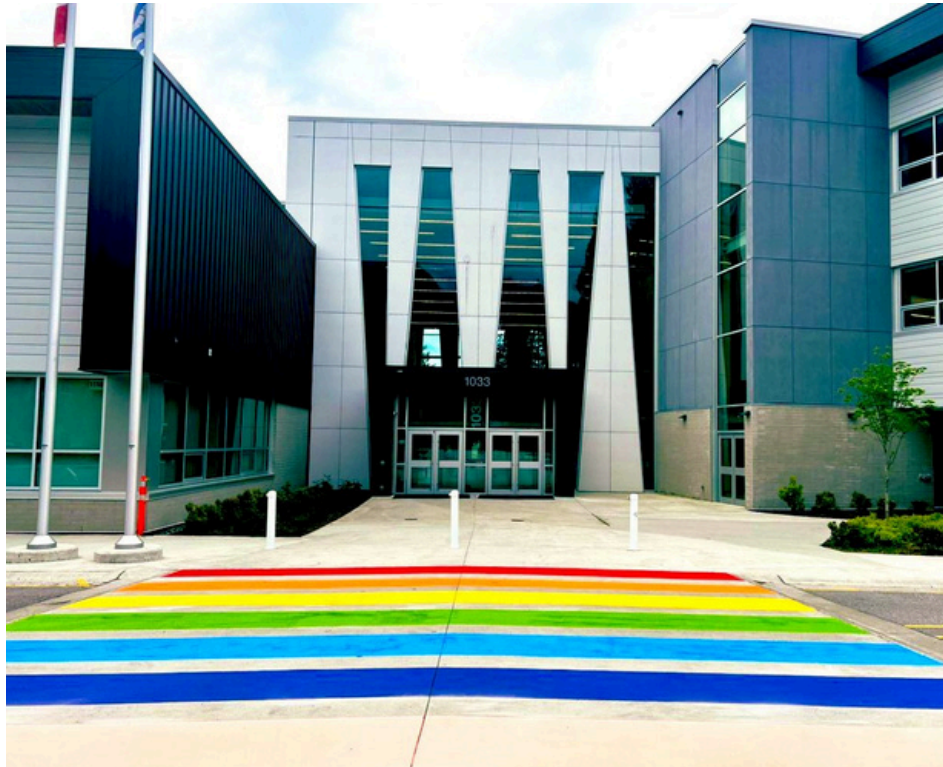




ROYALS NEWS



Upcoming Events Summary

- April 3.....Good Friday (School Closed)
- April 6.....Easter Monday (School Closed)
- April 16.....Parent-Teacher Conferences
- April 17.....Early Dismissal
- April 18.....Music Program Bottle Drive
- April 20.....HPAC Meeting
- April 24.....Capstone Presentations/Adjusted Bell Schedule
- April 29.....Late Start Day
- April 29-May 2.....Annual School Play - Fake
- May 4.....Pro D Day

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



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Attendance Matters!

Reminder to report your student's absences via email: handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca

Visit the [Handsworth website-Attendance Procedures](#) for more info



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School Information

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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.



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.



Learning Updates

Report Cards were published to the MyEd Parent Portal on March 10

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:

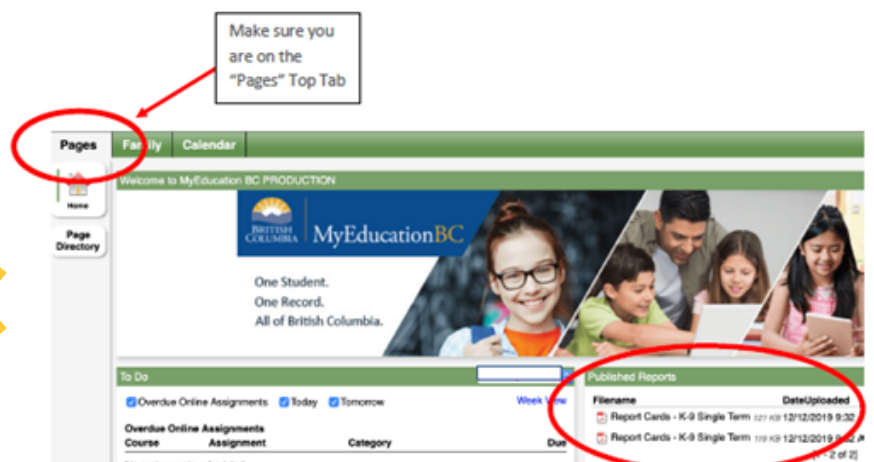
- Parents/guardians are required to reset their password every three months as per the regulations set out by the Ministry of Education and FOIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act).

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.



Click on the pdf file to open report card.
*Please note that some students may have multiple report cards.

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 Closes April 10 @ 3pm**

Adjusted Bell Schedule for Thursday, April 16, 2026 Parent - Teacher - Teacher Interviews

8:30 - 9:10	Tutorial
9:10 - 10:05	Period 6
10:10 - 11:05	Period 7
11:05 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:15	Period 5
12:20 - 1:15	Period 8
1:15 PM	Early Dismissal
2:30 - 4:30 PM	Parent Teacher Student Interviews Session 1
5:30 - 7:30 PM	Parent Teacher Student Interviews Session 2

Adjusted Bell Schedule for Friday, April 17, 2026 (No interviews)

8:30 - 9:10	Tutorial
9:10 - 10:05	Period 3
10:10 - 11:05	Period 1
11:05 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 12:15	Period 2
12:20 - 1:15	Period 4
1:15 PM	Early Dismissal

Upcoming Theatre Productions

Annual School Play: ~~fake~~

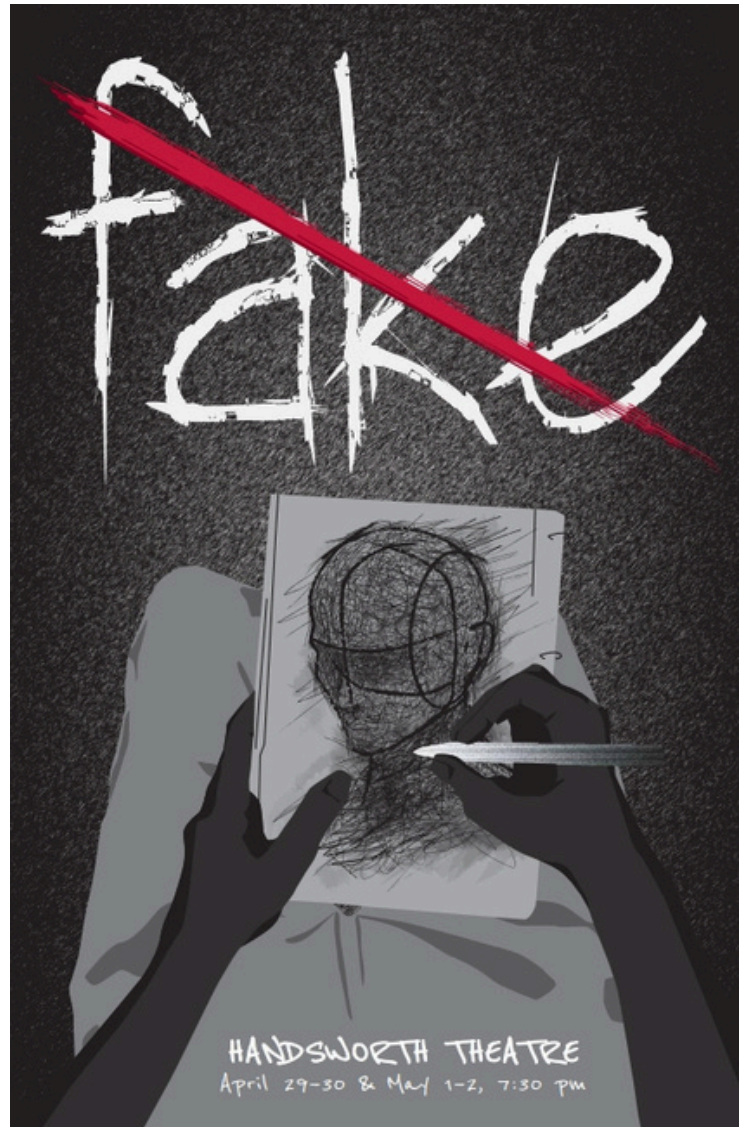
Handsworth theatre students are co-creating the next school play, ~~fake~~, a drama about teenagers finding a sketch book filled with harsh drawings of them and their peers. This discovery causes an unexpected chain of events that reveals the secrets and lies of their peer group. Who is being authentic? 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 link below to purchase tickets):

[Purchase your tickets today!](#)



Save the Date: Handsworth Dance presents: Hands Up 2026!



June 4th and 5th at 7pm in the
Handsworth Theatre

Tickets go on sale May 20 via school
cash online

Mark it in your calendar to come out
and celebrate our dance grads and a
year of amazing dance!

2026 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 performances have been ongoing since the fall when Handsworth hosted 20 Japanese students from Inage International Highschool and will continue until departure to prepare students to represent Handsworth and North Vancouver during our travels to and throughout Japan!

On April 7th 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 21st.

Follow their adventures on the trip blog at: <https://handsworthjapan2026.wordpress.com>



Japan 2026 Japan Exchange participants practicing with their luggage for Japanese train stations.

Art Studio 11/12 Field Trip to Vancouver Aquarium

Students in Mr. Loewen and Mr. Bogen's Art Studio 11/12 received a private tour at the Vancouver Aquarium. They will be making work for display at the Aquarium, in response to the current "Dragons" exhibition. More news to come after the artwork is completed in May!

All of these photos were taken by students.

- Frog – Alaina Nagibzadeh
- Phone taking a photo of an octopus – Madeleine Milkovich
- Monkey – Mikea Alvarez Samson
- Ugly yellow fish – Rui Hang Cai
- Seals – Sampson Wilton Geary
- Big orange jellyfish – Siya Pall
- Many blue jellyfish – Sophie Khoshkhesal



Handsworth Students Compete in UBC Physics Olympics

About thirty of Mr. Holt and Ms. Marining's Physics 12 students competed in the 48th annual Physics Olympics at UBC on Saturday February 28. The students placed 14th overall out of approximately 80 schools from the province! Special recognition to **Quentin Mulliez, Sam Pla, Malan van den Berg, Niva Espenhain, and Halen Storm** (pictured) for earning a silver medal in their lab event.

A shoutout to our prebuild teams for their hard work in designing and building a projectile launcher and a pole-climbing robot. And to our Fermi, Quizzics, and Lab teams, we are proud of your efforts!

Way to go Royals!



Handsworth Hockey Team

Our hockey team played its first game of the season on March 30 against Seycove. The players have been working hard in practices and are excited for the season. We look forward to a great season and appreciate all the support from the school community!

Go Royals!!!



Handsworth Students Recognized at North Shore Sport Awards



The 24th Annual North Shore Sport Awards was held at Centennial Theatre on Thursday March 5th.

The awards celebrate achievement at all levels: community, high school, provincial, national and international, and includes categories for coaching and officiating.

This unique event salutes those who excel in all levels of sport, fosters pride in the North Shore sport community and raises the profile of the best of community sport. The stories that emerge from the Comeback and Fair Play award categories are inspiring and a testimony to the benefits of sport.

Current and former Handsworth Royals were extremely well represented!

West Pollock (Cycling)- Winner of the North Shore Sports Youth Male Athlete of the Year
*Grad 2026

William Millard (Track and Field)- Finalist for the North Shore Sports Youth Male Athlete of the Year
*Grad 2025

Theo Benedet (Football)- Finalist for the North Shore Sports Male Athlete of the Year
*Grad 2019

NVFC 2008 Metro Boys (Soccer)- Winner for the North Shore Sports Team of the Year. On that team from Handsworth:

Finn Montgomery (Grad 2026)

Quinn Tveit-Borgenstrom (Grad 2026)

Spencer Medland (Grad 2026)

Hadi Shariff (Grad 2026)

Russell Ferguson (Grad 2026)

Way to go Royals!

Core French 11 Class Francophone Expo

Mme Abernethy's Core French 11 class explored different aspects of Francophone countries and hosted two French Immersion classes and one Grade 8 Science class (in which many of the students also take French) in the Handsworth Learning Commons on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, 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 in French while respectfully acting as ambassadors for their chosen country. The students examined the effects of colonialism on many Francophone countries and overseas departments and honoured the various indigenous groups in some of the countries by researching about them and presenting their rich traditions.

Four of the students (Amelie Shen, Hailey Ching, Valerie Chan and Taylor Orr) delivered Land Acknowledgements in French and English as each group arrived for the event. Mme Abernethy and the students would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who participated and to Mme Poole, M Brault and Ms. Desai for attending the event with their classes!

The Expo was a wonderful way to connect and foster community within the school. All students were respectful and inquisitive!



Senegal: Taylor Orr, Valerie Chan, Ivy Price, Charlie Chalke-Affifi



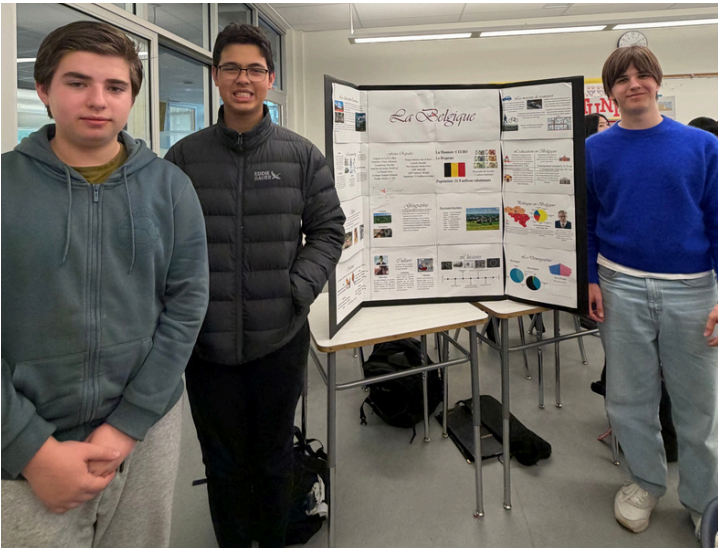
Tunisia: Ava Chang, Dora Xu, Elizabeth Diaz-Luna, Ava Spenta



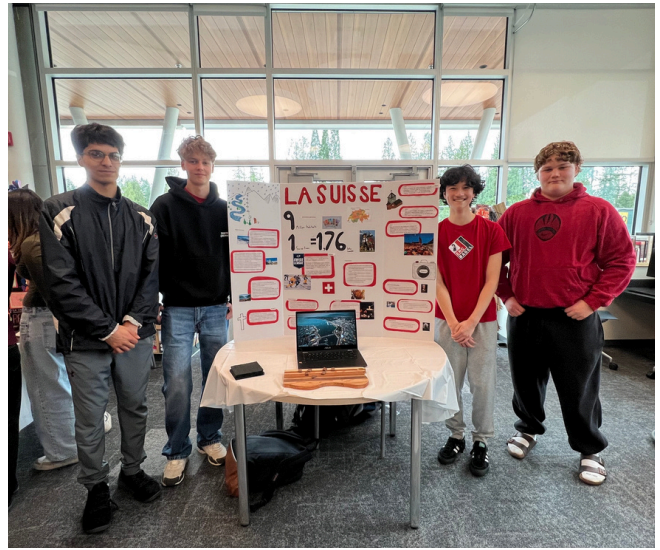
Morocco: Regina Martin-Barrera, Jina Hajitaheri, Athena Dowdswell, Kayla Zhao



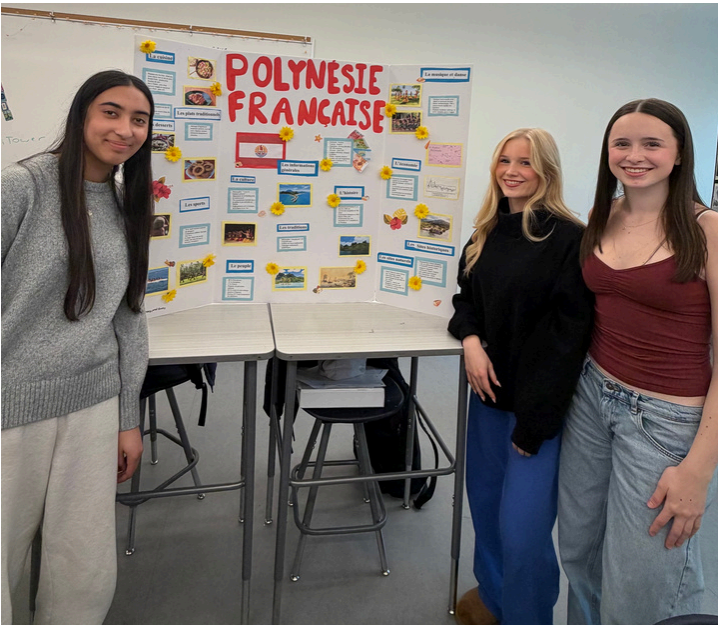
La Réunion: Amelie Shen, Hailey Ching, Haotian Gu



Belgium: Jordan Rahim, Finn Komunieki, Thomas Najum



Switzerland: Moritz-Brekalo, Ethan Lam-Di Iorio, Jesse Payne, Nolan Sangha



French Polynesia: Emmy O'Donohue, Brinley Morrison, Aasha Sandhu



Madagascar: Felipe Cardoso Kuser, Isadora Ribeiro Dreyer, Anna Selecka

Merci beaucoup!

New Club at Handsworth... Handsworth Takes Action: Meaningful Change Begins Here

Handsworth Takes Action is a student-led club that involves hosting impactful initiatives throughout the school year to give back to the local community.

Our first projects will be:

- **Food Drive in October 2026**
- **Toy Drive in December 2026**
- **Book/School Supplies Drive in May 2027**

Students are welcome to join in creating a direct and positive impact through brainstorming sessions, volunteering, and collaborating with peers. This will create opportunities to improve leadership and empathy skills for participating students in the future.

Is your student ready to take action? Our first meeting will be held on April 23, 2026, in Room 2004 during lunch.

Handsworth Music Program Bottle Drive

The next Bottle Drive will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026

We are currently **looking for volunteers** for the following roles:

- Drivers to help collect bottles and cans around the community
- Supervisors to support and guide students during the event
- Lunch helpers to assist with setup and food distribution
- Pizza donors to bring pizzas for our hardworking students and volunteers



If you're able to volunteer, please sign up via this link: <https://enderbyteprograms.net/bottles/>

Start saving your refundable beverage containers!!!

Flyers will be distributed within the [Handsworth neighbourhood](#) about three weeks before the event to help spread the word, please start gathering bottles and cans at home and from friends, family, and neighbors. The more we collect, the more successful this fundraiser will be; every bottle and can truly helps support our Music Programs.

Day of Bottle Drive:

On April 18th, place your containers (liquor, beer, wine, pop, juice, milk/milk alternative and water) in a bag or box (labelled for Handsworth/with the flyer) and leave it curbside on your property by 8am. Volunteers will pick them up by 1:00pm.

Please feel free to contact: handsworthbottledrive@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

Commander Arthur Hastings of the HMCS Discovery visited the Boys Club in March, offering students a compelling and insightful look into life at sea and the leadership required in naval service. With warmth and humour, he shared stories from his career, highlighting the importance of teamwork, discipline, and character in overcoming challenges. His message about courage, responsibility, and staying true to one's values left a strong and lasting impression on the boys.



Pre-Calculus 11 – Trigonometry Proofs

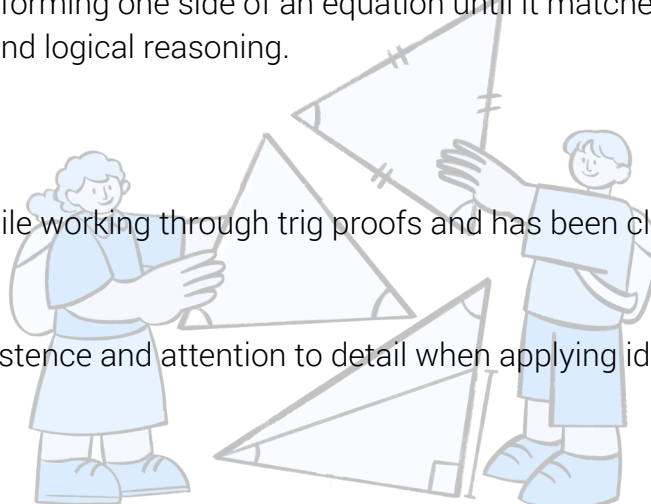
This week in Pre-Calculus 11, students have been working on trigonometric proofs, learning how to use identities to show that two expressions are equivalent. This requires careful algebraic steps, recognizing patterns, and applying identities such as the Pythagorean and reciprocal identities.

Students practiced simplifying expressions and transforming one side of an equation until it matches the other side. This helps strengthen both algebra skills and logical reasoning.

Student Highlights:

Hudson Baker – Hudson has shown strong focus while working through trig proofs and has been clearly organizing his steps when simplifying expressions.

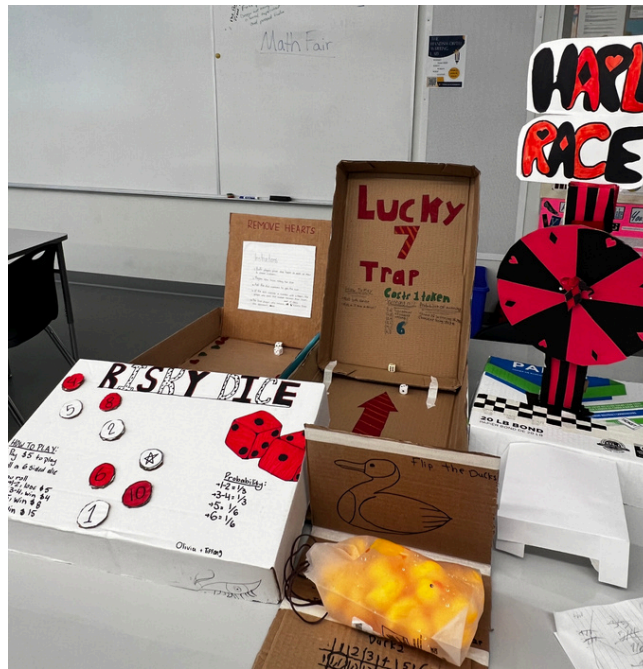
Artan Pariazar – Artan has demonstrated great persistence and attention to detail when applying identities to verify trigonometric relationships



Math 11: Math Fair 2026

Workplace Math 11 students recently hosted a Math Fair where they created probability games using items such as dice, cards, and spinners. Everyone made fantastic probability-based games, with groups standing out: **Olivia Cannell, Aikah Dacio, Tessa Pauls, and Emmett Johnson.**

Students collected experimental probability data from participants and compared the results to the theoretical probability they predicted beforehand. The activity helped students see how probability concepts work in real-life situations while practicing data collection and analysis.



Grad 2026 Information

Save the Dates!

- **Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal**....June 9th 2026: 7:30am - 9:10am Grand Commons/Theatre
- **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, April 20th @ 7pm—Handsworth Library

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

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!

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

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.