

## ROYALS NEWS

### **Upcoming Events Summary**

June 18	Rugby Banquet
June 20	Last Day of Scheduled Classes
June 23-24	Review & Completion
June 24	Royal Recognition Reception
June 25	Final Report Cards Published
June 26	Yearbook Distribution
June 27	Administrative Day
July/August	School Closed for Summer Break



Grade Assemblies	,
September 3	First Day of Scheduled Classes
September 19	School Based Professional Day
September 20	Buchanan Bowl (@ Carson Graham)

September 2.....School back in Session-Part Day/Photo Day/

The 2025-26 Handsworth Secondary School Calendar is now available and can be found on the Handsworth website here.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADS!!!

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



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See page 16 for more information

## **Staff Changes for 2025-26 School Year**

We wish the following staff all the best in their new assignments!

Guillaume Vallette Helen Zhai Karen Chrobok



## **Staff Retirements**

A Royal thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

All the best and congratulations on your retirement!



Sarah Best
Tanja Frauenstein
Frank Leung
Marianne Macario
Louise Owen

## Yearbook Distribution—June 26

Yearbooks will be distributed on Thursday, June 26th in the Grand Commons according to the following times:

GRADE 8's: 9:30am-10:00am

GRADE 9's: 10:00am-10:30am

GRADE 10's: 10:30 am-11:00am

GRADE 11's: 11:00 am-11:30am

• GRADE 12's: 11:30am-12:00pm

#### Cannot pick up on the 26th?:

If students are unable to pick up in person, a designated family member or friend may pick up their yearbook by bringing a note and picture ID. Alternatively, students can pick up in September from the school office.

Please log into your School Cash Online and ensure that all fees are up to date to avoid any delay in receiving your yearbook.

## **Review Outstanding School Fees**

Please review your School Cash Online account and pay any outstanding school fees. Yearbooks (grades 8-12) will not be distributed until school fees are paid. If you need financial assistance with school fees, please contact your grade administrator.



## Final Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published June 25th



Final Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on June 25, 2025 by end of day.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to <u>log in and update their account now in advance</u> so you can access them on the 25th. Help with your parent/guardian portal account can be found below as well as on the <u>Handsworth website</u> and <u>District</u> website.

#### **Follow these 4 Steps to Access Report Cards:**

- 1. Visit <a href="https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do">https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do</a>. We recommend that you use a desktop computer or laptop instead of a mobile device. (Make sure popups are enabled for your browser).
- 2. <u>Your Login ID is the email address that you have given to the school</u>. Both Login ID's and passwords are case sensitive. Five unsuccessful log in attempts will disable your account. Passwords are good for 90 days.
- 3. If it is your first time signing in or it has been more than 90 days since your last password change, you will be prompted to change your password immediately. You will also need to enter security information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password.
- 4. Once inside MyEd, reports <u>are accessible in the *Published Reports* area and will appear as PDF documents.</u>

#### More help can be found on the following documents:

MyEd BC Parent Portal - how to reset password.pdf
Parent Portal - Parents Assistance Guide.pdf
Parent Portal - Tips and Troubleshooting for parents.pdf

**Questions/Concerns?** Should you have any questions or concerns about Parent Portal access, please contact us at <a href="mailto:handsworth@sd44.ca">handsworth@sd44.ca</a>. Please include your name as well as your student's first and last name and the issue you are having. We will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible.

### **Important Reminder:**

Please **save/print all 2024-25 report cards prior to the end of July** as all published reports are <u>wiped</u> from the MyEducation BC portal on July 31st of every year.



When you login in September, you will <u>not</u> see report cards from previous years.

### **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:

Click here! → Fill in the Google Doc

Share the form with all your Grade 11 contacts!



## **June is National Indigenous History Month**

June is National Indigenous History month, and Saturday June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples day. For generations Indigenous groups and communities have celebrated their culture on, or around June 21st, because of the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. This day and the month of June are dedicated to honoring the heritage, history, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis across Canada. Join us in celebrating the stories and achievements of local Indigenous people at one of the several local events hosted by NVRC taking place this June. You may also take part by learning more about Indigenous culture and traditions with some of the resources available through our public library.

<u>Celebrate National Indigenous History Month with NVRC | North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission</u>

National Indigenous History Month | Vancouver Public Library



#### Reminder to Students: Check the Lost & Found!

We encourage students to check the lost and found - there are so many items! Please remind your student to stop by and check for any missing items.

#### All items will be out on tables until June 26th. All Items will be donated after this date.

Did you know that we donate our unclaimed lost and found items to a small, isolated indigenous community on Vancouver Island? All items sent have been washed and sanitized and are so gratefully received by the youth in the community!



## Student Lockers—Vacate by June 20th

Students have been reminded to start clearing out their lockers in advance of the end of the school year. All locker users must remove all their belongings as well as their locks by June 20th.

After June 20th, any remaining locks will be removed and unclaimed items will be placed in Lost and Found. **All unclaimed items will be disposed of/donated after June 26th.** 

Please remind your student to keep their lock for next year. If they are not returning or do not need a locker next year, they can donate their lock back to the school by dropping it off at the office.



## **Library Books—Overdue**

Please ensure students return all their Library Resources to the Library Learning Commons as soon as possible, resources are now overdue.



## Student Spotlight—Handsworth Student Wins First Place Globally in Chemistry Contest

The Science Department extends congratulations to **Bella Zhao**, a Grade 11 student at Handsworth Secondary, for her outstanding achievement in the University of Waterloo Chemistry 11 "Avogadro" Contest, held in May.

Bella achieved first place globally out of 4,981 participants, first in Canada out of 3,386 participants, and first at Handsworth out of 23 participants. This remarkable accomplishment marks a historic milestone for Handsworth, with Bella as a first place finisher.

Way to go Bella!!



## **Two Handsworth Students Finish in Second Place at Thompson Rivers University Chemistry Contest**

The Science Department would like to congratulate two grade 11 Handsworth students that placed second overall in the Thompson Rivers University Chemistry contest!

#### Mohammadmahdi Garoosi and Adrina Farkhondi





### **Grade 10 Careers Students Win Youth & Philanthropy Initiative Contest**

Congratulations to Ms. Potters grade 10 Careers students: **Kalla Vu, Parto Nemati** (not pictured), **Laura Gazdova** and **Raili Akins** who won Handsworth's Youth Philanthropy Initiative Contest.

Through this process, they were able to secure a \$5000 grant to donate to Coast Mental Health, an organization that provides resources such as housing and employment education to those struggling with mental illness.

Their outstanding efforts showcase the impact students can have within their communities.

Way to go!!

For more information please visit the YPI website: HOME | goypi.ca

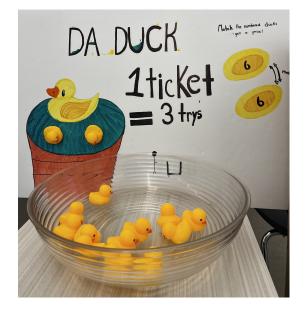


## Classroom Spotlight: Math 11 with Mr. Fritz

Students in Math 11 have been diving into the world of theoretical and experimental probability. After learning how to calculate and interpret different types of probability, they put their knowledge into action by designing and testing their own probability-based games.

This hands-on project not only reinforced key concepts but also sparked creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. It was exciting to see math come to life in such an engaging and practical way! (Students: Merisa Masoud, Erica Ferens, Julia Van Riet, Kahtori Swiney, Lindsey Martin)











Handsworth
Secondary
student exhibition
at the
Vancouver Aquarium





Handsworth's annual art exhibition is now installed and on display at the Vancouver Aquarium!

Handsworth artists created these detailed studies of fauna and flora after investigating the Survival of the Slowest exhibition at the aquarium.

Researching counter-intuitive adaptations amongst many different life forms, students returned to class to explore materials and methods to execute the works on display.

The show will be up for the public until mid-September, with an anticipated 200,00+ aquarium patrons enjoying the work!

Congratulations to all of the talented Handsworth artists who are participating.

Many thanks to the Vancouver Aquarium for hosting these works and providing us a professional exhibition space.



## **Handsworth Dominated the Chester Fields Photography Contest**

Maya Klair, Tessa Burns, Caitria Cooper, Elizabeth Diaz Luna, Nicolas Pietrow, Matin Biabanpour Vazvani, Martha Stoeckmann, and Hana Rezaei were longlisted and are featured on the Polygon Gallery website.

**Avisa Davoodabadi, Alexia Perrais, and Athanasios Ross** were shortlisted, with their work displayed at The Polygon Gallery as part of Chester Fields 2025: Shadow Play exhibition.

A special congratulations to Athanasios Ross, who was awarded First Place.

You can see the shortlisted works on display at The Polygon Gallery now through June 29.

#### Way to go Royals!!



#### Dissonance, Like A Wall By Athanasios Ross

This image is a scan of a reel of five failed negatives, originally appearing purely black, which were digitally edited to a destructive extent in order to extract as many remaining shards of light as possible. The resulting noise melds them together into a pseudo-panorama that forces the viewer to interact with the photograph as they would in true darkness; to let both their imagination and pattern recognition fill in the blanks to find the subject through the wall of noise. Through this piece I explore one's own relationship with darkness, creating a reflection of how eyes can both fail us yet reveal an entirely different, uniquely human perception of something so universal as light.



## **Hands Up! Dance Show a Huge Success!**

Congratulations to the Handsworth dancers on a fantastic year end show! 120 students showed their skills in various styles of dance, choreography, lighting design and stage tech. What a great way to wrap up a fantastic year of dance here at Handsworth!









#### Handsworth's Athletes of the Year

#### Grade 8:

**Sloan Hamer-Jackson (far left)** displayed true leadership and skill on soccer, basketball, volleyball, and ultimate teams. In all four sports, Sloan consistently delivered high-level performances marked by natural athleticism, strong vision, technical skill, and tactical awareness. She was extremely coachable and eager to improve her skills. Handsworth is lucky to have her!

Cass Bernardi (middle left) began her high school journey by taking on an impressive four sports: soccer, field hockey, basketball, and ultimate frisbee. In each one, Cass demonstrated exceptional dedication and sportsmanship. Whether she was



trying a sport for the first time or backed by years of experience, she consistently found ways to elevate her game. Cass is always the hardest worker on the court and puts her all into every game and practice, inspiring all around her.

**Sanjay Reeves (middle right)** set the standard for athletic excellence at Handsworth this year, excelling in football, basketball, and rugby. Sanjay consistently brought leadership, drive, and sportsmanship to every game, and was a well-deserving recipient of the Quinn Keast Award for basketball this year.

**Alexandre Comeau (far right)** has had an exceptional first year competing for Handsworth, making his mark across three sports: Cross-Country, Track & Field, and Mountain Biking. Alexandre dominated the North Shore Cross-Country league, capturing the individual North Shore Championship before going on to win the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Junior Cross-Country Championship at Jericho. He capped off the season with a stellar performance at Provincials, completing one of the most impressive cross-country running seasons by anyone his age in the province.

#### Grade 9:

Blake Dhaliwal made a strong impact in volleyball, rugby, and football this year. In his first season playing volleyball at Handsworth, he played middle and was a defensive asset, known for key blocks and consistency. Blake was also a key part the junior rugby team despite no prior experience, quickly becoming a reliable, and tough player. His quiet leadership, dedication, and sportsmanship earned the respect of teammates and coaches, marking him as a rising athletic leader.

**Tolu Adefowokan (right)** is an excellent multi-sport athlete who made a powerful impact on her basketball team and in her new



sports this year, rugby and soccer. Tolu's outstanding basketball skills and leadership made her a reliable player throughout the whole season. Despite playing both soccer and rugby for the first time at Handsworth, Tolu showed skill, athleticism, determination and good sportsmanship.

**Jennifer Cunningham (left)** was a valuable member of Handsworth basketball, soccer, and alpine teams this year. She has earned respect for her leadership on the field, composure under pressure, and intelligent play. She made season defining plays after coming back from injury to anchor the defence in soccer, contributing significantly to the team's success.

#### Grade 10:

Elia Comeau is recognized for her contributions to the Mountain Biking, Field hockey, Cross Country, and Track and Field teams this year. When asked about her athletic personality by her coaches, they've all said that she's an inspiration to others because of her hard-working personality. Elia was an exceptional distance runner for Cross-Country and Track, showed great promise on the MTB team, and was a member of the Handsworth Juniors Girls Field Hockey team, who won the Junior Girls NSSSAA field hockey championship.

**Dylan Boyes** has emerged as one of Handsworth's most dynamic and dedicated athletes. Competing in football,



basketball, badminton, and track, Dylan brought exceptional athleticism and a relentless work ethic to every team he joined. His ability to lead by example and step up in high-pressure moments made him a cornerstone of each program, really setting the standard for what it means to be a multi-sport talent.

#### Grade 11:

**Evynn Hamer-Jackson** was a successful multisport athlete representing both Senior Girls Volleyball and Senior Girls Soccer. She made a major impact in volleyball, earning a starting spot as a Grade 11 on a deep and talented Senior Girls team that qualified for provincials. In Senior Girls Soccer, she demonstrated dedication, versatility, and a coachable attitude throughout the season.

**Spencer Medland (left)** had a truly remarkable impact on both Senior Boys Soccer and our Sen-



ior Track team. An exceptional natural athlete, he consistently demonstrated mental toughness, focus, and a fierce competitive spirit in every match and race. Technically skilled and defensively dominant, his soccer coach said that "Spencer was the kind of player every opponent dreaded going up against." Spencer was also a key member of the Senior Boys 4x400m relay team that won a provincial gold medal.

**Keanan Parker (right)** distinguished himself as a multi-sport athlete, excelling in Senior football, hockey, and rugby. In football, his versatility enabled him to play on both sides of the ball, making critical plays both on offense and defense. On the ice, he contributed speed, awareness, and a team-first attitude to each shift. In all three sports, he won the respect of his coaches and teammates for his persistent effort, dependability, and leadership through action.

#### Grade 12:

Michael Caddick has been an integral member of Handsworth's athletic programs throughout his high school career. Michael has played for several teams over the years, such as soccer, track, football, and ultimate frisbee. This year he served as our Senior Boys Soccer Captain and was also a member of our Senior Boys 4x400m team that won Gold at provincials.

**Brooke Hemstead (right)** has been a standout threesport athlete at Handsworth, excelling in soccer, cross-country, and track and field. Her natural athleticism, strong work ethic, and skill have made her a

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key player in each sport. Beyond her performances, she's been recognized for her leadership — especially her positivity, support for younger teammates, and ability to bring people together.

Claire McJannet (left) has excelled at a number of sports throughout high school, but especially basketball and ultimate. She was an NSSSAA all-star for Senior Girls basketball and is finishing high school as one of the most accomplished ultimate athletes in Handsworth history, with multiple league titles and a provincial gold medal.

## **Track and Field Highlights**

The Handsworth Track and Field team had an outstanding 3 days out in Langley for the BC School Sports Track and Field Championship. Almost the entire team achieved a new personal best and many core high school memories were formed. We came home with 4 provincial medals!

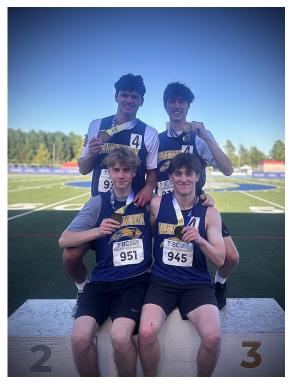
Alexandre Comeau- 2nd in the Grade 8 3000m

**Ethan Lam Di-Iorio, Trey Adelaar, Akiva Turner and Chace Chin-** 3rd in Junior Boys 4x400

Wiliam Millard- Provincial Champion in the Pole Vault!

Spencer Medland, Quinn Tveit-Borgenstrom, Michael Caddick and Garrett Chin- Provincial Champions in the Senior Boys 4x400m!

The Senior Boys 4x400m (picture attached) was just over 1 second off the record of 3:20.00 that has been around since 1982 (Burnaby Central). If you click on the link below and fast forward to the 9:11.30 mark you can watch this outstanding performance.





## **Sports News-Hockey**

In our inaugural season, Handsworth Hockey made a strong impression, finishing 3rd in Tier 1 after a hard-fought consolation win over Windsor Secondary. The team showed tremendous grit and determination throughout the season, coming within a shootout of upsetting the defending champions, Argyle, in the semifinal.

This season was a statement of what's to come. With several Grade 12 leaders graduating, the younger grades have already stepped up, showing that the future of Handsworth Hockey is bright. Our first year was a successful campaign, filled with growth, resilience, and team spirit. We're proud of what we've accomplished and even more excited for what's ahead.



Our hockey team finished off a great season with a fun and competitive ball hockey game in the gym as part of our year-end wrap-up party. It was a chance for players to connect, celebrate their hard work, and enjoy some friendly competition one last time before summer break. The event highlighted the strong sense of teamwork and sportsmanship that carried us through the season. We're proud of the growth and dedication shown by all our players and are already looking forward to building on that momentum next year. **Tryouts for the 2025 season will be held before spring break**. If you're interested in being part of the team next year, please email Mr. Fritz for more information.



Here's to next season, Go Royals!

#### **Handsworth PAC News**

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

## Staff Appreciation Lunch—June 25th

Let's show Handsworth staff how much we appreciate them! Handsworth PAC is coordinating an Appreciation Lunch on June 25th for all 125 Handsworth staff members. We want to show our collective gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff, and help them close out their year on a happy and tasty note!

Please help cover the catering costs of this event. You can donate using this link: <a href="https://munchalunch.com/schools/handsworth/">https://munchalunch.com/schools/handsworth/</a>

If you would like to volunteer that day, please email chair@handsworthpac.ca

#### Join the HPAC for the 2025-26 School Year!

HPAC would like to say thank you for your support. Parents, this school doesn't run without you, and we hope to see you at our next meeting next September! Being part of HPAC helps generate funds for the schools, allows parents to stay informed about Handsworth and helps enhance the student and staff experience. Please reach out anytime with questions or to get involved. **chair@handsworthpac.ca** 

HPAC would also like to send a big thank you to all the Handsworth staff. We feel lucky to be part of a community that values kids and their education. We hope you enjoy your summer break!

See you next year!

HPAC (Candace, Carmen, Shannon, Angela, Cara, Rebecca and Jessica)

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.

## **NVSD District News—Homestay Families Urgently 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 <a href="mailto:international@sd44.ca">international@sd44.ca</a>. More information about the homestay program is available on the <a href="mailto:International Education">International Education</a> section of the school district website.