



# ROYALS NEWS

## Upcoming Events Summary

March 17-28.....	Spring Break
March 31.....	First Day back to School After Spring Break
March 31.....	Parent Teacher Interview Booking Window #1 CLOSSES @ 6pm
April 1.....	Queens University Visit @ lunch
April 3.....	Parent Teacher Interview Booking Window #2 OPENS @ 6pm
April 7.....	Parent Teacher Interview Booking Window #2 CLOSSES @ 3pm
April 8.....	Club Day @ lunch in Grand Commons
April 8-22.....	Japan Exchange Trip
April 10.....	Parent teacher Interviews— Early Dismissal @ 2pm
April 11.....	Early Dismissal @ 2pm
April 14.....	Intermediate Music Festival @ 7pm Handsworth Gym
April 14.....	HPAC Meeting @ 7pm in Library
April 16.....	Handsworth Career Fair 8:30am-1:30pm (Grand Commons)
April 18.....	Good Friday (School Closed)
April 21.....	Easter Monday (School Closed)
April 25.....	Capstone Presentations

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



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



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### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reminder to report your student's absences via email:

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

# REPORT CARDS

**Report Cards were 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	Due
Report Cards - K-9 Single Term	12/12/2019 9:32	
Report Cards - K-9 Single Term	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

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

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.

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.

Adjusted Bell Schedule for Thursday, April 10, 2025 Interviews Today!	
8:31-9:11	Tutorial
9:11-10:05	Period 5
10:10-11:05	Period 6
11:10-12:05	Period 7
12:05-1:05	LUNCH
1:05-2:00	Period
2:00	Early Dismissal
2:30 - 4:30	<b>Interviews Session 1</b>
5:30 - 7:30	<b>Interviews Session 2</b>

Adjusted Bell Schedule for Friday, April 11, 2025 (No interviews today)	
8:31-9:11	Tutorial
9:11-10:05	Period 2
10:10-11:05	Period 3
11:10-12:05	Period 1
12:05-1:05	LUNCH
1:05-2:00	Period 4
2:00	Early Dismissal

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for more  
information

## 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.**



# 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.

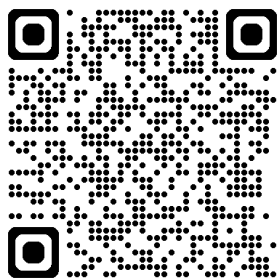
A silly comedy about a dysfunctional family of Roman Gods who cause a global love crisis.

***Tickets on Sale Now!***

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

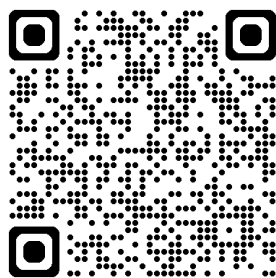
**Weds April 30th @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Wednesday tix here](#)



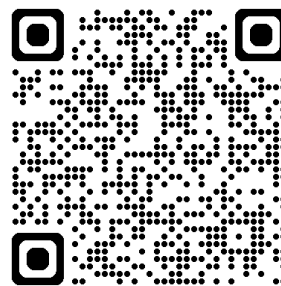
**Fri May 2nd @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Friday tix here](#)



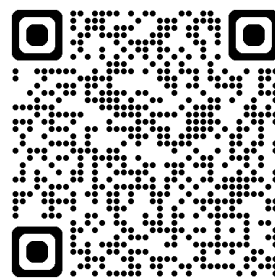
**Thurs May 1st @ 7:30pm**

[Purchase Thursday tix here](#)



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

[Purchase Saturday tix here](#)



# Sports News –Winter Season Wrap Up

## Senior Boys Basketball

Article written by Sophia Dadani, Grade 11

The Handsworth Senior Boys Basketball team had a season to remember, participating in various tournaments, hosting one of their own, and **winning the North Shore 4A Championship** on their home court. It was a special moment for the team, especially the senior players, who had the opportunity to say goodbye to their home gym in the best way possible.

The team also hosted the annual No Regrets tournament in honour of Quinn Keast, continuing a tradition that holds deep meaning within the Handsworth basketball community. Reflecting on the season, Coach Pankiw shared, "The best highlight would be winning the North Shore 4A banner on our home court."

A huge thank you to our seniors for their dedication and leadership. It was a pleasure having you on the team!



## Senior Girls Basketball

Article written by Miles Herbert, Grade 11

The Royal's Senior Girls' basketball team had yet another stellar season with the team being compiled of grade 10s, 11s, and 12s.

Despite the age gap all the girls bonded giving them yet again another successful season.

In mid-December the girls suited up for what was for sure going to be an exciting tournament. The first game was the iconic "spirit game" where the girls faced off against the John Oliver Jokers in a packed house, the Royals made sure to protect the house winning 64-22 which was the highlight of the year.

As they approached the end of the year the team had their eyes set on a banner and a chance at Gold. The final game was against the Argyle Pipers, it was a back-and forth game that eventually slipped out of reach for the Royals 82-54 on the Argyle floor.





## Juvenile Girls Basketball

*Article written by Sepehr Sadeghi Chikani, Grade 11*

The season was a rollercoaster for the team, filled with both thrilling highs and tough lows. One of the biggest highlights was the opening game, where they mounted an incredible comeback from 15 points down to defeat a highly ranked STA squad. Another standout moment was their dominant win over Heritage Woods, a game where every player contributed, showcasing their best team performance of the season. However, disappointment came in the form of an unexpected loss in a Cap U tournament where they were favoured to win and a tough first-round playoff exit against a beatable opponent. Overall, a season of growth, resilience, and team effort.



"The juvenile girls team had a great season going 7-4 in league play and 10-7 overall. All the girls

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## Junior Boys Basketball

*Article written by Bardia Khayam, Grade 12*

The junior boys' basketball team wrapped up a season defined by perseverance and progress. Playing between 23 and 25 games, they secured around 12 wins, battling through a challenging schedule. While the season had its ups and downs, the team showcased resilience when it mattered most.

One of the season's biggest highlights came in a tough tournament in Victoria, where expectations were low, but the team rose to the occasion. Facing strong competition, they finished with an impressive 3-1 record—an achievement that far exceeded initial hopes of simply competing.

Their determination carried into the playoffs, where they fought hard to secure a first-round victory despite the challenges they had faced throughout the year. It was a defining moment that reflected their ability to step up under pressure.

Beyond the wins and losses, this season was about growth. The team built chemistry, learned valuable lessons, and proved that hard work and resilience can lead to success. With this foundation in place, the future looks bright for the program.





## Bantam Girls Basketball

Article written by Shawn Yin

The Handsworth Bantam Girls Basketball team had a season full of growth, perseverance, and team spirit. Led by Coaches Gabrielle Sumner and Olivia Ferre, both current Grade 12 student, the team showed tremendous improvement throughout the season.

A defining moment came in their final game against Carson, where they secured a 20-point victory after losing to them by just one earlier in the year.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Sumner said, "It was a really great season, and every girl improved so much as time went on. By the end, we really came together as a team and played great basketball."



Way to go Royals!

## Two Handsworth Students Featured in the North Shore News



Elizabeth Bromley and Alena Tkacheva, both currently in grade 12, were recently interviewed by the North Shore News for their participation in Handsworth's YELL Program. [Check out the article in the North Shore News.](#)

To learn more about the Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) program currently offered at Handsworth and Sutherland, please visit the [YELL Program](#) webpage on the North Vancouver District website.

### North Vancouver high school program giving girls an entrepreneurial education

The Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) program is seeing more girls join since its launch in North Van seven years ago



Abby Luciano, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
Mar 4, 2025 7:30 AM



1 / 2 Handsworth Secondary Grade 12 students Elizabeth Bromley and Alena Tkacheva are participants in the Young Entrepreneur and Leadership Launchpad (YELL) program. | Paul McGrath / North Shore News

## Handsworth Students attend UBC Physics Olympics

This past Saturday March 1st, Ms. Marining and Mr. Holt attended the UBC Physics Olympics with over 30 Handsworth physics students. This event had over 80 high schools from around the province, and consists of 6 difficult physics challenges. This year the challenges included building a solar powered boat, building an apparatus that focuses light from many angles, angular momentum analysis of a golf ball, a hands on buoyancy prediction lab, and of course solving challenging word problems.

It was a busy day and teachers are not allowed in to most events, but below are a couple photos from the event. We did not achieve the same success in the rankings as last year but the students still had a great time working together.



The "Solar Boat" team



The "Light Box" team



## Art Club's Merch Sale

In February, Art Club successfully hosted a merch sale to fundraise for supplies to create a mural at Handsworth. Their efforts have led them one step closer to their aspiration, but they would love to have more support. The sale is continuing online, with details on the following pages. Shout out to Handsworth's PAC for their continued support!



### Designs:



## Interested in Buying Handsworth's Art Club Merch?

Support Handsworth's Art Club by purchasing merch designed by their members! Hoodies, crewnecks, and t-shirts are available and options for colour, size, and design are provided when filling out the order form via **scanning the QR code**.

DESIGN #1

FRONT

BACK



DESIGN #2



DESIGN #3



DESIGN #4

FRONT

BACK



Hoodie - \$37  
Crewneck - \$37  
T-Shirt - \$17



\*If you choose a dark coloured shirt, your ink colour will be light.  
EXAMPLE BELOW



### HOW TO PURCHASE:

1. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code. PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH ORDER (i.e., 1 clothing item = 1 form) (3 clothing items = 3 separate forms). Follow instructions in the form for payment.
2. Please be patient with delivery times as we need to order shirts before hand-printing designs on them.
3. Last day to order is **April 30**.
4. Make sure to follow and tag us on Instagram and post pictures of your merch!

See what we're up to on Instagram! Follow us @hss\_artclub



## Student Council—Updates and Highlights

This past month was an exciting one at Handsworth, with Student Council hosting events that brought students together in celebration and school spirit.

### Pink Shirt Day

Handsworth students and staff showed their support for the anti-bullying campaign by wearing pink. The school was filled with positive energy as everyone came together to promote kindness, inclusion, and respect. The pink shirts, cookies, and positive messages handed out by Student Council were a big hit, reminding everyone of the importance of treating others with compassion.



### Nowruz Celebration

On March 14th, students gathered in the Grand Commons to celebrate Nowruz, the Persian New Year. They enjoyed delicious Persian baked goods and danced to traditional music, making it a lively and memorable event. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who took the time and effort to make this celebration possible! Your contributions helped create a wonderful experience that allowed students to appreciate and enjoy Persian culture.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made these events a success! We're looking forward to more fun activities in April.

## 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.



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## 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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## 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.

# 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: – Monday April 14 @ 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](#)!

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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.