



ROYALS NEWS

Upcoming Events Summary

- February 23**.....HPAC Meeting (7pm, HSS Library)
- February 23**.....Course Request Sheets Grade 8-11 DUE
- February 24-25**.....Hadestown Musical Theatre Show
- February 25**.....Late Start—classes begin @ 9:50am
- February 25**.....Pink Shirt Day
- February 27**.....Review & Completion Day (no classes)
- March 10**.....Parent-Teacher Interviews 1st Window Opens @ 6pm
- March 10**.....Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published
- March 10**.....Strings Extravaganza (7:30pm Grand Commons)
- March 16-27**.....Spring Break (School Closed)

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



Keep Our Community Clean

Here at Handsworth we have the wonderful privilege of learning in one of the most beautiful areas on the North Shore. We have noticed (and heard from our neighbours) that **students have been leaving lots of litter in the community around the school**. We are working to educate our students about their responsibility to take care of where we live, learn and play. We are asking for your support to also remind your child to help keep our community clean by making sure they put garbage in the garbage cans and not to litter in the neighbourhood.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community beautiful.



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School Information

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Attendance Reporting Procedures

Please send your student absences (including late arrivals and/or early dismissals) via EMAIL!!!



You can email us at handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca

Please ensure the word "absence" or "attendance" appears in the subject line.

FORMAT when reporting an absence:

- FIRST NAME OF STUDENT
- LAST NAME OF STUDENT
- Grade
- DATE of absence (whole day or state the portion of the day)
- REASON for absence ("ill", "appointment", "vacation")
- Your name & relation to the student. (Only emails from parents and legal guardians are accepted.)

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

Att: All Drivers!



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.

Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2026 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10-12 their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at handsworth@sd44.ca

Learning Updates

Report Cards will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on March 10 (EOD)

Accessing Report Cards Online:

- **Login using this link:** 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:

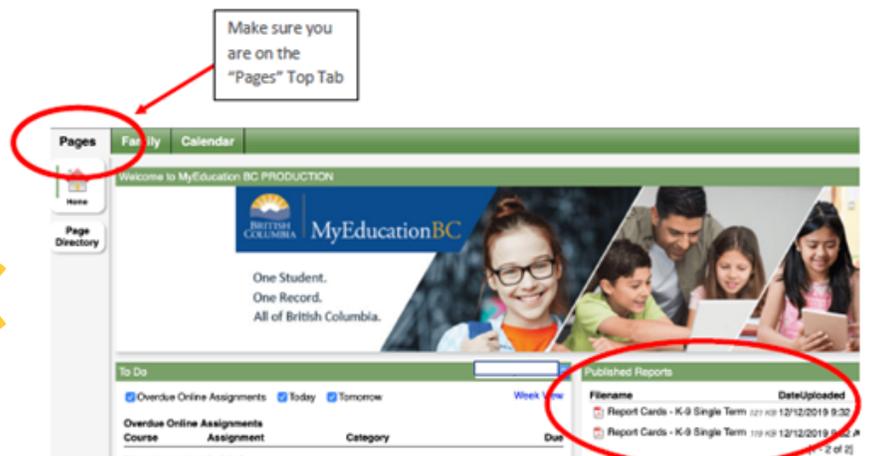
- Parents/guardians are required to reset their password every three months as per the regulations set out by the Ministry of Education and FOIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act).

Additional Resources: MyEducation BC – How to use the parent portal

Tips and troubleshooting

IMPORTANT!

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



Parent-Teacher Conferences



Date: **Thursday, April 16, 2026** 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 only. 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 Tuesday, March 10th @ 6pm to Friday, March 13th @ 3pm: parents limited to 3 appointments per student in this window.

2nd Booking Window– OPENS Tuesday, March 31st @ 6pm: Parents may add up to 3 more interviews per child (if needed and still available). There will be very limited availability at this time.

Booking Window closes - Friday, April 10th @ 3pm; appointments will no longer accepted on the booking system once the window closes. Parents will be able to view their bookings at any time up until the Interview day and will receive a reminder email.

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.

Parents will be able to view their bookings at any time up until the Interview day and will receive a reminder email.

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

Link to book



**School Appointments
Booking Opens March 10
@ 6pm**

January Dance Show Highlights

Congratulations to our Handsworth dancers on a fantastic winter show! The students showcased their performance skills in hip hop, jazz, lyrical and musical theatre to an all Canadian artist soundtrack. Our student choreographers did outstanding work peer teaching and creating dances for the show.

Save the date for our annual year end dance show happening June 4th and 5th at 7pm in the Handsworth Theatre!



Upcoming Theatre Productions



Hadestown Musical

February 24 and 25

Ms Primrose's Musical Theatre students present Hadestown! This musical also features Mr. Bradshaw's amazing Band and Choir students.

Location: Handsworth Theatre
DOORS OPEN @ 6:45pm. Tickets are \$15

Purchase Tickets via School Cash Online:

[Hadestown Musical, Tues. Feb 24th, 2026](#)

[Hadestown Musical, Wed. Feb 25th, 2026](#)



Annual School Play: fake

Handsworth theatre students are co-creating the next school play, *fake*, a drama about teenagers finding a sketch book filled with harsh drawings of them and their peers. This discovery causes an unexpected chain of events that reveals the secrets and lies of their peer group. Who is being authentic? Who is being fake? As part of our annual tradition, the play is filled with dances, songs, and comedic relief. The student's original play will be performed in the Handsworth Theatre at 7:30 pm April 29-30 and May 1-2, 2026.

\$30 TICKETS ON SALE

Sunday, March 1st

through School Cash Online (click on date below to purchase tickets):

[Wednesday, April 29 @ 7:30 pm](#)

[Thursday, April 30 @ 7:30 pm](#)

[Friday, May 1 @ 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 2 @ 7:30 pm](#)

Boys Club Network

Our Handsworth Boys Club meets once a week on Tuesdays to have lunch, share stories and values, and connect with one another by building lasting friendships along the way. The Boys Club Network is founded on interaction through the principles of HOPE – building Hope, Opportunity, Positive Mentorship, and Education.

We were fortunate to welcome some outstanding speakers to Boys Club this month. Member of Parliament Jonathan Wilkinson visited Handsworth, where he shared insights into his personal life, family, and public service. He spoke thoughtfully about his family and political journey, with a particular focus on issues related to immigration and climate change.

We also had the pleasure of hearing from our own Choices Program teacher, Mr. Keith Gallant. He offered some philosophical thoughts about his experiences, reminding students that their past experiences and current circumstances do not define their future. Mr. Gallant emphasized the importance of virtues in guiding us toward our own path, and encouraged the boys to trust their intuition as they make decisions about their lives and futures.



Course Info Fair Brings Students Together Over Lunch

This week's Course Info Fair turned lunchtime into a lively hub of conversation, connection, and community building. Entirely student-led, the fair invited learners from across grades to share their firsthand experiences in elective courses they've taken and enjoyed. From showcasing projects to answering questions, students played a key role in helping their peers discover what each elective is all about.

The goal of the fair was to support students as they make their course selections for next year by giving them an authentic "taste" of the learning, opportunities, and highlights each course offers. More importantly, the event created a space for students to engage with one another, build new connections, and celebrate the diverse learning pathways available at our school. A huge thank-you to all the students who shared their insights and helped make course planning a truly community-driven experience!



Handsworth Students Shine at Regional Ethics Bowl

A dedicated team of Handsworth Secondary students proudly represented our school for the first time at this year's Regional Ethics Bowl. Competing against schools from across the region, our students engaged in thoughtful, collaborative discussions on complex ethical issues demonstrating exceptional critical thinking, respectful dialogue, and teamwork. Among the topics, students discussed the ethics of licensing parents, de-extinction science, and AI.

Congratulations to all team members on a fantastic showing!

Students: Arman Tavakol, Bella Zhao, Charlotte Ji, Dora Xu, Sophie Akester, Thomas Najum, *not in image Sogol Kazimi (team captain)



February is Busy in the Handsworth Learning Commons!

Check out this month's Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year displays. We're also celebrating Black History Month with a matching game featuring brilliant Black Canadians. Students who complete it successfully can see the library staff for a treat.



Grad 2026 Information

Deadline to submit a Grad PDA for the Yearbook will be Friday, February 27th

COST: \$42 with only 48 spots available for purchase

Purchase today via your [School Cash Online](#)

Did You Know: Completing 30 hours Community Work is a Graduation Requirement?

Hey Grads, have you handed in your 30 Hours Community Connections Paperwork?

In order to graduate, students need to complete 30 hours of volunteer or paid work. The required forms can be found in the **Counselling Office** or from their **CLC12 Teachers**.

Don't wait to get these filled out: [Forms due February 27, 2026!](#)

Save the Dates!

- **Grad Ceremony**.....Monday June 15th 2026 @ 7pm Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- **Grad Banquet**.....Friday June 19th 2026 @ 6pm-11pm Westin Bayshore Hotel

Please refer to the [Grads page](#) on the Handsworth website for all the latest information on everything Grad 2026!

Handsworth PAC News

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

Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 7pm—Handsworth Library

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information, Agenda and Meeting Minutes.



Handsworth PAC
**PEER TO PEER
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Join us for a collaborative, solution-focused conversation among parents to share experiences and ideas.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
AT 07:00 PM
HSS LEARNING COMMONS**

- Building community among parents of teens.
- Sharing best practices between parents.
- Gathering input for PAC leadership.

The poster features an illustration of four people (three men and one woman) sitting around a table with laptops, engaged in a discussion. A lightbulb icon above them symbolizes ideas and collaboration.

Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram. (@handsworthpac).

Make sure to subscribe to the new [HPAC newsletter!](#)



Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches—OPEN!

Hello Handsworth Parents!

Just a friendly reminder that Session 2 of Handsworth Hot Lunch opened on January 23! Order today...you don't want to miss out!

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for details and a list of dates and vendors.

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



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

Monies raised go towards buying items for all our sports activities – and the PAC has been able to fund such items such as football helmets, transportation to offsite games and practises, new uniforms, nets, balls, and so much more! Our Handsworth athletes have performed incredibly well last year and with your support we can continue this momentum!



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2026/27 Academies – Application Period Open

The application period for academies is open **January 15 to February 28, 2026**.

The following academies will be offered during the 2026/27 school year: Artists for Kids Studio Art, Basketball, Dance, Digital Media, Digital Media Lite, Field Hockey, Hockey Skills, Rowing, Soccer and Volleyball.

Please visit the [Academies webpage](#) for further information and application

Homestay Families Needed

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

We have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning September 2026, and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the 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.