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**HANDSWORTH**  
SECONDARY SCHOOL



December 2017

**Re: Grade 7 to 8 Transition to Handsworth Secondary**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 Students,

On behalf of the administration and staff, I would like to welcome you to the Handsworth Secondary School community. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the arrival of your child at Handsworth for the 2018-2019 school year. This letter provides important information on the events that are a part of the transition process from elementary to high school. Our transitioning process focuses on giving both students and families information about high school and learning more about your child(ren) and how we can best support your child(ren) prior to their arrival in September 2018.

**We encourage you to take an active role in this process and ask that you please make note of the important dates below.**

**District of North Vancouver Enhanced Program Evening in January 2018**

North Vancouver School District will be hosting an information evening event on Thursday, January 18th at Sutherland Secondary School at 7:00pm for all parents and students interested in the wide range of special programs our school district offers. Representatives from all the various academies will be present to answer any questions parents and students may have.

**Late French Immersion Parent Information Evening in January 2018**

Parents of Late French Immersion students are invited to a presentation on Thursday, January 25th at Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale) at 7:00pm.

**Course Programming Information Meeting and Tour for Grade 7 Parents in February 2018**

Parents of current grade 7s are invited to a course programming information and transition meeting on **Thursday, February 1st**. There will be a **guided tour, led by students, from 6:00pm - 6:30pm**, this will be followed by a presentation starting at **6:45pm in the small gym**.

We will provide a general overview of Handsworth and outline details about the Grade 8 program, and discuss information specific to the transition process.

**Elementary School Visits in February 2018**

Mrs. Stacey Schwegler (grade 8 Counsellor for 2018-19) and Mr. Justin Wong, (Vice Principal) will be visiting Elementary Schools in February to provide information and to assist students with course programming for their grade 8 year. Course Selection sheets will be handed out at this time and will be due back to your child's grade 7 teacher by **Friday, March 2, 2018**

### **Grade 7 Articulation Meetings in March/April 2018**

In March and April, the Handsworth transition team of teachers will visit elementary schools to learn more about our incoming Grade 7 students. During these articulation meetings, the educational needs of students will be reviewed. If necessary, your child's Grade 7 teacher, or in some cases the Handsworth Grade 8 counsellor or Learning Assistance teacher, will be discussing any suggested changes or recommendations to your child's program with you.

### **Grade 7 Student Guided Tour in May 2018**

Grade 7 students and their teachers will be invited to Handsworth for a guided tour and short presentation in May. The purpose of this visit is three-fold:

- To familiarize your child with the size of the school and visit classes while in session.
- To help your child gain an understanding of the school's academic and elective areas.
- To build a sense of community and connection to Handsworth Secondary.

### **Math Challenge in May 2018**

In May we will offer a math challenge exam for students wanting to challenge Math 8 and register in Math 9 for the 2018-2019 school year. More information will be sent home through grade 7 teachers.

### **Grade 8 Parent Teacher Night in September 2018**

In September, parents of Grade 8 students are invited to Handsworth for a parent evening. This event will provide an opportunity for you to meet our Grade 8 teachers, learn more about Grade 8 and also provide important information about our Grade 8 retreat. A date for this event will be posted on our website in late August.

### **Grade 8 Retreat - September 2018**

All grade 8 students will participate in a grade 8 retreat in September. More information about this retreat will be sent home through grade 7 teachers in spring 2018.

The Handsworth community looks forward to meeting and working with you and your child. If you require further information, please contact us via the main office at 604-903-3600 and ask to speak to either Mr. Justin Wong or Mrs. Stacey Schwegler.

Sincerely,

Justin Wong  
Vice Principal  
Handsworth Secondary