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HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



January 13, 2021

Dear Handsworth Parents/Guardians,

Re: Course Programming Process and Parent Information Evenings for Grade 8-11

We are writing to invite you to our upcoming Course Programming Parent Information Meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to review the process for students to select courses for the 2021-2022 school year and to provide an overview to parents on factors to consider when you are assisting your student(s) with their course selection decisions.

The course programming process is multi-faceted and requires careful consideration and planning. After our counsellors have provided initial information to parents and students, we request that you continue to discuss various course options, consider student strengths and interests, talk to Handsworth teachers about their course offerings (content, topics, rigor, etc.), contact post-secondary institutions for admission requirements if necessary, and ask clarifying questions of school counsellors.

The timeline of course programming events is as follows:

Part 1: Student & Parent Virtual Information Evenings for Course Programming January 25th – January 27th

- Current Grade 7s - January 27th at 6:30pm Online using MS Teams
- Current Grade 8s - January 25th at 6:30pm Online using MS Teams
- Current Grade 9s - January 26th at 6:30pm Online using MS Teams
- Current Grade 10s - January 26th at 6:30pm Online using MS Teams
- Current Grade 11s - January 25th at 6:30pm Online using MS Teams

*Please ensure you have downloaded the MS Teams program on your device in anticipation of the meeting. Links to each of these virtual events will be posted online on our school website at:

[https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Courses/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Courses/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Part 2: Counsellor Classroom Follow Up Visits in Early February

- Counsellors will visit grade 8-11 classes during Quarter 3 some time at the start of February to follow up in a more intimate setting to review the large group presentations
- This is a great opportunity for students to ask questions of their counsellors. Please have your student(s) prepare their questions ahead of time

Part 3: Course Request Forms Due in the Main Office by Friday, February 19th

- Students must hand in their completed course request forms signed by both the student and a parent/guardian by Friday, February 19th, 2021

Part 4: Course Registration Entry, March 1 – 12, 2021

- Gr 8-11 students will be called down to the Library Learning Commons in their Learning Cohorts to enter their courses as identified on their course selection sheet. Staff will be onsite to support this process.

For parents and students who miss the presentations or are unable to attend, the powerpoint information will be posted on our Handsworth website after January 27th. The Handsworth Course Programming Guide and other resources will also be available on the school website at the following link:

[https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Courses/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd44.ca/school/handsworth/ProgramsServices/Courses/Pages/default.aspx#/)

The key point of contact for parents and students during the course programming process is your student(s)' grade counsellor, who can be contacted via phone or e-mail.

We look forward to working with you and your student(s) to plan for a successful 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

The Handsworth Administration