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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reminder to report your students
absences via email:

handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca



ROYALS NEWS



Handsworth Wins Best Overall and Best Cinematography at 2024 Zoom Film Festival!

Handsworth students have achieved an extraordinary double win, taking home the Best Overall Award, the festival's top honour, and Best Cinematography at the 2024 Zoom Film Festival. This major win includes a \$70,000 scholarship to the Vancouver Film School and a membership to Cineworks Independent Film Society.

Congratulations to Murray Montgomery, Alice Yu, Cormac McKeever, Julian Majzub, Keenan Beard, Lauren Kyle, Martha Stoeckmann, Evan Panton, Lucas Lussier, Emma Richardson, and Suriya Chiem for this remarkable accomplishment!"

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





Upcoming Events Summary

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| January 23..... | Trades Program Info Night @ Sutherland |
| January 23..... | Grad Skate Night @ Shipyards |
| January 24..... | School Based Pro D Day |
| January 28..... | Grade 7 to 8 Parent Info Night |
| January 29–31..... | CANCELLED -Theatre of Possibilities |
| February 4..... | Parent Course Programming Presentations |
| February 4..... | Grad yearbook photo retakes last day – Artona |
| February 10–13..... | Student Course Programming Assemblies |
| February 11..... | Juzt Jazz Concert |
| February 14..... | District Pro D Day (no school) |
| February 17..... | Family Day (school closed) |
| Feb 18..... | Last day to Submit Grad Write Ups and Baby Photo |
| February 24..... | HPAC Meeting (online) |
| February 26..... | Staff Collaboration Day (classes begin @ 9:50am) |
| February 14-28..... | Student Course Request Entry at Home |

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.



Welcome Dave Cadman Handsworth's New Vice-Principal

We are pleased to welcome Dave Cadman to the Handsworth community. He brings with him a wealth of leadership and teaching experience from Carson Graham as an administrator and long-time teacher there.

A little more about Dave...

Dave is a Handsworth alumni and is very excited to be able to come back to the community he grew up in. He has spent the last 14+ years at Carson Graham as the Choices teacher and more recently as Vice Principal. He strives to build positive relationships and connections between school and its community. Dave is passionate about student-centered learning and creating a welcoming and inclusive culture in schools that fosters a sense of belonging for all students. He's an advocate for equity, diversity, inclusion, mental health and well-being. He is looking forward to sharing his educational passions, building new connections and supporting the students of the Handsworth community.



Student Council Presents: Handsworth's Got Talent Show!

Auditions: February 7th @ lunch in the Theatre

Rehearsal: February 11th @ lunch in the Theatre



Sign up via the link on the posters around the school!

Everyone is welcome to come watch the show!

Talent Show: February 13th @ lunch in the Theatre

2025-26 Course Programming—Important Dates

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

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| January 28 | Grade 7 into 8 Parent Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional Tour: 5:15pm (meet in Grand Commons) Presentation: 6pm (Theatre) |
| February 4 | Parent/Guardian Course Programming Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 into 9: 5:30–6:30pm (Grand Commons) Grade 9 into 10: 5:30–6:30pm (Theatre) Grade 10 into 11: 7–8pm (Grand Commons) Grade 11 into 12: 7–8pm (Theatre) |
| February 10–13 | Student Assemblies for Course Programming DURING TUTORIAL (8:30am start in Theatre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Grade 8's: Feb 10 Current Grade 9's: Feb 11 Current Grade 10's: Feb 12 Current Grade 11's: Feb 13 <p>Course request sheets will be distributed to students after each assembly.</p> |
| February 28 | <p>Last day for students to <u>enter course requests at home</u> via their MyED Portal. Submit course request sheets to office once complete.</p> |
| March 3 | <p>All course request sheets due in the main office.</p> |

The 2025-26 Course programming guide will be available on our website under [Course Programming](#) on January 24th by EOD.

If you have any questions regarding course programming, please contact your student's grade counsellor.

Santa's Breakfast—December 2024

This year's Santa's Breakfast was a huge success! Students and staff gathered to enjoy a wonderful breakfast together in the Grand Commons, creating a cheerful and festive atmosphere. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed, the donations collected will be going to the BC Children's Hospital in the name of Dali Zissu.

A special thank you goes to our amazing Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for their support in purchasing the stunning 12-foot Christmas tree and decorations. The tree truly became the centerpiece of our celebration, spreading holiday joy throughout the school.

Thank you to all who made this event special. Your kindness and contributions made this holiday season unforgettable for our school community!



International Students—Skate Night

Shipyards Skate was a fun event for our International students. We wish those who are leaving soon, a safe journey home and know that they had a great adventure at Handsworth.



Upcoming Dance/Theatre Productions

SAVE THE DATES!



The Architect of Love

Annual School Play

A Silly comedy about Cupid and his dysfunctional roman god family.

April 30 & May 1-3, 2025

Showtime: 7:30pm

Tickets on Sale: March 1st

Hands Up Spring Show

(Dance show all grades)

Dates: June 5 & 6, 2025.

Showtime: 7pm

Tickets on Sale: May 22

Highlights from Hands Up Winter Dance Show

Congratulations to our Handsworth dancers on their successful winter show "Handsworth Dance Goes to Hollywood"! Performing dances in hip hop, jazz, lyrical, samba, musical theatre and contemporary, the dancers gave it their all! Our student choreographers showed creativity in their inspiring dance pieces. Way to go!



WEX News—Student Spotlight

In December, one of our grade 12 WEX students, Nigel Schuermans, completed his 90 hours of work experience at CBC Vancouver. Nigel worked with the production crew of Wild Cards, a CBC TV series. He assisted in the preparation of costumes and props as well as the setup for lighting and equipment. He also job shadowed the Assistant Director and one of the cast members as part of his experience. Nigel received positive feedback and was well-liked by the team.

Well done, Nigel!



Trade Programs Information Night 2025

Date: January 23rd

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Sutherland Secondary



NVSD invites students and their families to explore various trade opportunities available to students in Grade 10-12.

On January 23rd, learn from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC (Formerly the ITA), post-secondary representatives and NVSD career program educators.

Grad 2025 Information



Handsworth Scholarships

Att: All Grade 12 Students

The Handsworth Scholarship Application form is currently available to all grade 12 students in the Scholarship Info channel of their CLC Team.

Applications close on Sunday, February 2 at 11:45 pm.

Students must submit an application in order to be considered for any of the scholarships that Handsworth facilitates. Applicants need one academic and one volunteer/work reference for this application, so they should confirm these references and their email addresses before beginning the application form. Students will be informed if their application was successful at their graduation ceremony in June, 2025.

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for full scholarship information.

Grad Skate Night—Reminder!



Reminder to Grads that signed up for the Skate night!

Date: January 23rd

Time: 8:30—9:30pm

Location: Shipyards

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.

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

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. 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.

PAC Highlights

Every month the Handsworth PAC hopes to highlight some of the exciting ways it supports students and staff at Handsworth. Check back every month to see what they're up to!

New Football Helmets

Handsworth PAC was excited to purchase new helmets for Handsworth football players in grades 8 through 12. Using Gaming Grant funds, many students that played football this fall had a new SpeedFlex helmet. Consistency ranked five stars in studies for safety and wearability. As noted by the Handsworth equipment manager, the SpeedFlex helmets were highly rated among Handsworth players as well. A varsity player noted "Honestly, the SpeedFlex is just next-level. It's super comfortable, and you feel so protected out there. It's the helmet everyone wants. Can't imagine playing without it." The PAC hopes to continue to support the football program and provide additional SpeedFlex helmets to prioritize student safety.

The Handsworth PAC is committed to supporting our students and staff. Want to know more about us or our upcoming events? Sign up for the [Handsworth PAC newsletter HERE](#).



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](#)!