and may help answer any questions you may have.

[NVSD COVID Information Page](#)

[NVSD September Restart Plan](#)

[Secondary Highlights](#)

[Health and Safety Highlights](#)

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We are still finalizing the details of the first week back, but for now I will share that all students in **Grade 8** will be invited to attend **two** partial day orientations on Thursday September 10th **AND** Friday September 11th. Students in **Grades 9 -12** will be invited to attend **one** partial day orientation on Thursday September 10th **OR** Friday September 11th. **The first full day of instruction for all Handsworth Royals will be Monday September 14th**. Please expect additional communication from the school next week with more specific details related to school opening.

Again, a very sincere thank you for your continued patience as we continue to work extremely hard to prepare for our September school opening. On behalf of the entire Handsworth staff - Welcome Back! We are looking forward to a spectacular, and unique, 2020/21 school year.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at rsamra@sd44.ca

Stay well,

Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal

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