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Handsworth's annual school play, **The Architect of Love** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our students! Please see page 6 for more photos.

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DONATE TO THE
STAFF APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON**

*See page 15 for more
info*

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Reminder to report your student's absences via EMAIL

handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca

**Important Grad
2025 info on
page 7**

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



Upcoming Events Summary

May 21.....	Japan Exchange 2026 Parent Info Night 6pm—Theatre
May 21/27.....	Grade 7's visit Handsworth
May 24.....	Music Dept Bottle Drive
May 26.....	HPAC Meeting
May 26.....	Grad 2026 Parent Meeting
May 27-29.....	Finale Concerts
June 3-4.....	Grad Literacy Assessments (Grade 12—Français Langue Seconde—Immersion—Oral)
June 3.....	Ice Cream Concert 7pm (Grand Commons)
June 4.....	Ice Cream Sandwich Concert 7pm (Grand Commons)
June 5–6.....	Hands Up! (Theatre)
June 9.....	Grad Numeracy Assessment (Grade 10)
June 10.....	Grad Literacy Assessments (Grade 12—Français Langue Seconde—Immersion –Written)
June 11.....	Grad Breakfast & Mandatory Rehearsal 7:30am
June 11.....	Grade 9 Immunizations Clinic
June 11.....	Student Council Fun Day @ Lunch
June 13.....	Grad Banquet
June 16.....	Grad Ceremony
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 (TBD)

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

School Fees

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



Attendance Matters!

As we near the end of the school year, we want to remind families the importance of regular attendance. There is a direct relationship between attendance and academic success in school. Students absent from class are missing out on key learning opportunities and chances to work cooperatively with peers and teachers. Therefore, every attempt should be made by students and their families to minimize the amount of time absent from school.



Please take a look at the Attendance Matters flyer below, and feel free to contact the grade counselor if you have any questions.

[AttendanceMatters PDF.pdf](#)

This is a reminder **to please report (via email) your child's absence to the office** if it is excused. We only call/email home unexcused absences, not lates. Please contact your child's [grade counsellor or administrator](#) if you need support with school attendance.

Please refer to the Handsworth website: [How to report your Child's absence](#)

Guide for Parents – How to Add SchoolMessenger to your Safe Sender List

Schools use SchoolMessenger to send important emails to parents (this includes your student's unexcused absences). To help parents not miss vital school information in emails that are directly sent to a parent's junk mail folder, please visit or refer parents to the parent portal for tips and videos on the [SchoolMessenger](#) page.

If you are not receiving communication from SchoolMessenger, you may have accidentally unsubscribed from communication. Please contact the school office via [email](#) to have your email address removed from the blocked list.

Grad Assessments June 3-4 & 9-10th: Numeracy 10 & Literacy (FRAL) 12

The **BC Graduation Program** requires ALL students graduating in BC to write the following Graduation Assessments in order to meet graduation requirements:

- Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment
- Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
- Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment

An additional assessment for all **French Immersion Grade 12** students on the Dual Dogwood Track:

- Évaluation de littératie de la 12 année – Français langue seconde – immersion

Students are divided according to (legal) last name:

	Literacy 10 Grad Assessment
	Monday June 9th
8:30 - 11:30 am	Last names: A-K
Locations	Library Learning Commons (Last names A-C)
	Rm 1052 (Last names D-G)
	Rm 1037 (Last names H)
	Rm 1115 (Last names J-K)
12:15 – 3:15 pm	Last names: L-Z
Locations	Library Learning Commons (Last names L-P)
	Rm 1052 (Last names R-Scott)
	Rm 1037 (Last names Seadon to Treffot-Calvo)
	Rm 1115 (Last names Turk-Wolter to Z)

Évaluation de Littératie de la 12 année	
ORAL ASSESSMENT	
Tuesday June 3rd /Wednesday June 4th	
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	See chart for individual times
Location	Library Learning Commons
WRITTEN ASSESSMENT	
Tuesday June 10th	
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	All Grade 12 French Im- mersion students
Location	Library Learning Commons

Students will need to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of their assessment. This gives time to log in and ensure students are all set up for the assessment start time.

Please remember to bring a PEN/PENCIL and CALCULATOR (NOT GRAPHING) to the session and power down cellphones/electronics before entering the exam room.

Any students who are unable to make the June sessions due to **extenuating circumstances**, will be able to write at subsequent catch-up session in October/November 2025.

For specific information regarding the graduation assessment policies, assessment structure and schedule please visit the **school webpage under exams** and visit **Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment**, for further information, videos and practice assessments.

If you have further questions please email the grade 10 counsellor, David Craik at dcraik@sd44.ca. For any queries specific to the arrangements please email, Jeff Aw-Yong⁴ at jawyong@sd44.ca.

Upcoming Dance/Theatre Productions



Hands Up 2025!

Dates: June 5 & 6, 2025

Showtime: 7pm (75 minutes)

Location: Handsworth Theatre

Come celebrate our graduating dancers and another fantastic year of dance at Handsworth!

Tickets: \$20

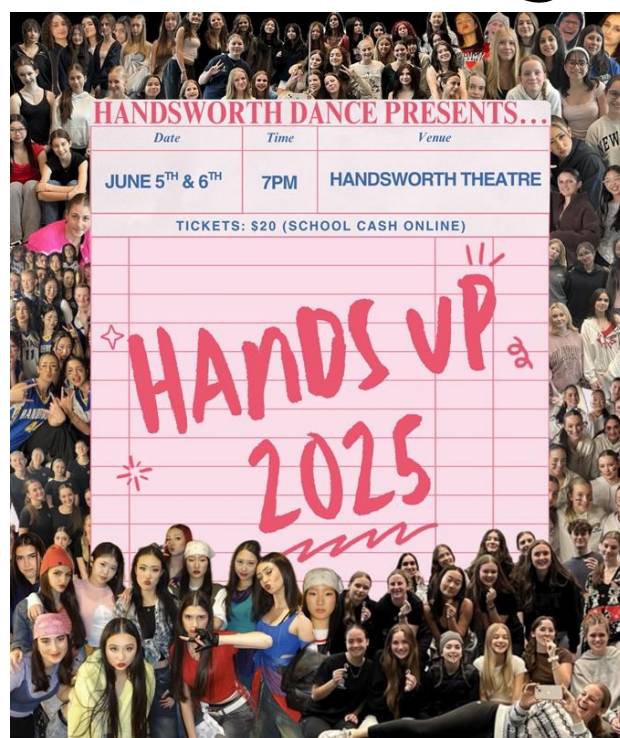
Tickets on sale now via School Cash Online

Thursday, June 5, 2025:

[Click here to Purchase Tickets!](#)

Friday, June 6, 2025:

[Click here to Purchase Tickets!](#)



Star Series Night

Date & Time: Thursday, June 12 @7pm

Location: Handsworth Theatre

A series of short scenes from Drama 10-11 classes

Tickets go on sale June 1st via School Cash Online. Please visit the [Handsworth website/Performance Schedules](#) for tickets (links available starting June 1st)



Annual Spring Music Bottle Drive

Saturday, May 24th

Help support our music program and donate your empties.

HOW: To donate, please leave your REFUNDABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS (alcohol, pop, juice, milk and water, but NOT soup) in a bag or box with the flyer attached (only those within the school catchment would have received a flyer in their mailbox), and leave it curbside on your property where it is visible from the street **by 8:00am Saturday, May 24th**. Volunteers will pick up by 1:00pm. Please let us know in advance if you have an extra-large load.

Thank you for your support!

handsworthbottledrive@gmail.com

TEXT only 431-334-7182



THANK YOU FROM THE CAST & CREW OF THE ARCHITECT OF LOVE!

The April 30 and May 1-6 Architect of Love show was a huge success! The comedy was first created by the 2020 grad class, which they did not get to perform due to Covid. As part of our annual tradition, many 2020 to 2024 grads came to watch the show on alumni nights. We performed the show six times, including a full grade 8 matinee and full grade 7 matinee. Thank you to the Handsworth Community for supporting Handsworth's annual school play creation process. We hope the show fill your bellies with laughter and hearts with love



Grad 2025 Information

ATTENTION ALL GRAD FAMILIES!

Graduation Breakfast & Ceremony Rehearsal



Wednesday, June 11th, 7:30am

Location: *Handsworth Grand Commons*

To prepare for the ceremony, graduates are required to attend a rehearsal scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, June 11th. As part of the morning event, a Grad Breakfast will also be hosted by the Grad Parent Committee.

Graduates, please be at the school by 7:30am for breakfast, followed by a rehearsal from 8:15 - 9:10am.

Staff will distribute Grad gowns (with cap and stole) during this event. Gowns have been custom ordered for each student and are theirs to keep. **To avoid a delay in receiving grad gown, please ensure that your *School Cash Online* payments are up to date.**

Graduation Ceremony

Date: Monday, June 16th, 7:00pm

GRAD ARRIVAL TIME: 6:15pm - **cross the bridge early to avoid traffic!!**

Location: *Orpheum Theatre: 601 Smithe Street, Vancouver*

Each student's grad gown will serve as their entry ticket.

All others attending the ceremony will need to purchase tickets for the ceremony in advance via *School Cash Online*. Tickets can be purchased online until June 6th.

Tickets are \$10 each and will NOT be available to purchase at the door. There are no limits on the number of tickets that you wish to purchase, and reserved seating is not available.

Graduation Banquet

Date: Friday, June 13th, 6:00pm – 11:00pm

Location: *Westin Bayshore Hotel: 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver*

This dry event is for grads and is open to their family and guests. Tickets are \$150 each. *Ticket sales are now closed.*

Banquet table arrangements are organized by Ms. Carabetta. Details on all grad events as well as the step by step process for table arrangements can be found in the email sent out to graduating families on April 9th as well as on the *Handsworth website*.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your graduates!

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:

[Fill in the Google Doc](#)



1st Grad 2026 Parent Info Meeting

Date: May 26, 2025 after the HPAC meeting (HPAC Meeting starts at 7pm)

Location: Handsworth Library

Share the form and meeting date with all your friends!

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.

[Celebrate National Indigenous History Month with NVRC | North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission](#)

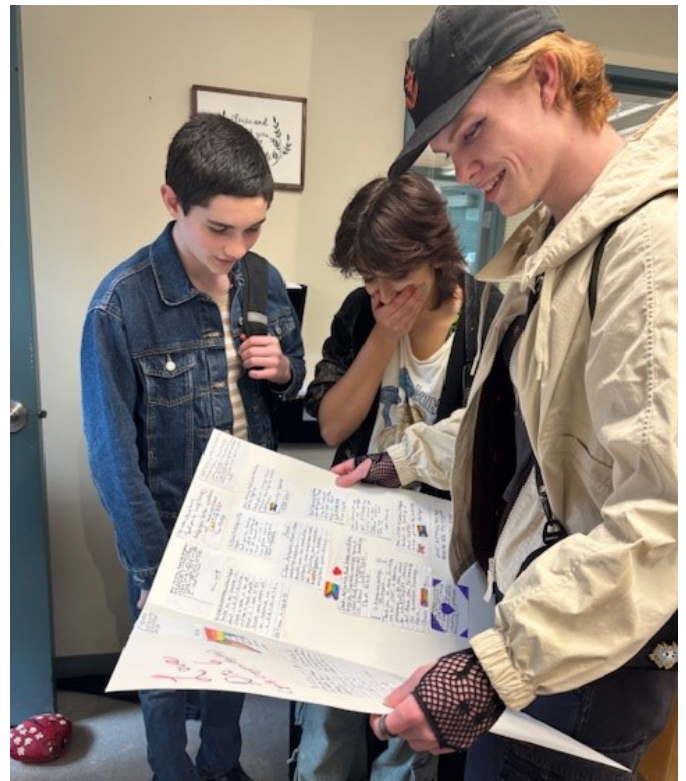
[National Indigenous History Month | Vancouver Public Library](#)



Student Spotlight—Pride Club Members Visit Canyon Heights

Last week, three students from our Handsworth Pride Club, representing grades 8, 9, and 12, had the privilege of visiting Canyon Heights Elementary School to speak with students in grades 5, 6, and 7. The focus of their presentation was on recognizing and addressing casual hate, as well as introducing queer theory. The students explored the concepts of binaries and spectrums, while also discussing strategies for promoting inclusive and compassionate language in both their peer groups and on social media.

The Handsworth representatives—Red, Artemis, and Graeme engaged with the younger students in an open and heartfelt way, answering questions with honesty and warmth, fostering a meaningful connection. These talks were organized in observance of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, which takes place every year on May 17th. This day serves as an important opportunity to raise awareness, combat discrimination, and challenge the violence and prejudice faced by LGBTQIP2SAA individuals. It encourages people to speak out against hate, stand in solidarity with the queer community, and advocate for a world where everyone can live with dignity and freedom from discrimination.



Careers/WEX News

Thank You to Employers!

The Careers Department would like to thank all our employees who have supported students with placements this year. Our programs could not run without your kind and generous support.

The following employers hosted our Work Experience and Youth Work in Trade students:

- Amica Edgemont Village
- Back To Basics Child Care Centre
- BC Playthings
- CBC Vancouver
- Discovery Days – BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- Gordon Smith Art Gallery
- Greater Vancouver Zoo
- Grouse Mountain
- H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
- Hypercharge
- Jim Pattison Hyundai
- Lions Gate Hospital
- Lynn Valley Orthopaedic & Sports Physiotherapy Centre
- Margaret Fulton Adult Day Care
- Mini Med School Vancouver
- Nicli Pizzeria + Bar
- North Vancouver District Library - Capilano
- North Vancouver RCMP
- North Vancouver School District – Maintenance Department
- Northo Orthodontics
- Pallet Coffee Roasters
- Para Space Landscaping
- Reliable Electric
- Science World
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Lonsdale
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Lynn Valley
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Capilano Square
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Edgemont Village
- SPCA West Vancouver
- Susie Chant, MLA North Vancouver-Seymour Community Office
- Versai Job Shadow Day
- Waves Coffee House Mountain Highway
- White Spot Restaurant – Pemberton Plaza

For more information or to find out how you can be involved in our next school year, please contact Sheri Johnson at sjohnson@sd44.ca or Catherine Pan at cpan@sd44.ca.



Handsworth Career Fair Huge Success!

A huge & sincere THANK YOU to all the employers and community partners listed below who attended Handsworth Career, Job & Volunteer Fair on April 16, 2025.

Airborne Management

BC Emergency Health Services

BC Hydro

BCIT (Schools of Health Sciences, Transportation, Business and Computing and Academic Studies)

Beauty Council

Canadian Home Builders' Association, BC

Capilano Suspension Bridge

Chartered Professional Accountants

District of North Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services

Grouse Mountain

HollyBurn Community Services Society

Jim Pattison Auto Group

JOEY Restaurants

Liberty Kitchen

McDonald's

North Shore Community Resources

North Van Arts

North Vancouver District Public Library

North Vancouver Recreation and Culture

Para Space Landscaping

Pedalheads

RCMP North Vancouver Detachment

Royal Canadian Navy - HMCS Discovery

SAE Institute Vancouver

SkilledTradesBC

Think Tank Training Centre

Twin Lions Contracting

Vancouver Coastal Health

Vancouver Film School

WorkBC Centre North Vancouver

Zazou Hair Salon and Academy

Zen Maker Lab: STEAM Education



Handsworth Football 2024–25 Awards Night

On May 8, 2025 Handsworth Football gathered in the grand commons for their annual awards night and to celebrate the past year and successes of all the athletes.

Handsworth Football would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to our teacher sponsor for the 2024-25 season Ms. Carabetta, thank you for all your support during a challenging season!

All Stars: Junior Varsity

Outstanding Linemen: Oscar Hartley and Jesse Payne

Best Backs: Felipe Van Wyk and Matteo Del Piccolo (both grade 9)

Co-MVPS: Trey Adelaar and Chace Chin

This group has also been recognized on Team BC, with Trey, Chase and Jesse being selected for the Team BC U16 and U17 teams.



All Stars: Senior Varsity

Outstanding Linemen: Shawn Yin and Ryan Pourasadollahi

Best Backs: Leo Yoshima and James Fowke

MVP: Clayton Lee

This group was led by Clayton Lee with Leo Yoshima completing the season with the second highest receiving yards in BC for the 2024-25 season.



Shawn Yin will be continuing his football adventure at UBC and we wish him all the best!

Five Year Jersey Presentation

We celebrated three of our athletes who played in the program throughout their high school experience and were given their game jerseys.

Congratulations Quin Frizzel, Shawn Yin and Cohen Harder!



Way to go Royals!!!

Student Council

June 11th—@ Lunch is FUN DAY!

Hey Royals! Come out and celebrate the end of the school year with friendly competition on the obstacle course, tug of war, a sponge race, a hula hoop competition, a three-legged race, and the classic potato sack race. Plus, we'll be handing out frozen treats to enjoy while you hang out with friends and cheer each other on.

Meet you all on the field at lunch!

FUN DAY

Handsworth Writing Lab: Think it, Write it, Own it.

What? A new service at Handsworth! The Handsworth Writing Lab (HWL).

When? Most weeks open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Check the calendar outside 2002 for specific dates.

Where? Room 2002

Who is the service for?

- Any student in grades 8-12 who needs extra support with their writing or wants to take their writing to the next level.
- There are special days where we focus on things like punctuation, creative writing, extending ideas, and spelling.
- In May we will have a special session for grade 11 students that will focus on writing post-secondary applications. At the beginning of May, check the calendar outside 2002 to confirm the date.

Trained Editors are here to help:

- Can't figure out how to get started? We help you brainstorm ideas for your assignment.
- Struggling with a concept? We can help you figure it out.
- Want some help reviewing your paragraph, essay, or science lab? We will help you locate errors and give you tips about how to clarify or extend your ideas.
- Frustrated that you keep making the same errors in your writing? We can teach you how to avoid comma splices, run-on sentences, sentence fragments, capitalization errors, apostrophe errors and more!
- Want to impress a future school or boss? We can help you proofread your applications.

How? Drop in or get referred by your teacher.

Questions? Reach out to Mrs. Lloyd on TEAMS or email at tlloyd@sd44.ca

Follow us on Instagram [@handsworth_writing_lab](#)



Handsworth PAC News

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

Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches

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

Visit the [Handsworth website](#) for Session 2 lunch dates.

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



Parent Volunteers Needed ASAP for Hot Lunch!

We are seeking additional volunteers to help out with the hot lunch program at Handsworth.

It's only a **one hour** commitment **once a week**. Alternating Mondays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please feel free to reach out to: munch@handsworthpac.ca

Thank you!

Staff Appreciation Lunch

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:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/handsworth/>

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

Join the HPAC!

We're on the hunt for fresh faces! And we can't raise money for Handsworth without you! (No actually! If we don't have an active PAC we lose our ability to apply for things like the gaming grant, which generates a great portion of our fundraising every year.)

Joining the team means you'll have a say in decisions that directly impact our children's daily lives. PAC is also a wonderful way to meet other parents and stay in the know about what's happening at school. Whether you are a social media expert, event planning enthusiast or simply eager to learn, we welcome your talents. (We especially need people with financial experience but all positions are open.)

Please email hpacnominations2025@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

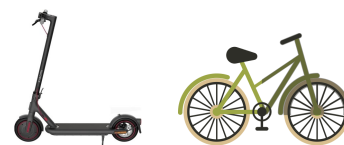
Next PAC Meeting: May 26th – @ 7pm IN PERSON in the Handsworth Library Learning commons. Light snacks and beverages will be had. We hope to see you there!

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](#).

Message from RCMP: Warmer Weather Brings Increase in Bike and Scooter Thefts

With the return of warmer weather, the school district is seeing an increase in scooter and bike thefts from school bike racks. These thefts are often crimes of opportunity, and unfortunately, students' bikes and scooters are frequent targets.



A reminder to students and families to:

- * Record the serial number, make and model of their bike or scooter, and keep it somewhere safe in case it needs to be reported stolen (a photo is also helpful).

- * Use a high-quality U-lock or heavy-duty lock (not just cable locks as they have been easily and quickly cut).

For more information regarding bike theft prevention, please see latest media release from the RCMP: [North Vancouver RCMP - Bike theft prevention: tips to help you keep your ride](#)

Garbage Issues in the Community

Parents/Guardians: please take a moment to speak with your students about their garbage while out in our community, particularly while at lunch but also before and after school. We have had several neighbours complain about the amount of garbage on the street/in their yards. Let's work together to keep our community clean!

Thank you



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 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.