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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

Reminder to report your student's  
absences via email:

[handsworth\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca)

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Entry @ Home: Feb 28th**  
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**Daylight  
Savings  
Time Starts**  
**March 9th**



# ROYALS NEWS

LAST CHANCE  
TO GET YOUR  
YEARBOOK!

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MUST ORDER BY  
FEBRUARY  
28th

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Yearbooks can be purchased through  
SchoolCash Online. To check if you  
have already purchased a book,  
review your SchoolCash Online  
receipts. If you have any questions,  
please contact Ms. Scott-Desfossés.

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





## Upcoming Events Summary

February 24.....	HPAC Meeting (online)
February 25.....	Dalhousie University visit (Grand Commons @ lunch)
February 25-26.....	Accused Ever After Musical (7:30pm Theatre) - <a href="#">link for details</a>
February 26.....	Staff Collaboration Day (classes begin @ 9:50am)
February 14-28.....	Student Course Request Entry at Home
March 3.....	Course Request Sheets DUE in School Office
March 4.....	Review & Completion Day (no scheduled classes)
March 10.....	Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published to MyED
March 10.....	Parent-Teacher Conference Opens for Booking
March 12.....	Zone Concert 7:30pm Handsworth Gym
March 13.....	Wonderful Winds Concert 7:30pm Handsworth Theatre
March 17-28.....	Spring Break

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### 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 drop off/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.





## 2025-26 Course Programming—Important Dates

Please visit our website under [Course Programming](#) for the latest information and full list of dates.

<b>February 28</b>	Last day for students to <u>enter course requests at home</u> via their MyED Portal. Submit course request sheets to office once complete.
<b>March 3</b>	All course request sheets due in the main office.

The [Course Request Guide for 2025-26](#) is now available on the Handsworth Website.



If you have any questions regarding course programming, please contact your student's [grade counsellor](#).

# REPORT CARDS

**Report Cards will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on March 10th**

## ACCESSING REPORT CARDS ONLINE:

- Login using this link: [www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca](http://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca)
  - Bookmark the portal for quick access during the next reporting period.
- All parents/guardians new to the NVSD will receive an email with their MyEducation BC Portal account information (login and temporary password).
- The username is your email address.

## Passwords:

- Parents/guardians are required to reset their password every three months as per the regulations set out by the Ministry of Education and FOIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[MyEducation BC — How to use the parent portal](#)

[MyEducation BC — How to reset your password](#)

[Tips and troubleshooting](#)

If you continue to have trouble logging in please send an email to [handsworth@sd44.ca](mailto:handsworth@sd44.ca) and indicate your name, your student's name and grade, and the issue you are having.

**IMPORTANT!** Parents/Guardians please **print and save report cards**; they automatically disappear from the Portal at the end of the school year.

Make sure you are on the "Pages" Top Tab

Click on the pdf file to open report card.

\*Please note that some students may have multiple report cards.

Filename	Date Uploaded
Report Cards - K-9 Single Term 127 KB	12/12/2019 9:32
Report Cards - K-9 Single Term 119 KB	12/12/2019 9:32

# Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Date:** Thursday, April 10th with a choice of two sessions:

**Session 1:** 2:30 - 4:30PM

**Session 2:** 5:30 - 7:30PM



Conferences are in-person and will last 5 minutes. Please be mindful when selecting appointments to allow sufficient travel time in between appointments as teachers will need to be prompt with their appointments.

**Booking is done online.** Please note that this is a “**first come, first serve**” system and slots will fill up quickly. Do take note of the booking opening times, read the instructions carefully and act fast!

**Pro Tip!** Log on and create your account now, so that when the booking window opens, you are immediately ready to book appointments. Please note the User Profile has to be completed once per school year.

**1st Booking Window– OPENS Monday, March 10th @ 6pm** to Friday, March 31st @ 6pm: parents limited to 3 appointments per student in this window.

**2nd Booking Window– OPENS Thursday, April 3rd @ 6pm:** parents will be able to schedule additional appointments up to a max of 6 per student.

**Booking Window closes - Monday, April 7th @ 3pm;** appointments will no longer accepted on the booking system once the window closes.

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO BOOK STARTING  
MARCH 10TH @ 6PM\*\*](#)

The school office will NOT be able to book any appointments for you. If you find that appointments are no longer available with a teacher you wish to see, **please email the teacher directly** to request an appointment **for a later date**. Keep in mind some teachers will experience a high volume of requests, so your patience is appreciated.

Please visit the [\*Handsworth website\*](#) for more information, including online booking, the adjusted bell schedule and teacher email addresses.

# Sports News

## A Royal Thank You to Darren Benning

The Handsworth Community would like to extend its heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Darren Benning. Darren is retiring from coaching football at Handsworth for the last 15 years. Darren started coaching football as an assistant coach around 2009.

Five years ago, the football program was in shambles with no coaches, low player participation, and a pandemic. The program was about to fold. Darren took control of both the Jr and Sr programs as the head coach. He built a coaching staff, put in place a new equipment manager, program coordinator and new school sponsor. Immediately, player participation increased with numbers like we have not seen for sometime. Our program became respectable again and provided an outstanding athletic experience for over 100 boys each year.

Let us not forget that he accomplished all of this without a field at Handsworth. That in itself is a tremendous feat. Darren left our program in a much better place than he found and for that, we are forever grateful.



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## Student Shout Out!

### Handsworth Royals Make National Teams in Field Hockey

Valerie Chan, Zoe Gold, Piper Raymond and Beth McAlpine have been chosen for the U16 National Field Hockey team to represent Canada on a tour to the Czech Republic this coming April.

Flora Price has been selected to the U18 National Squad going to Wales this summer and Camryn Jensen has been selected to the U18 going to France this summer.

These girls had an amazing year with their Handsworth Field Hockey Team defending their Provincial championship title, Sea to Sky, District playoffs, and taking home the Bridgman cup!



*Way to go Royals!*



## 2025 Japan Exchange Prepares for Departure!

The 30 Grade 9 students of this year's Japan Exchange are busy preparing for our upcoming departure!

Classes on Japanese culture, etiquette, origami, and the preparation of presentations have been ongoing since the fall and will continue until departure to prepare students to represent Handsworth and North Vancouver during our travels to and throughout Japan!

On April 8th the students will depart for a two-week cultural experience of Japan, this program has been running at Handsworth for over 35 years! During the first week they will be visiting the historic and cultural centres of Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, and Takayama. During the second week they will be home staying with students at Handsworth's sister school of Inage in Chiba, Japan (the sister city of North Vancouver) fully immersing themselves in Japan culture, returning on April 22nd.

Follow their adventures on the trip blog at <https://handsworthjapan2025.wordpress.com>.



*Japan 2025 Japan Exchange Participants Practicing with Their Luggage For Japanese Train Stations.*

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## Japan Exchange Program Returns to its Roots for the 2025-26 School Year!

*An opportunity for students currently in grade 8!*

One of the longest running cultural programs at Handsworth is the Grade 9 Japan Exchange, which began in 1989! The current model of the exchange with Inage International High School, our sister school, in Chiba began in 1992 and has run every year since with the exceptions of 2011 and 2020–2022, following the earthquake and tsunami and COVID-19 restrictions.

The exchange aims to immerse students in not only the history but also the culture of Japan, and to give them the opportunity and responsibility to function as ambassadors for not only Handsworth but also North Vancouver within Japan as a whole and specifically with Chiba, North Vancouver's sister city.

For the first time since 2019, Inage International High School is returning to North Vancouver in October!

This will begin student's exposure to the Japanese experience by hosting Japanese students in their homes for a portion of their one-week visit, establishing the connections that become so critical in later stages of the program, and establishing in many cases lifelong connections with their exchange partners from both Handsworth and Chiba. Throughout the fall and winter students undertake seminars in language, customs, and culture to gain an understanding of what they will experience during their visit to Japan in the spring.

In April participants travel to Japan for two weeks. The first week is spent exploring and experiencing different regions and centres on Honshu and Hokkaido including historical and cultural capitals of Japan, immersing themselves in both urban and rural Japan acting as youth peace ambassadors at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima. Throughout the week students are provided the opportunity to expand their sense-of-self, responsibility, and cultural awareness as they navigate the sites in small groups, taking in the language, culture and food of the different regions and the country as a whole.

The second week of the exchange brings with it one of the most important aspects of the experience which sets it apart from it just being a trip to Japan, and unique amongst other cultural experiences in the North Vancouver School District. Students billet in Japanese homes, experiencing the day-to-day lives of their host families and how the lives of Japanese high school students differ and most importantly are similar to their own at home here in North Vancouver, taking part in classes and popular recreation activities. As part of our role as ambassadors' students take part in formal activities such as visits to Mayor's office in Chiba, on behalf of the Mayor of North Vancouver, helping to foster the relationship between the cities.

Many of the students who have taken part in the exchange look back with fondness on the experience, frequently referring to it as life changing, even decades after they return.

**Stay tuned for notice of an information meeting for the 2025-2026 program that will be held in May 2025.**



## Grade 12 Students Attended Inspiring Presentation by Kevin Brooks

Kevin has been sharing his life journey with youth for over 20 years through the ICBC RoadSafe program.

His message, that we all have choices to make in our lives, reminds us of all to think about the importance of being able to "just wiggle our toes."



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## Concours D'art Oratoire (French Immersion)



Each year at École Handsworth, our French Immersion students can sign up to compete in the Concours d'art oratoire, a public-speaking contest created by Canadian Parents for French. This offers students an opportunity to stimulate their interest in French, improve their speaking and pronunciation skills, and to share their passion for a topic of their interest.

This year, we will be holding our school finals on March 6th and March 7th, with more information to follow on which grades will present when. This year, we will be assessing two categories of competition: French Immersion and Francophone. Handsworth French Immersion teachers will select a finalist for each grade level and category. Successful candidates will then compete at the school-district contest on April 2nd, 2025.

Interested students should listen to the morning announcements, and may check with Madame Lew (room 2013 or library) for more information. For a detailed description of the contest, visit the [CPF website](#).



# Upcoming Dance/Theatre Productions

**SAVE THE DATES!**



## **Hands Up Spring Show (Dance show all grades)**

Dates: June 5 & 6, 2025.

Showtime: 7pm

*Tickets on Sale: May 22*

## **The Architect of Love**

### **Annual School Play**

April 30 & May 1-3, 2025

Showtime: 7:30pm

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.

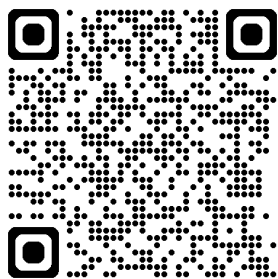
A silly comedy about a dysfunctional family of Roman Gods who cause a global love crisis.

***Tickets go on Sale: March 1st***

Purchase tickets through School Cash Online using the links shown below.:

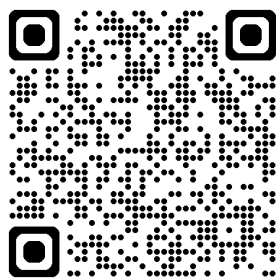
**Weds April 30th @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Wednesday tix here](#)



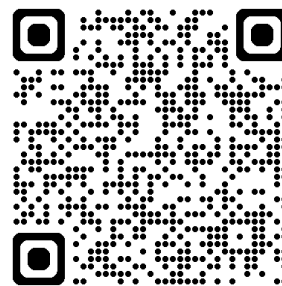
**Fri May 2nd @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Friday tix here](#)



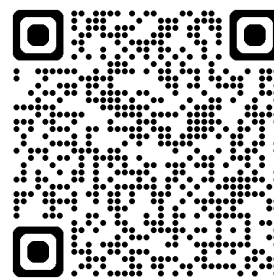
**Thurs May 1st @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Thursday tix here](#)



**Sat May 3rd @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Saturday tix here](#)





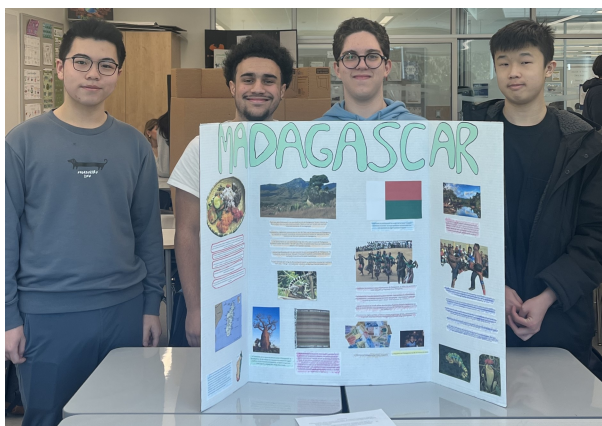
## Grade 11 French Exposition In Learning Commons a Huge Success

Mme Abernethy's Core French 11 classes explored different aspects of Francophone countries and hosted three Core French and three French Immersion classes and in the Learning Commons on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for their Exposition of French Speaking Countries.

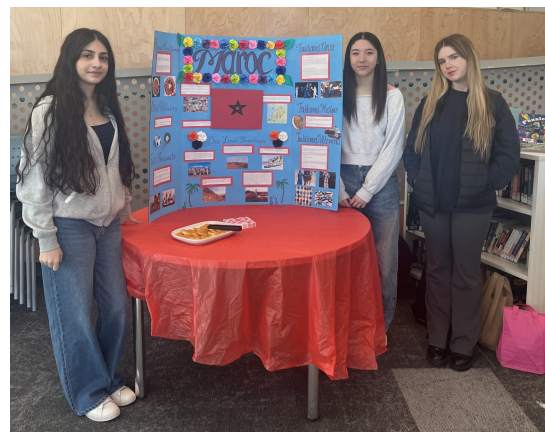
The French 11 students were able to showcase their research, present various aspects of each country's culture, and lead and participate in authentic, spontaneous conversations while respectfully acting as ambassadors for their chosen country. Niva Espenhain, Madeleine Fraser, Belle Raes, Flora Price, Kailey Cheung and Baran Askari delivered Land Acknowledgements in French and English as each group arrived for the event.

Thank you to everyone who participated and to Mme Owen, Mme Frederic, Mme Jordan and Mme Potter for attending the event with your classes! The Expo was a wonderful way to connect and foster community within the school. All students were respectful and inquisitive!

*Merci beaucoup!*



Haykon Ho, Kasra Safavardi, Amir Shadmand, Ethan Shum



Arisa Zadeh, Audrey Worth, Megan Grimes



Ava Dehghani, Devon Kyle, April Cadieu



Baran Askari, Belle Raes, Flora Price, Kailey Cheung

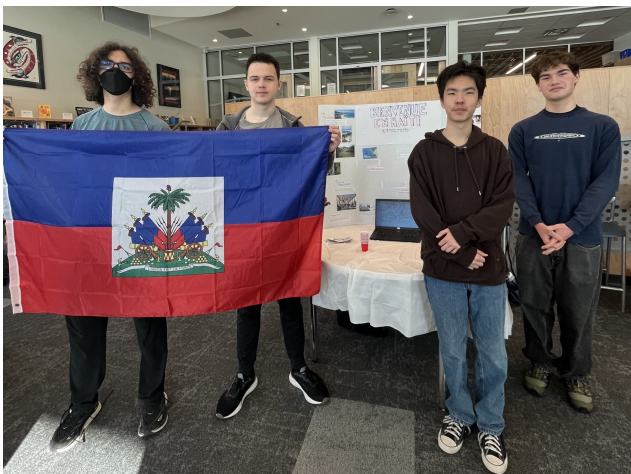




Niki Golbon, Viell Solis, Rui Hang Cai, Victoria Kroeker



Wesley Eisenhauer, Finn Montgomery, Amirarsalan Alvizadeh



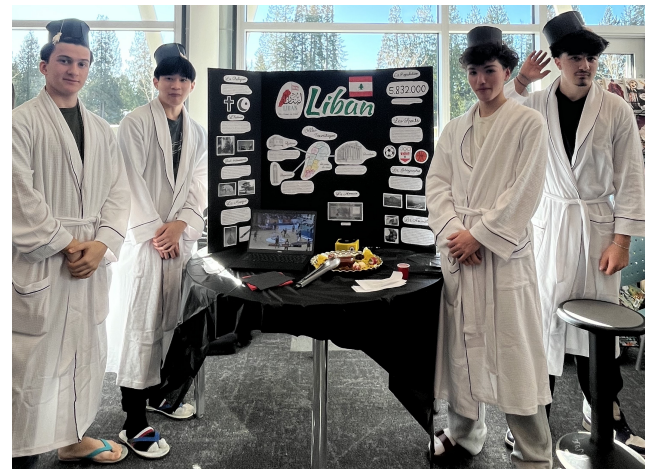
Seth Dhaliwal, Carson Findlay, David Peng, Alexander Schunke



Kasra Mohtashami, Andy Inkster, Miles Herbert, Sepehr Chikani Sadeghi



Alisa Yu, Sophia Dadani, Madeleine Fraser, Niva Espenhain, Alex Kim



Barsam Nazembafghi, Leon Liem, Miles Jones, Arian Khalili Samani





Abtin Ahani, Artin Hajhosseinlou, Ryan Zhu



Sophie Cullis, Aria Kennedy, Katie Doolan, Sophie Akester



Andres Guerrero, Dryden Griffin, Kavin Naidoo, Finn Prescott





# Ms. Jung's Marketing 11 classes Plan their Own Super Bowl

Ms. Jung's Marketing 11 students have been working on a whole class project where they run their own Super Bowl by researching previous Super Bowls, cultural aspects, marketing and operations and then planning their own Super Bowl. The details of the project ranged from choosing the host city, architectural aspects of the stadiums, safety and security, fan zones, marketing, sales (cost analysis), accounting, community events, working with Indigenous Nations, the half-time performance, risk analysis, broadcasting, filming, and viewership.

This is a rare opportunity for students to experience looking at the inner workings of a large-scale televised event that they may have only been the observers or viewers for in the past. The project allows for students to figure out their focus within a business lens (marketing and audiences, operations, finance, or systemic organization) and apply their understanding to work together from start to finish.

Ms. Jung's Period 4 class chose Seattle to host and plan their Super Bowl and her Period 7 class chose Atlanta.

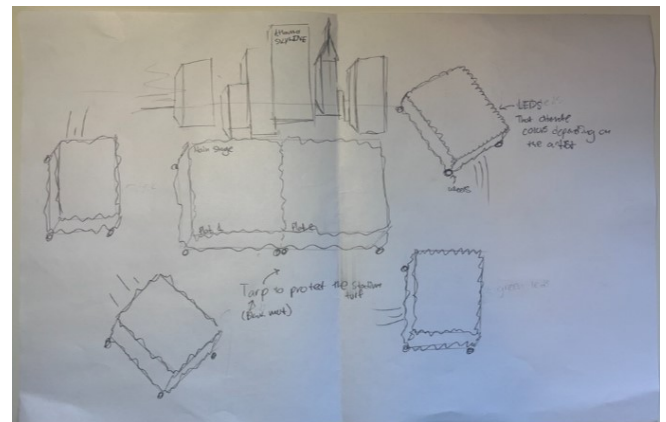
## Highlights from Period 7: Atlanta

**STADIUM**  
Mercedes Benz  
1 AMB Dr NW, Atlanta, GA 30313, USA

- Capacity: 71,000
- 180 luxury suites
- 7,500 club seats
- Retractable roof



Made by Azad Schon & Lucas Buttjes



An architectural draft done by Azad Schon of the Half-Time Show staging

## Highlights from Period 4: Seattle



Diagram for Super Bowl Half-Time Show Stage by Avery Marchant



Seattle Architecture, Lumen Field, and Proposed Half-Time Swag by Avery Marchant



# Handsworth Writing Lab

*Think it, write it, own it.*

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

**When?** Launching Wed. Feb. 19. Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch.

**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.

## **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.

**Follow us on Instagram @handsworth\_writing\_lab**



# Grad 2025 Information



## Grad Save the Dates

**Grad Rehearsal and Grad Breakfast**—Wednesday, June 11 7:30am @ HSS

- Grad gown distribution

**Grad Banquet**—Friday, June 13th 6-11pm @ Westin Bayshore

**Commencement Ceremony**—Monday, June 16th 7pm (Grads arrive 6pm) @ Orpheum Theatre

*More details to come!*

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## Grad Gown Sign up is OPEN!

It is time to order your grad gowns for the June 16, 2025 Convocation Ceremony.

The order form will only take a moment to complete. You just need to know your height (with shoes).

**You will find the order form in your CLC12 Teams.**

***Please complete this form before Friday, February 28, 2025.***

Gowns will be distributed at the Grad Breakfast and Ceremony Rehearsal on June 11, 2025

Questions? Message Mr. Hungle



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## 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](mailto:hssgrads2025@gmail.com) or on Instagram at @handsworthgrad2025.

# 2025 GRADS: YEARBOOK INFORMATION—PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!

The information here is non-negotiable and all deadlines must be met  
– **no exceptions.**

Late submissions for anything will not be included.

Grad Write-Ups and Baby Pictures for the Yearbook are due on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025. **Late submissions for anything will not be included.**

To submit your WRITE-UP and BABY PICTURE, use the QR code or link available in the CLC 12 Teams under the 'Grad Yearbook 2024-2025' channel. No submissions to teacher email or yearbook staff will be accepted.

Please refer to the attached '[Grad 2025 Handout for Yearbook.](#)' Please read it carefully, due dates are non-negotiable and must be met - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES:

- **December 17th–22nd, 2024:** Artona grad portrait sessions.
- **February 4th, 2025:** Final deadline for retakes of grad photos to appear in the yearbook.
- **February 18th, 2025:** LAST DAY to submit Grad Write-Ups and Baby Pictures for the Yearbook. MS Form available in CLC12 Teams under the 'Grad Yearbook 2024-2025' channel.
- **February 28th, 2025:** LAST DAY to pre-order a yearbook. Purchase a yearbook using your "[cash on-line](#)" account. To see if you have purchased a yearbook, please check the history in your School Cash Online account.
- **February 28th, 2025:** Public Display of Affection (PDA), optional purchase, only 6 spots still available! Email all submissions to: [handsworthpda@gmail.com](mailto:handsworthpda@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

The Handsworth Yearbook Class is offering the opportunity to personalize the yearbook in a very special way with a Public Display of Affection (PDA) for our graduates. If you are interested in this option, please complete the following instructions prior to February 28, 2025. Please note there are limited spots available. Email a high-resolution digital image (jpeg format only) and max 150 word statement (no poems that exceed 5 lines) in the same email to [handsworthpda@gmail.com](mailto:handsworthpda@gmail.com). Please include your child's full legal name and their preferred name (if applicable). Please make your \$42 payment online.

[Grad 2025 and Grade 12 Information - École Handsworth Secondary \(sd44.ca\)](#)

[Grad 2025 Handout for Yearbook.pdf](#)

# 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.

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## PAC FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHT - PAC'S GAMING GRANT

You probably know that one of the PAC's main contributions to Handsworth is supplementing funds where they can. But did you know that the Charitable Gaming Grant is one of their main sources of funds? Here are just some of the ways they are able to put the grant money to good use:

### 2023/24:

Ski Club - new wax bench and tuning supplies

Sr. Girls Basketball - new jerseys.

Field hockey - new field hockey balls and uniforms

Coding - new programmable objects

Animals rights - stationary

Theatre - new microphone

Math club - competition fees

### 2024/25:

Student council - holiday tree

Yearbook - new camera lenses

Textiles Club - new hooks, yarn and needles

Jr Girls Basketball - jerseys

Football - new helmets

Bantam Rugby - new jerseys

Join us at 7:00pm on February 24th at our next PAC meeting to learn more about how the PAC is using this money. Click this link to [Join the Meeting](#) via Zoom.

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## Next PAC Meeting: — February 24th via Zoom

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

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



## Student Council—Updates and Highlights

February was a busy and exciting month at Handsworth, with the Student Council hosting several fun events.

**Lunar New Year Celebration** - We welcomed the Year of the Snake with activities in the Grand Commons, where students took part in themed crafts and enjoyed white bunny treats. It was a great way to honor the traditions of our students and wish everyone good luck and prosperity in the coming year.

**Valentine's Day** - Students sent heart-shaped chocolate lollipops, red roses, and singing telegrams to friends, classmates and staff. Messages of kindness and caring were spread throughout the school.

**Handsworth Talent Show** - The talent show gave students an opportunity to showcase their skills in music, dance, comedy, and more. The event had a great turnout, and the audience showed lots of support for their peers and Handsworth's own teacher's band members on stage!

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make these events a success!

### Coming Up:

We're all looking forward to celebrations of Nowruz and Pi Day in March.

See you there!

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## 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](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.