



Many Handsworth grads enjoyed a private skate event at the Shipyards on February 8th. Check out more photos of the event on page 10.

Semester 2—Welcome New Staff!

Jared Abreu—English/CLE

Mark Fenn—PHE

Keith Gallant—Choices

Kimberley Jung—Marketing

Nikolas Ottenbreit—Science/Math

Jonathan Johnson—English

Welcome back from mat leave! Lauren McHugh—Library

CONGRATS and WELCOME TO THE HANDSWORTH FAMILY!



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



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Upcoming Events Summary

February 22.....	Grade 7, 8, 9 Cybersafe from Exploitation Presentations
February 14-29.....	Student Course Request Entry at Home
February 26.....	HPAC Meeting
February 28.....	Staff Collaboration Day/Adjusted Bell Schedule
February 28.....	Pink Shirt Day
February 28.....	Zone Concert 7-9pm (Grand Commons)
March 1.....	Completed Course Request Forms DUE
March 6-8.....	Drama Spotlight
March 6.....	Zone Concert 7-9pm (Grand Commons)
March 7.....	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
March 7.....	Student Early Dismissal at 2PM
March 8.....	Student Early Dismissal at 2PM
March 12 & 14.....	Strings Extravaganza @HSS
March 13.....	Wonderful Winds Concert @HSS

Attn: Drivers! Safety and Flow in the Parking Lots



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 area** located on the North side of the building, To ensure flow, please do not stop in the middle of the parking lot, crosswalk, or on the street for drop off/pick up.

Note: the West parking lot is NOT a student pick up or drop off zone. We want to ensure this lot is available and SAFE for students and visitors with accessibility needs.

As always, we continue to encourage students to walk, bike, or transit to school whenever possible.

Please ensure only those cars with a wheelchair decal are using our accessible parking spots.

We have a number of students and families who require the use of these spots for drop off and pick up.



2024-25 COURSE REQUEST ENTRY OPEN!

Attention ALL students in Grade 8 - 11

This must be completed if you want to get the courses you are hoping to take next year!

1. COMPLETE AT HOME:

The MyEd Student Portal **opened on February 14th** for your course request entry. Please make sure you log onto your Student MyEd and enter your Course Requests for the 2024 2025 School year. **Deadline to enter is February 29th.**

2. RETURN THE FORM:

Once you have completed the Course Request Entry process at HOME, make sure to return your completed and signed Course Request Form to the **Main office no later than March 1st.**

QUESTIONS?:

Any questions about courses? - See your grade counsellor.

Questions about logging onto MyEd? - Check in at the Library.

ALL Completed Course Request Forms:
DUE in the Main Office by Friday, March 1st, 2024

Adjust Bell Schedule for Staff Collaboration—Wednesday, February 28th

Wednesday, February 28, 2024	No Tutorial Period 7: 9:50 - 10:52 Period 5: 10:56 - 11:56 Period 6: 12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH: 1:00 - 2:00 Period 8: 2:00 - 3:00
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Next Staff Collaboration day: Wednesday April 24, 2024

Semester 2 Parent Teacher Conferences

Date: Thursday, March 7th, 2024 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. 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!

1st Booking Window– OPENS Monday, February 26th @ 6pm: parents limited to schedule a max of 2 appointments per student in this window.

2nd Booking Window– OPENS Wednesday, February 28th @ 6pm: parents will be able to schedule additional appointments up to a max of 6 per student.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK
STARTING FEB 26TH](#)

Booking Window closes - Monday, March 4th @ 9 am; appointments no longer accepted.

The school office will not be able to book any appointments. If you find that appointments are no longer available with a teacher you wished 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.

EARLY DISMISSALS/ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE: To accommodate the Parent Teacher Conferences, there will be an adjust bell schedule/early dismissal on the following dates:

THURSDAY, MARCH 7th, 2024

TUTORIAL: 8:31 -9:10

PERIOD 5: 9:10 -10:05

PERIOD 6: 10:10 -11:05

PERIOD 7: 11:10 - 12:05

LUNCH: 12:05 -1:05

PERIOD 8: 1:05 -2:00

STUDENT DISMISSAL @ 2PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 8th, 2024

TUTORIAL: 8:31 -9:10

PERIOD 6: 9:10 -10:05

PERIOD 7: 10:10 -11:05

PERIOD 5: 11:10 -12:05

LUNCH: 12:05 -1:05

PERIOD 8: 1:05 -2:00

STUDENT DISMISSAL @ 2PM

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for more information, including online booking, the adjusted bell schedule and teacher email addresses.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION FOR 2024 GRADS

The information here is non-negotiable and all deadlines must be met – no exceptions.

Late submissions for anything will not be included.

Public Display of Affection - Grad PDA—optional

Public Displays of Affection (PDA) allow parents/guardians to have a personal message to your graduating student published in the yearbook. The PDA consists of two parts: a favourite photo and a personalized statement of affection and pride.

If interested, please email your high-resolution digital image (jpeg format only) and maximum 150 word statement (no poems that exceed 5 lines) to handsworthpda@gmail.com.

Cost: \$42 - please pay via School Cash Online.

Available until March 1st!

All Students! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!

- This is a final reminder that the **deadline to order a yearbook is February 28, 2024.**
- Yearbooks may be purchased through your [School Cash-on-Line](#) account
- To see if you have purchased a yearbook, please check your school Cash on-Line history or send an email to [Ms. Scott-Desfossés](#).

A graphic with a dark blue background and a white wavy pattern. At the top, a brown banner contains the text "LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR YEARBOOK!". In the center is a yellow and grey compass rose. To the left of the compass rose are the numbers "2" and "3" stacked vertically. To the right are the numbers "2" and "4" stacked vertically. At the bottom left, a blue circle contains the text "MUST ORDER BY FEBRUARY 28th". At the bottom right, a teal circle contains the text "Yearbooks can be purchased through SchoolCash Online. You may contact Ms. Scott-Desfossés or visit Room 1052 to check if you have ordered one."/>

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR YEARBOOK!

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MUST ORDER BY FEBRUARY 28th

Yearbooks can be purchased through SchoolCash Online. You may contact Ms. Scott-Desfossés or visit Room 1052 to check if you have ordered one.

Attendance Procedures—Important Reminder to Parents/ Guardians



Please report your student's absence AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Please call **(604) 903-3600 Ext. 2** to report your child's absence.

Calls can be made 24/7

When reporting your child's absence, please provide the following information:

Last name of the student (*please spell clearly*)

- First name of the student
- Grade
- Date of absence
- The time the student will be absent. For example "1st class of the day", "last class of the day", "am only", "all day"
- Reason: Excused, Appointment, Illness, Vacation etc.
- **NOTE:** We cannot record "may be in later" "will be in if he/she feels better".

Thank you!!

Cybersafe from Exploitation Presentations

RESCHEDULED Grades 7, 8 & 9 Presentations

(Period 6 & Period 7) Thursday, February 22nd

Location: Handsworth Theatre

Presentation Times:

Grade 9's: 10:30am - 11:30am (Period 6)

Grade 8's: 11:45am - 12:45pm (Period 7)

Grade 7's: 2:00pm - 3:00pm



Information about the Presentation:

This presentation discusses the root causes to all forms of online sexual exploitation by looking at how various internet dynamics play a role in vulnerability and susceptibility. Students will learn about the 3 types of online exploiters, sextortion, current exploitation trends, sexting and the law, online permanency, AI, high risk platforms, and digitally facilitated trafficking.

The website for the Exploitation Education Institute is posted below. Here you will find lots of information and resources around risks of exploitation for youth.

[Your trusted experts in exploitation prevention | Exploitation Education Institute](#)

Parent Presentation: Substance Use Prevention: A Guide for Parents

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, will be hosting free virtual sessions on youth substance use for parents/guardians, caregivers and caring adults. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip participants with the tools needed to guide their children and youth toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

Key Takeaways for Participants:

- Learn why children/teenagers are drawn to substances.
- Understand what causes and maintains substance use disorder and needs.
- Increase your child's ability to make positive choices about substances.
- Acquire practical conversation tools for discussing substances in the home.

Participants must register in advance due to limited capacity. Session dates are:

- February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 22, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28, 6:00 – 7:30 pm PST - [Click here to Register](#)

Please share within your community and email educ.mentalhealth@gov.bc.ca with any questions.

Join us for an
Online Presentation

**Substance
Use Prevention:**
A Guide for Parents

Presented By:
Dr. Hayley Watson

Clinical Psychologist, PhD, MA Clin Psych, MA
Transpersonal Psych, PG Dip Psych, BA Criminology

YELL – Young Entrepreneurship Leadership Launchpad

Locations: **Sutherland Secondary** and **Handsworth Secondary**

For grade 11 and 12 students with an interest in Business or who have an entrepreneurial spirit.

The course runs outside of the regular timetable so that students from surrounding NVSD44 schools can attend.

The cohorts meet:

Sutherland: Monday evenings at 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Handsworth: Tuesday evenings at 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Are you interested in Business? Thinking of becoming an Entrepreneur? **YELL (Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad)** is Canada's first high school Entrepreneurship course eligible for university credit, providing youth with practical tools and experiences they need to succeed in the real world.

Students earn course credits toward graduation while working with teachers and business and community leaders to design a student-led business. The course connects students with some of the top entrepreneurial talent in the lower mainland and students will compete in a Venture Challenge in the spring.

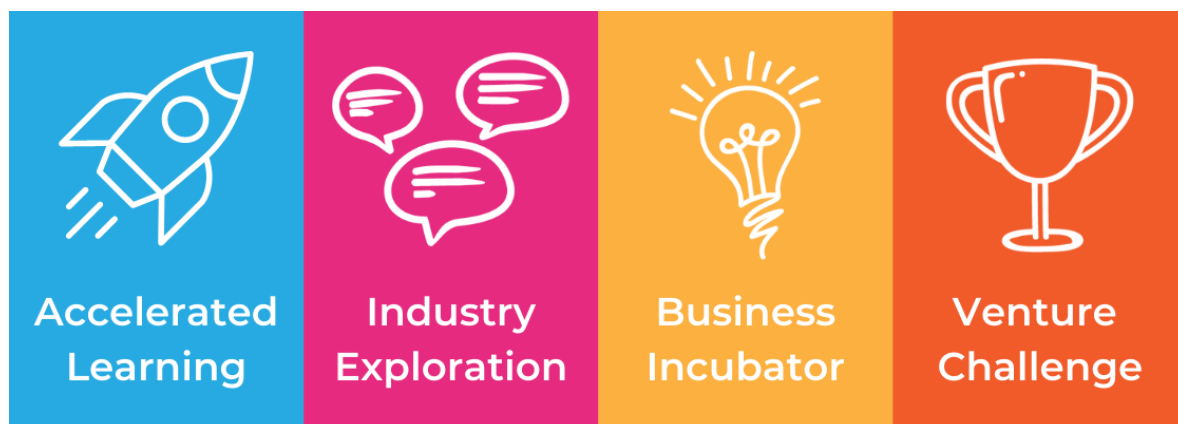
Applications will be accepted beginning January 19th, 2024 and close February 29th, 2024

For more information, please contact Sheri Johnson sjohnson@sd44.ca

Read more about [District of North Vancouver School Career Education programs](#)

For more information: <https://yellcanada.org>

For more information about receiving university credit at SFU, please see <https://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2019/07/aspiring-entrepreneurs-in-high-school-head-start-on-university-credits.html>.

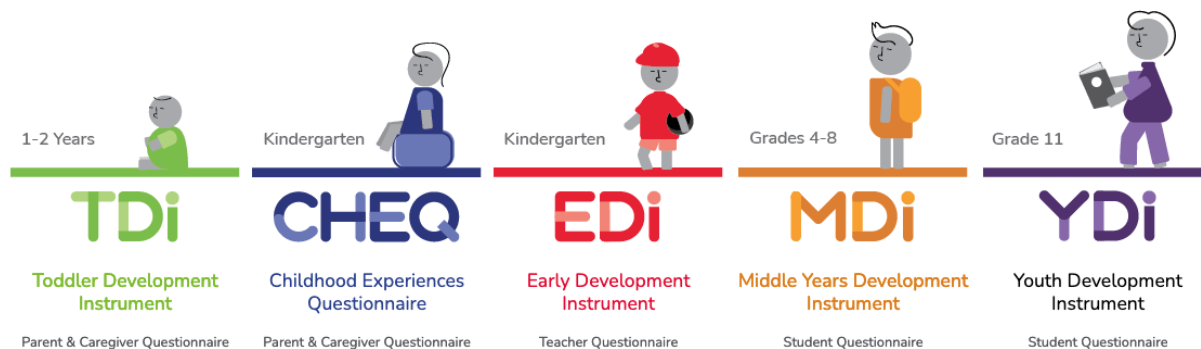


YDI Grade 11 Student Survey

The school district recently sent out information to families about the upcoming YDI survey being administered with all of our Grade 11 students.

The Youth Development Instrument (YDI) is a self-report survey administered to BC Grade 11 students. Developed in collaboration with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at UBC, school districts, community partners, health practitioners, policymakers, and youth, the YDI was designed to collect population-level data of youth well-being indicators.

Between the dates of **March 4–15th**, grade 11 students will use one Period 5 block to complete the survey with their teacher. More information about the YDI survey can be found at <https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/ydi/ydi-overview/>. The YDI is part of a collection of tools designed to gather data at critical transition times in across childhood and adolescence.



Pink Shirt Day—February 28th

Students are encouraged to **wear pink** and come to the Grand Commons at lunch on February 28th for a fashion show, games, crafts, and KARAOKE!

There will be Prizes!



For more information on Pink Shirt Day and ways to donate, please visit their website: www.pinkshirtday.ca

GRAD SKATE AT THE SHIPYARDS!

There was a great turnout of grads who enjoyed a private skate event at the Shipyards on February 8th. Many thanks to the staff chaperones who participated: Mme. Frith, Ms. Lauer, Ms. Powell, Ms. Carabetta, Ms. Kovanda.



Grad 2024 Parent Committee

Are you a parent of a student graduating in June 2024? Do you wish to be informed of Grad 2024 Parent Committee events?

Please click on this link for more information: [Grad 2024 Parent Committee Communications](#)

More important grad info continued on next page...

GRAD 2024 INFORMATION



Grad Ceremony 2023-2024

Grad Fees:

Parents/ Guardians - please check your school cash online account for the following fee deadlines:

Grad gown - fee of \$20.00 is due on March 1, 2024

Grad Ceremony - fee of \$55.00 is due on March 15, 2024.

Handsworth 2024 Commencement Ceremony

Location: Queen Elizabeth Theatre

630 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5N6

ARRIVAL TIMES: Tentatively 6:30 pm

More details to follow

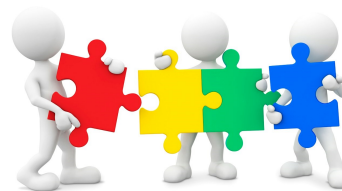
Check the [Handsworth website](#) for the latest updates

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS— PUZZLE DONATIONS WELCOME



Spring cleaning is near! Do you have any puzzles you are ready to pass along?

The Handsworth Library Learning Commons would love to use your second-hand puzzles, preferably in the 500 to 1000 piece range, for our Community Puzzle program. This program has grown in popularity since we introduced it last year. It's been great to see students (and staff) in the library who are collaborating and building connections as they engage in puzzle-solving at tutorial, lunch and after school. Interested? Please label any puzzle donations with a post-it indicating LIBRARY, and bring them to the school office. Thank you in advance for your donation.



Sports: Spring 2024 Teams

Interested in joining a sports team this Spring? There are so many to choose from!

Please visit the [Handsworth website](#) for the latest and most up to date information on our sports teams.

<p>RUGBY—Boys & Girls</p> <p>Senior Boys Rugby (grades 11 & 12) Junior Boys Rugby (grades 9 & 10)</p> <p>Girls Rugby (all grades)</p>	<p>Boys interested should contact Mr. Ridge at fridge@sd44.ca</p> <p><i>No tryouts!</i></p> <p>Girls interested should contact Ms. Palmer at spalmer@sd44.ca</p> <p><i>No tryouts!</i></p>
<p>SOCCER—Girls</p> <p>Senior Team (grades 11 & 12)</p> <p>Junior Team (grades 8, 9, & 10)</p> <p>See the HSS website for tryout details</p>	<p>Senior Girls should contact Mrs. Johnson at sjohnson@sd44.ca</p> <p>Senior Girls should contact Mrs. Hartwell at chartwell@sd44.ca</p>
<p>Volleyball—Boys <i>New this Spring!</i></p> <p>Juvenile Team (grades 8 & 9)</p> <p>See the HSS website for tryout details</p>	<p>contact Mr. Reble at ireble@sd44.ca</p>
<p>Ultimate—Boys & Girls</p> <p>Senior Team (grade 11 & 12) Junior Team (grades 8, 9 & 10)</p> <p>See the HSS website for tryout details</p>	<p>Sr's Contact Mr. Pace at space@sd44.ca Jr's Contact Mr. Worley at sworley@sd44.ca</p>
<p>Badminton—Boys & Girls</p>	<p>See the HSS website - details to come!</p>
<p>Golf—Boys & Girls</p>	<p>Contact Mr. Torres at ftorres@sd44.ca</p> <p>See the HSS website for upcoming details</p>
<p>Mountain Biking—Boys & Girls</p> <p><i>The season will gear up after Spring Break</i></p>	<p>Contact Mr. Holt at bholt@sd44.ca</p> <p>See the HSS website for upcoming details</p>
<p>Track & Field—Boys & Girls</p>	<p>Contact Mr. Fenn at mfenn@sd44.ca</p> <p>See the HSS website for upcoming details</p>

Classroom Spotlight—FRAL 12

On January 26, students in Français Langue 12 completed their years in the French Immersion program by performing an original play that they wrote for the grade 6 and 7 students and teachers from Cleveland Elementary School. Entitled *Hors de la boîte* (“Out of the Box”), the FRAL 12 students chose the theme “sortir de sa zone de confort”, or “to get out of your comfort zone”, while also integrating the symbol of a box throughout the play. Five different scenes represented five students’ experiences embracing taking a risk, with each scene presenting a different concept of a box symbolically. Mme Poole was extremely proud of the FRAL 12 students’ effort to create and perform such a touching and entertaining play.



Upcoming Theatre Productions

SPOTLIGHT 2024

March 6–8, 2024

Drama 10-12 Scene Showcase Nights

Tickets: \$10 through school cash online

[Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 7pm](#)

[Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:45pm](#)

(FYI: Parent-Teacher Interviews end at 7:30 pm)

[Friday, March 8, 2024 @ 7pm](#)

Tickets go on sale: Tuesday, February 20th

click on your preferred date to purchase your tickets



HERE LIES THE TRUTH

May 1-4, 2024

Annual Handsworth Senior Theatre & Dance School Play

Tickets: \$30 through school cash online

[Wed. May 1, 2024 @ 7 pm](#)

[Thurs. May 2, 2024 @ 7 pm](#)

[Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 7 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 7 pm](#)

Tickets go on sale: Saturday, March 9th

click on your preferred date to purchase your tickets

See poster on next page!!



Handsworth Music Notes

Upcoming Concerts

February 26thNV Choral Festival @ NV Board Office

February 28thKiwanis Jazz Festival @ VSO School of Music

March 6thZone Concert @ HSS

March 12th & 14thStrings Extravaganza @ HSS

March 13thWonderful Winds Concert @ HSS



**Handsworth
presents**



**HERE LIES THE
TRUTH**

**Handsworth Theatre
May 1-4, 2024 @ 7pm**

Student Council

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Or Via MS Teams

Sponsor Teachers:

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Mr. Goheen: agoheen@sd44.ca

Or Via MS Teams



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Handsworth PAC News

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

Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches

Place your Royals Hot Lunch order using this [Munch a Lunch link](#) making ordering easier than ever!

Please visit the [Handsworth Hot Lunch page](#) for the most updated information

Royals Hot Lunch delivery dates: once per week on rotating Mondays and Thursdays



Click on the "contact us" option in [Munch a Lunch](#) or email munch@handsworthpac.ca with any Munch-a-Lunch ordering questions.

Next PAC Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom.

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for all the latest HPAC related information!