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April 9, 2026

Dear Handsworth Families of 2026 Graduates,

As we enter the final term of the school year, the realization that graduation is just around the corner is beginning to set in. This is an especially meaningful time for our Grade 12 students as they prepare for their next chapter and celebrate all they have accomplished. I am pleased to share the details of our upcoming graduation events.

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**Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal**

**Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 a.m.** – Handsworth Grand Commons

Graduates are required to attend the rehearsal on the morning of Tuesday, June 9. The Grad Parent Committee will also be hosting a breakfast. Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, followed by rehearsal, which will conclude at the end of tutorial (9:10 a.m.).

Grad gowns (including stole and cap) will be distributed at this time. Gowns are custom ordered for each student and are theirs to keep.

**Reminder: All outstanding school fees must be paid through School Cash Online prior to June 9 in order for students to receive their gown.**

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**Graduation Ceremony**

**Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.** – Queen Elizabeth Theatre  
(630 Hamilton Street, Vancouver)

Graduates are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m. Each student's grad gown will serve as their entry ticket.

Guests must purchase tickets in advance through School Cash Online between April 13 and June 5. Tickets are \$10 each and will not be available at the door. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased, and seating is general admission.

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**Graduation Banquet**

**Friday, June 19, 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.** – Westin Bayshore Hotel  
(1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver)

This event is open to graduates, their families, and guests. Tickets are \$150 each and available through School Cash Online between April 13 and May 8.

Please note this is a **dry event**. Alcohol is not permitted before or during the event, and there are no in-and-out privileges. As a school event, all Handsworth Code of Conduct expectations apply.



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**Table Arrangements (coordinated by Ms. Carabetta):**

1. Families purchase tickets through School Cash Online. While there is no limit on tickets for family, graduates may purchase one additional ticket for a guest.
2. Graduates and families decide who they would like to sit with.
  - Tables seat 8–10 guests; a limited number seat 12.
  - Tables of 12 will be assigned by lottery. Students interested should submit the form with all 12 names written out and proof of payment to Ms. Carabetta in person.
3. Graduates complete the table form (attached), listing all guests (first and last names).
  - Please note: if parents/guardians are attending, they must be included on the form.
4. Graduates select their top three table location preferences.
5. Students will sign up for a time slot (May 12–15) via the HSS Grads Teams page to finalize their table selection.
  - Proof of ticket purchase is required.
  - Table selection is first come, first served.

Questions regarding the banquet can be directed to Ms. Carabetta at [scarabetta@sd44.ca](mailto:scarabetta@sd44.ca).

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I would also like to thank this graduating class for their efforts in ensuring that non-school-sanctioned events have not disrupted teaching and learning. We appreciate your continued support in keeping these activities separate from the school setting.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our graduates, their families, and guests at both the Convocation Ceremony and Graduation Banquet.

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**Message to Graduates**

As you approach the end of your time at Handsworth, I encourage you to remain focused and continue the strong effort you have shown throughout the year. With the many distractions this time of year can bring, it is important to stay on track and seek support from your teachers if needed.

Please ensure that all graduation requirements are either completed or on track for completion by the end of June. If you need assistance reviewing your progress, please see Ms. Renwick. Students enrolled in North Vancouver Online Learning or other online courses should also confirm completion timelines with their teachers.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Cary Hungle, Principal