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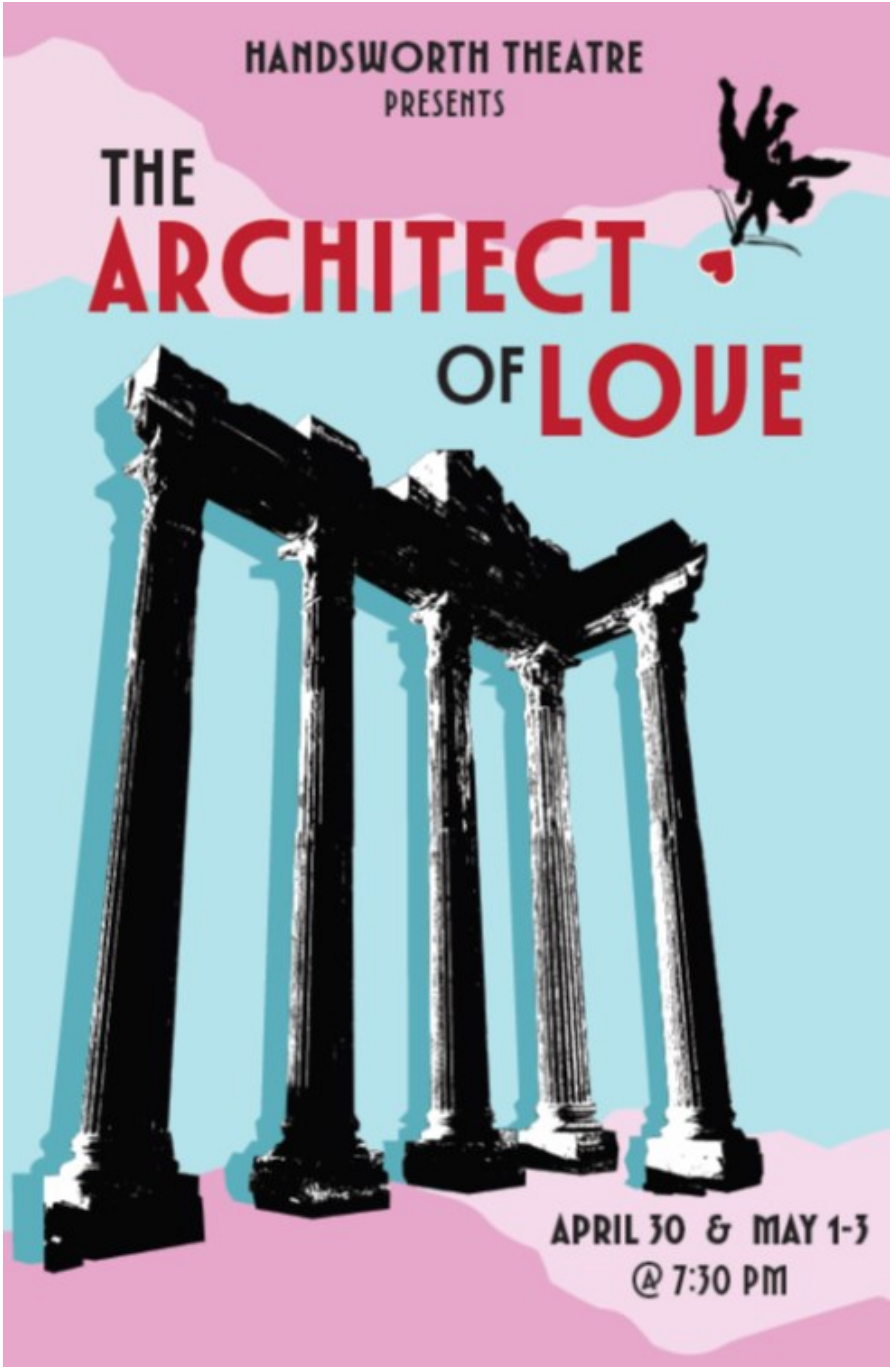
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reminder to report your student's
absences via EMAIL

handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca



ROYALS NEWS



Visit our school website for up-to-date information on all things Handsworth!



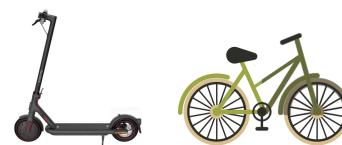
Upcoming Events Summary

April 25.....	Grade 12 Capstone Presentations/Early Dismissal for Grades 8-11 @ 11:45am
April 30.....	Staff Collaboration Day/Late Start 9:50am
April 30—May 3.....	Annual School Play
May 1.....	Summer Learning Registration Opens
May 5.....	District Wide Pro D Day (no school)
May 5—9.....	AP Exams
May 8.....	Football Banquet 5pm (Grand Commons)
May 15.....	Moose Hide Campaign Day
May 19.....	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 21.....	Grade 8 Science Fair
May 21.....	Grade 7's visit Handsworth
May 26.....	HPAC Meeting
May 27-29.....	Finale Concerts
June 3-4.....	Grad Literacy Assessments (Grade 12—Français Langue Seconde—Immersion)
June 3.....	Ice Cream Concert 7pm (Grand Commons)
June 4.....	Ice Cream Sandwich Concert 7pm (Grand Commons)
June 5-6.....	Hands Up! (Theatre)
June 9.....	Grad Numeracy Assessment (Grade 10)
June 10.....	Grad Literacy Assessments (Grade 12—Français Langue Seconde—Immersion)
June 11.....	Grad Breakfast and Mandatory Rehearsal 7:30am
June 11.....	Grade 9 Immunizations Clinic

For a FULL and UP TO DATE list of all events happening at Handsworth, please visit our [live calendar on the school website](#)

Message from RCMP: Warmer Weather Brings Increase in Bike and Scooter Thefts

With the return of warmer weather, the school district is seeing an increase in scooter and bike thefts from school bike racks. These thefts are often crimes of opportunity, and unfortunately, students' bikes and scooters are frequent targets.



A reminder to students and families to:

- * Record the serial number, make and model of their bike or scooter, and keep it somewhere safe in case it needs to be reported stolen (a photo is also helpful).

- * Use a high-quality U-lock or heavy-duty lock (not just cable locks as they have been easily and quickly cut).

For more information regarding bike theft prevention, please see latest media release from the RCMP: [North Vancouver RCMP - Bike theft prevention: tips to help you keep your ride](#)

Garbage Issues in the Community

Parents/Guardians: please take a moment to speak with your students about their garbage while out in our community, particularly while at lunch but also before and after school. We have had several neighbours complain about the amount of garbage on the street/in their yards. Let's work together to keep our community clean!

Thank you



Att: All Drivers!



Safety and Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off & Pick Up

A reminder that our parking lots are designed for one-way traffic movement only.

When travel by car is necessary, we ask parents to **make use of designated drop off areas** located at the front of the building ONLY. **The west parking lot is NOT a pick up zone.**

To ensure flow, please DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOTS OR ON THE STREET FOR DROP OFF.

If other family members/caregivers are driving, please remind them of our parking lot rules

As always, we continue to encourage students to walk, bike or transit to school whenever possible.

Grad Assessments June 3-4 & 9th: Numeracy 10 & Literacy (FRAL) 12

The [BC Graduation Program](#) requires ALL students graduating in BC to write the following Graduation Assessments in order to meet graduation requirements:

- [Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment](#)
- [Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment](#)

An additional assessment for all **French Immersion Grade 12** students on the Dual Dogwood Track:

- [Évaluation de littératie de la 12 année – Français langue seconde – immersion](#)

Students are divided according to (legal) last name

ALL GRADE 10s

NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

Monday June 9th

8:30-11:30am: Last names : A-K

12:15-3:15pm: Last names: L-Z

GRADE 12s - FRENCH IMMERSION

FRAL ORAL ASSESSMENT

June 3rd/4th

8:30am-12:00pm

FRAL WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

Tuesday June 10th

8:30am-12:00pm

**A detailed schedule with locations to come*

Students will need to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of their assessment. This gives time to log in and ensure students are all set up for the assessment start time.

Please remember to bring a PEN/PENCIL and CALCULATOR (NOT GRAPHING) to the session and power down cellphones/electronics before entering the exam room.

Any students who are unable to make the June sessions due to **extenuating circumstances**, will be able to write at subsequent catch-up session in October/November 2025.

For specific information regarding the graduation assessment policies, assessment structure and schedule please visit the [school webpage under exams](#) and visit [Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment](#), for further information, videos and practice assessments.

If you have further questions please email the grade 10 counsellor, David Craik at dcraik@sd44.ca. For any queries specific to the arrangements please email, Jeff Aw-Yong at jawyong@sd44.ca.

Moose Hide Campaign Day—May 15th

Thursday, May 15th, marks **Moose Hide Campaign Day**—a day dedicated to raising awareness and taking action to end violence against women and children. Indigenous women in Canada continue to face a disproportionately high risk of violence compared to other groups. The Moose Hide Campaign seeks to end violence against women of all backgrounds, while being grounded in Indigenous ceremony, traditional ways of learning, and healing. To support the campaign, pins will be available in the library learning commons. By wearing a pin, you signify your commitment to honor, respect, and protect the women and children in your life, and to speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.

Learn more: [The Moose Hide Campaign - Moose Hide Campaign](#)



Grade 8 Science Fair— May 21st

Mark your calendars! On the evening of May 21st, our Grade 8 students will be showcasing their creativity, curiosity, and scientific thinking at the annual Science Fair. Families are invited to join us for an engaging evening where students will present their projects, share their discoveries, and demonstrate hands-on experiments. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their hard work and enthusiasm for science—don't miss it!

Time: 4pm—5:30pm

Location: Science classrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors

More details regarding the event will be sent out to grade 8 families



Upcoming Dance/Theatre Productions



Hands Up 2025!

Dates: June 5 & 6, 2025

Showtime: 7pm (75 minutes)

Location: Handsworth Theatre

Come celebrate our graduating dancers and another fantastic year of dance at Handsworth!

Tickets: \$20

Tickets on Sale: May 22 via School Cash Online

SAVE THE DATE!



The Architect of Love

Annual School Play

April 30 & May 1-3, 2025

Showtime: 7:00pm

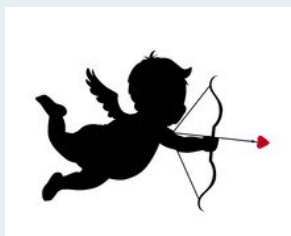
An original comedy created and written by the Grad 2020 theatre and dance class, which was not performed due to COVID. Currently revised & reimaged in 2025 by theatre and dance students.

A silly comedy about a dysfunctional family of Roman Gods who cause a global love crisis.

Tickets on Sale Now!

Purchase tickets through School Cash Online via this link:

[@hssdrama2025 | Linktree](#)

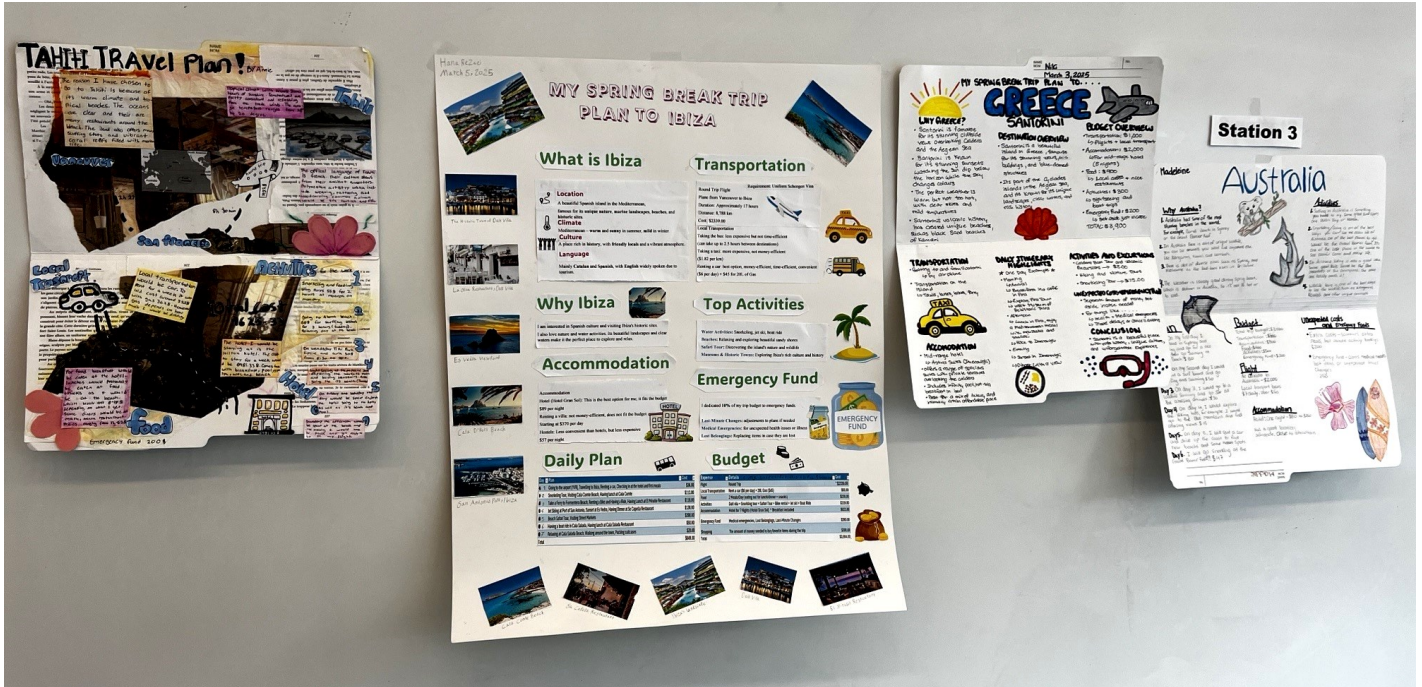


Classroom Spotlight—Careers 10

Our Careers 10 students put their financial skills to the test by creating realistic spring break budgets! Using real-world costs, they planned trips, managed expenses, and learned the importance of financial responsibility.

Great work!!

Posters below created by Madeleine Harder, Niki Golbon, Hana Rezaei and Annie Kim



Sports News

Did you know that Handsworth now has a Hockey team?

The Handsworth Hockey team hit the ice for their first tryout just before Spring Break. Great energy, hard work, and plenty of hustle as we kick off the season. Looking forward to seeing the team take shape as the season progresses!



Student Spotlight: Handsworth Student First Responders Featured in North Shore News

Our amazing Student First Responders were recently featured in the North Shore News. Check out the full article here: [BC First Responders: North Van high school students step up - North Shore News](#)

North Shore's teen first responders rush to the rescue

These North Vancouver high school students have as much training as some firefighters and paramedics.



Brent Richter
2 days ago



Handsworth Secondary First Responder Club members Heeseong Yoon (left), Joonwon Kim, Christopher Gawlick and Elizabeth Bromley attend to Will Jo as they practice their first aid skills. | Paul McGrath / North Shore News

Undercover Theme Week – Staff Event at Handsworth!

The week of classes before March break can be a grind. The holiday is tantalizingly close yet there is much to do in the last few days and energy levels tend to be low. What better time to launch the inaugural “Undercover Theme Week” right under the noses of our students!

On each day of the week, staff dressed up according to the daily theme. Monday, we dressed in black, Tuesday was Handsworth Blue and Gold Day, Wednesday was a day for patterns...polka dots, stripes, checks, plaid, Thursday was twin day (or triplet...there was even a quintuplet sighting) where staff dressed like one another. By Friday, many of the students had caught on to the activity so we ended the dressed for the occasion in holiday tropical attire. The staff really brought the fun in sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts, sarongs, beach hats, even shorts!!! It was a great way to wind up the last week of classes.



Mr. Burt, Mr. Langston and Mr. Fenn—Go Team Canada!



Mme. Hope, Mme. Jordan, Mme. Potter, Mme. Poole and Mr. Brault. The French department rocking the denim!



Ms. Toombs, Ms. McKinnon, Mme. Owen and Mr. Aw-Yong showing up in Hawaiian gear!



Ms. Powell and Ms. O'Bryan as Swifties!

Handsworth Writing Lab: Think it, Write it, Own it.

What? A new service at Handsworth! The Handsworth Writing Lab (HWL).

When? Most weeks open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Check the calendar outside 2002 for specific dates.

Where? Room 2002

Who is the service for?

- Any student in grades 8-12 who needs extra support with their writing or wants to take their writing to the next level.
- There are special days where we focus on things like punctuation, creative writing, extending ideas, and spelling.
- In May we will have a special session for grade 11 students that will focus on writing post-secondary applications. At the beginning of May, check the calendar outside 2002 to confirm the date.

Trained Editors are here to help:

- Can't figure out how to get started? We help you brainstorm ideas for your assignment.
- Struggling with a concept? We can help you figure it out.
- Want some help reviewing your paragraph, essay, or science lab? We will help you locate errors and give you tips about how to clarify or extend your ideas.
- Frustrated that you keep making the same errors in your writing? We can teach you how to avoid comma splices, run-on sentences, sentence fragments, capitalization errors, apostrophe errors and more!
- Want to impress a future school or boss? We can help you proofread your applications.

How? Drop in or get referred by your teacher.

Questions? Reach out to Mrs. Lloyd on TEAMS or email at tlloyd@sd44.ca

Follow us on Instagram [@handsworth_writing_lab](https://www.instagram.com/handsworth_writing_lab)



Grad 2025 Information



Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 11th, 7:30am in the Handsworth Grand Commons.

To prepare for the ceremony, graduates are required to attend a rehearsal happening on the morning of June 11th. A Grad Breakfast will be hosted by the Grad Parent Committee. Graduates, please be at the school by 7:30am for breakfast, followed by a rehearsal that will end by the conclusion of tutorial time at 9:10am. Staff will distribute Grad gowns (with stole and cap) during this event. Gowns have been custom ordered for each student and are theirs to keep. *To avoid a delay in receiving your grad gown, please ensure that your School Cash Online payments are up to date.*

Graduation Ceremony

Monday, June 16th, 7:00pm at the Orpheum Theatre: 601 Smithe Street, Vancouver.

Grads are asked to please arrive at the Orpheum by 6:15pm. Each student's grad gown will serve as their entry ticket.

Tickets: All others attending will need to purchase tickets for the ceremony in advance.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased via *School Cash Online until June 6th*. Tickets will not be available to buy at the door. There are no limits on the number of tickets that you wish to purchase and reserved seating is not available.

Graduation Banquet

Friday, June 13th, 6:00pm – 11:00pm at the Westin Bayshore Hotel: 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver.

This dry event is for grads and is open to their family and guests. Tickets are \$150 each and are *on sale now until May 9th via School Cash Online*.

Banquet table arrangements are organized by Ms. Carabetta. The step by step process can be found in the email sent out to graduating families on April 9th as well as on the [Handsworth website](#).

We look forward to celebrating with you and your graduates!

Att: Grad 2025 Parents & Guardians

Are you a parent of a student graduating in June 2025? Please click on this link to stay on top of Grad information: [Handsworth Grad 2025 Contact Form \(google.com\)](#)

The Grad Parent Committee can be reached at hssgrads2025@gmail.com or on Instagram at [@handsworthgrad2025](#).

Att: Current Grade 11 Parents!

Grad 2026 parent committee is starting to plan!

Parent planned activities are a highlight throughout the grade 12 year and we need your contact information to get started.

Please complete the google document below so you don't miss out on important information:

[Fill in the Google Doc](#)

1st Grad 2026 Parent Info Meeting

Date: May 26, 2025 after the HPAC meeting

(PAC Meeting starts at 7pm)

Location: Handsworth Library



Student Council—Updates and Highlights

April was an exciting month at Handsworth, with events that brought students together and added more fun to the school day. Student Council hosted engaging activities that encouraged school spirit, community, and some friendly competition!

Royal Games – This month's Royal Games featured volleyball matches between students and teachers, with a different grade facing off against the staff each day. Held in the gym at lunch, the Royal Games brought plenty of school spirit. It was a fun way to build connections between students and staff, and we appreciate everyone who played, cheered, or helped organize the event!

Club Day – Club Day took place on April 8th at lunch in the Grand Commons and gave students the chance to learn more about some of Handsworth's clubs. From the Astronomy Club to the Art Club to the Investment Club, there was something for everyone, with each club setting up a table to share what they do and invite new members to join. It was great to see so many students asking questions, signing up, and showing interest in getting involved in the school community.

Easter – To celebrate Easter, Student Council handed out chocolate eggs in the Grand Commons. Students also made use of our new interactive whiteboard, writing messages about something they were thankful for. By the end of the day, the board was filled with thoughtful messages, creating a simple way to spread appreciation and positivity throughout the school.



Multi Cultural Club Celebrating Easter: Cole Thompson, Keanan Beard, Cormack Mc Keever, Taralyn Nazhad, Parmin Langroudi and Alice Yu



Club Day April 8th in the Grand Commons

Handsworth PAC News

The following content is shared on behalf the Handsworth Parent Advisory Council

Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches—ordering for Session 2 is **OPEN!**

Order your Royals Hot Lunches: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth>.

Session 2: February 3 to June 19, 2025

Visit the [Handsworth website](#) for Session 2 lunch dates.

Ordering will stay open for the remainder of the school year.



Next PAC Meeting: May 26th – @ 7pm IN PERSON in the Handsworth Library Learning commons. Light snacks and beverages will be had. We hope to see you there!

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information, Zoom link, agendas and meeting minutes.

- ♥ Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram. (@handsworthpac) and make sure to subscribe to the [HPAC newsletter!](#)

HPAC was excited to host one of our first in-person meetings this April. We are grateful to COBS for supplying the snacks and to all who participated! Special thanks to the students (**Owen Enns, Elia Comeau, Riley Hobbs, and Alexandre Comeau**) who joined in and gave presentations about how they benefited from the gaming grant funds that HPAC was able to put to use. We also got a sneak peek at potential construction plans for our new turf field!

We still need your help (on things like fundraising for the new field's scoreboard!) Please join us next month for our **AGM--May 26th at 7:00pm in the library**. There will be a behind-the-scenes tour of classrooms to see the things that HPAC has been able to purchase this year. It's also a great chance to meet other parents and get informed about all things Handsworth.

If would like to join HPAC in the next school year, we are currently taking nominations. Please submit names to hpacnominations2025@gmail.com. We're happy to answer any questions you might have. Your support makes our school a better place!





Summer Learning 2025: Registration Opens May 1st

Online registration for our [Summer Learning](#) courses opens May 1 at 9am for students currently attending a North Vancouver School District#44 public school ONLY .

For all other non-NVSD44 students, including all students attending all independent/private schools, online registration will open May 15th at 9am .

Note: For students currently attending Brockton School, Mulgrave, or Vancouver Waldorf School registration is only permitted by the parent/legal guardian in person at our office starting May 15th 10am, online registration is not permitted/accepted.

Visit the Summer Learning [Registration page](#) for all registration details.



NVSD District News—Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.