



The Learning Services Department, accompanied by Best Buddies, had a fantastic field trip to Canyon Lights in December. Read full story and see more photos on page 6!

Winter Weather

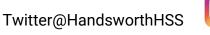
With winter weather here, it's timely to remind families of our District procedures. All North Vancouver Schools will remain open, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30am and announced through media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites.



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







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ATT: GRADS

Important info in this issue for you!

Upcoming Events Summary

January 24	Winter Concert			
January 26	End of Semester 1			
January 29-30	Review & Completion (No Classes)			
January 31	Semester Turnaround Day (No Classes)			
February 1	Semester 2 Begins/Mandatory Homeroom @ 9am			
February 1	Trades Information Night @ Handsworth			
February 2	Grad Photo Retake Deadline			
February 6	Semester 1 Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published			
February 7	Juzt Jazz Concert			
February 6-9				
February 14				
February 15	Grad Write-ups and Baby Photos DUE			
February 16	District Wide Pro D Day			
February 19	Family Day (School Closed)			
February 22	Grade 7, 8, 9 Cysafe from Exploitation Presentations			
March 7	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences			
For a FULL and UP TO DATE list of all events happening at Handsworth, please visit our <u>live calendar on the school website</u>				

Attn: Drivers! Safety and Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off & Pick Up

A reminder that our parking lots are designed for <u>one-way traffic</u> movement only.

When travel by car is necessary, we ask parents to **make use of designated DROP OFF drop off area** located at the North side of the building, To ensure flow, please
<u>do not stop in the middle of the parking lot, crosswalk, or on the street for drop off/pick up.</u>

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.



SEMESTER TURNAROUND-IMPORTANT DATES

The end of January marks the conclusion of Semester 1. Last day of scheduled classes for the first semester: Friday, January 26th, 2024.

Review & Completion:

Monday, January 29^h and Tuesday, January 30th are reserved for Review & Completion.

Students may be invited to attend Review and Completion at the discretion of their teachers. If you have further questions, please speak with your student's classroom teacher.

Semester Turnaround Day:

Wednesday, January 31st is a non-instructional, administrative semester turnaround day – no classes/instruction.

First Day of Semester 2:

Students return to Semester 2 classes on Thursday, February 1st. The block rotation is 5, 6, 7, 8.

There is a **MANDATORY HOMEROOM for ALL students at 9am on February 1**st before classes start. All student must pick up their Semester 2 schedules at homeroom*

The updated <u>Homeroom List is posted to the website</u> as well as around the school for students to check. Please make sure your student(s) know where their homeroom is as some changes have been made since our last scheduled homeroom.

Friday,	Monday, January	Tuesday, January	Wednesday,	Thursday,
January 26th	29th	30th	January 31st	February 1st
Last Day of Semester One	RCE (by teacher consultation)	RCE (by teacher consultation) Current grade 8 – 11 Parent Programming Presentations 5:30pm & 7:00pm	Turnaround Day (No Classes)	9:00am Homeroom for ALL students (S2 Timetables Distributed) Semester 2 Starts! (Reports Published February 6th)

COURSE PROGRAMMING—Important Dates

PARENT ONLY Information Presentations for Course Programming: Tuesday, January 30th:

• Grade 8s entering Grade 9 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Grand Commons

• Grade 9s entering Grade 10 5:30pm – 6:30pm in the Theatre

• Grade 10s entering Grade 11 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Grand Commons

• Grade 11s entering Grade 12 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Theatre

Mandatory STUDENT Grade Assemblies: Tutorial Time February 6th- 9th:

Grade 8s entering Grade 9
 Grade 9s entering Grade 10
 Grade 10s entering Grade 11
 Grade 11s entering Grade 12
 February 6th - Theatre @ 8:30am
 February 8th - Theatre @ 8:30am
 February 9th - Theatre @ 8:30am

NOTE: Students will receive their Course Request Forms at these presentations.

Counsellor Classroom Follow Up Visits: February 12th - 20th:

• This is a great opportunity for students to ask questions of their counsellors.

Student MyEd Course Request ENTRY AT HOME - Window is OPEN February 14th - 29th

- Students will use the MyEd Student Portal to enter Course Requests at home.
- Detailed Instructions will be sent home prior to Feb 15th.
- Please ensure students in Grades 9-11 know their Student MyEd password for course request entry
- Al Grade 8 students will have their MyEd password reset this year. We will send out detailed info about the login process.

ALL Completed Course Request Forms Due in the Main Office by Friday, March 1st, 2024 Student Support for Course Request Entry at SCHOOL: March 12th & 13th in Room 1115

- We will provide support to students who aren't able to complete their course request entry at home.
- NOTE: Students MUST have returned their signed Course Request Form to the office by March 1st so that we can use it to support request entry.

Current Grade 8s & 9s
 Current Grade 10s & 11s
 March 13th
 March 13th

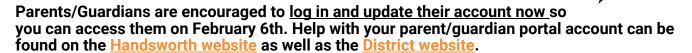
For parents and students who miss/unable to attend, the presentation information will be posted on our Handsworth website after January 30th.

The 2024-2025 Handsworth Course Programming Guide and other resources will also be available on the school website.

If you have any further questions, please contact your grade counsellor.

S1 Final Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published February 6th

Semester 1 Final Learning Updates (Report Cards) will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 by end of day.



To Access the MyEducation BC System:

- 1. Visit https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do. We recommend that you bookmark this page and that you use a desktop computer or laptop instead of a mobile device.
- 2. Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.
- 3. <u>Your Login ID is the email address that you have given to the school</u>. DO NOT copy/paste. Both usernames and passwords are case sensitive. Five unsuccessful log in attempts will disable your account. Passwords are good for 90 days.
- 4. If it is your first time signing in or it has been more than 90 days since your last password change, you will be prompted to change your password immediately. You will also need to enter security information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password.
- 5. Once inside the MyEducation BC system, you can navigate around to view information for your student(s). When reports are published to the Portal, they are accessible in the Published Reports area and will appear as PDF documents.
- ***PLEASE NOTE:** Students that are cross-enrolled in courses outside of Handsworth Secondary, may have more than one report.
- 6. **IMPORTANT!** Parents/Guardians please <u>print and save report cards</u> because they automatically disappear from the Portal at the end of the school year.

Parents New to Handsworth: Please check your email inbox and junk mail for an email from accounts such as sysop@myeducation.gov.bc.ca or admin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca which will include your User ID, temporary password and instructions.

Questions/Concerns? Should you have any questions or concerns about Parent Portal access, please do not hesitate to contact us at handsworth@sd44.ca. Please include your name as well as your Handsworth student's first and last name and the issue you are having.

We will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. We receive a high volume of inquiries in the week leading up to and immediately after Report Cards being posted so we recommend ensuring that you are able to successfully log in before the report card publication date.

MyEd_BC Parent Portal - how to reset password.pdf

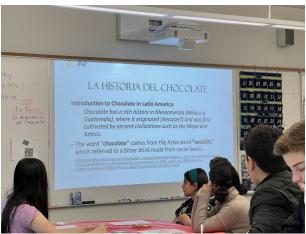
Classroom Spotlight!

Spanish 10—Chocolate Tasting

On December 19, 2023, Spanish 10 students learned about the history of chocolate dating back thousands of years, the impact colonization has had on chocolate and the different flavor profiles of chocolate originating from several different cacao sources. They learned how to ethically source chocolate to ensure the growers are being treated fairly, and how to describe the various types of chocolates in Spanish based off their observations in relation to the 5 senses.

As a follow up lesson, students explored the characteristics of Fair trade, 3 main types of cacao trees, the terroir of different cacao producing regions and the influence it has on the flavor profiles of the chocolate, and some students designed packaging for a chocolate bar using sustainable materials and ethical company values.





Learning Services Students and Best Buddies Field Trip to Canyon Lights

The Learning Services Department, accompanied by Best Buddies, had a fantastic trip to Canyon Lights in December. The Capilano Suspension Bridge offered us free tickets, and Mr Hungle was our bus driver. It was a memorable experience for students and staff. We would like to thank the Best Buddies for carving this time into their busy schedules and joining us on this trip and throughout 2023.





The Japan Exchange is Back!



Handsworth Grade 9 students are returning to Japan in April 2024!!!

The Grade 9 Japan Exchange is one of the longest running cultural programs at Handsworth beginning in 1989! The current model of the exchange with Inage High School, our sister school, in Chiba began in 1992 and has run almost every year since (with two travel exceptions before a COVID break). The exchange aims to immerse students in not only the history but also the culture of Japan, and to give them the opportunity and responsibility to act as ambassadors for not only Handsworth but also North Vancouver within Japan as a whole and specifically with Chiba, North Vancouver's sister city.

Student's exposure to the Japanese experience begins throughout the fall and winter as students undertake seminars in language, customs and culture to gain an understanding of what they will experience during their visit Japan in the spring.

In April, participants travel to Japan for two weeks. The first week is spent exploring and experiencing different regions and centres on Honshu including historic and cultural capitals of Japan, immersing themselves in both urban and rural Japan, and acting as youth peace ambassadors at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima. Throughout the week, students are given the opportunity to expand their sense-of-self, responsibility, and cultural awareness as they navigate the sites in small groups, taking in the language, culture and food of the different regions and the country as a whole.

The second week of the exchange brings with it one of the most important aspects of the experience, and that which sets it apart from it just being a trip to Japan, and unique amongst other cultural experiences in the North Vancouver School District. Students (in pairs) billet in Japanese homes, experiencing the day-to-day lives of their host families and how the lives of Japanese high school students differ and most importantly are similar to their own here at Handsworth, taking part in classes and popular recreation activities. As part of our role as ambassadors, students take part in formal activities such as a visit to the Mayor's office in Chiba, on behalf of the Mayor of North Vancouver, helping to foster the relationship between the cities.

Almost all of the students who have taken part in the exchange look back with fondness on the experience, in many cases referring to it as life changing, even decades after they return.

Follow our progress at: <u>Japan 2024 | Handsworth in Japan (wordpress.com)</u>

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)

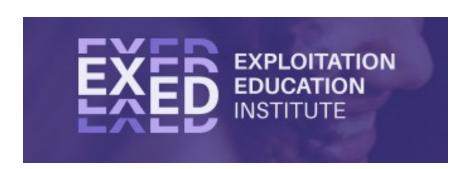
Grade 7's: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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—January 23, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Kay Meek Centre in West Vancouver.

Registration information is available here: Cybersafe from Exploitation Tickets

Parents will learn about the different forms of exploitation, online and in person, alongside practical tips and strategies you can use as a parent to help keep your children and youth safe from all forms of sexual exploitation. Parents will walk away having knowledge on online exploitation and how they can keep their children and youth safe.

Trades Programs - Information Night



The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) invites students and their families to explore various opportunities available to high school students in Grades 10-12 that can get them started on their career pathway into the trades. Learn about opportunities from local businesses, SkilledTrades BC, post-secondary representatives and NVSD career programming.

Registration open until January 30th, 2024, sign up on the link below!

Details of Evening:

Date: Time:

Thursday, February 1st, 2024 6:00-8:00pm

Location:

Handsworth Secondary School 1033 Handsworth Rd, North Vancouver, BC Parking available around the school

Schedule of Events:

6:00—6:30pm - Exhibitor tables — Local businesses and post secondary institutions.

Become aware of careers that are in demand.

6:30–7:15 - All in the auditorium during this time: *Series of 10 minute presentations from:*

BOSA, Twin Lions Contracting, Born West Electric, NVSD Career programs.

7:15—8:00 - Exhibitor tables Get answers to your questions!

For more information, please contact jkinakin@sd44.ca (District Career Coordinator) or careerpathways@sd44.ca.

While completely optional, by signing up for the event, you will be providing us with a better sense of attendance numbers and ensure you receive a reminder one day before the event.









Career Fair in the Arts!



The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) invites students and their families to a Career Fair in the Arts!

Date: February 7th, 2024

Time: 6-7:30 pm - feel free to come anytime in between **Location:** Gordon Smith Gallery - 2121 Lonsdale Ave

*** Parking is at a premium. Spots available under the building and on the street.

- **Explore** diverse visual, music, dance, and theatre career opportunities through a "gallery walkabout" event.
- **Engage** with local businesses and cultural icons like the Polygon, Vancouver Opera, Urban Ink and the Inuit Gallery of Vancouver.
- **Speak** with post-secondary exhibitors including La Salle, CAP U, SFU's School of Contemporary Arts, and the Vancouver Film School.

Don't miss this inspiring experience!

Doors open at 6pm, however, feel free to come anytime between 6-7:30pm.

While completely optional, by signing up for the event, you will be providing us with a better sense of attendance numbers and ensure you receive a reminder email one day before the event.





NVSD and the RCMP Present:



The life of a General Duty RCMP officer TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

Open to the first 50 interested students in grades 10-12





Feb 12th and 13th, 2024 (Bring your own lunch)

February 12th - 9:00 – 3:00 pm 5th Floor of District Office - 2121 Lonsdale Avenue – North Vancouver (Doors open at 8:40)

February 13th - 9:00-3:00pm RCMP Detachment Office - 147 E 14th St North Vancouver (Doors open at 8:40)





Come learn about the many career pathways in law enforcement and emergency services while solving a crime! From dispatch and forensics to canine units and making an arrest, this interactive experience will be something not to forget!

Students will engage in activities and that highlight the importance of teamwork and communication skills as they role play scenario's based off real RCMP experiences.

*Warning – there may be content that some participants may find disturbing such as images and shared experiences by officers.

To secure a seat please see your school WEX Facilitator or Career Teacher

Deadline to register is Feb 2nd, 2024 NOTE: priority will be given to students in grade 12

Students selected must:

-demonstrate a mature attitude and be keen to explore careers in this field.

-be willing to participate in all activities.

-be committed to participating in BOTH days.

GRAD 2024 INFORMATION

HEY GRADS! Check your Teams on the regular!

Please note that you have all been added to a Grad Teams Page. Please check it regularly as it is your responsibility to stay informed, get involved and ask questions. Important information will be posted there, such as:

- ⇒ Scholarship applications
- ⇒ Grad Council activities
- ⇒ Grad Ceremony info
- ⇒ Grad Banquet info

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Frith via Teams.



Upcoming Grad Events



Grad Skate at the Shipyards: Rescheduled!

Grad Skate night at the Shipyards has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:30–9:30PM.

Grad Gown Sign Up OPEN

Please click on the link below to let us know YES or NO if you need a grad gown for the June 2024 commencement ceremony.

EVERYONE must complete this form.

The deadline to complete this is January 31, 2024. It takes less than a minute to complete so go do it now! Thank you!

https://forms.office.com/r/mJP9RQwMjJ



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

YEARBOOK INFORMATION FOR 2024 GRADS PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!

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

Late submissions for anything will not be included.

- 1. GRAD WRITE-UPS and BABY PICTURES are optional.
- 2. You only get a GRAD WRITE-UP in the Yearbook if you have had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown taken at Artona.
- 3. If you do not get a proper Grad Photo with a gown, your Go-Card Picture will be used with no Grad Write-Up.
- 4. GRAD WRITE-UPS and BABY PICTURES for the Yearbook are due Thursday, February 15th, 2024. No late submissions will be included. To submit your WRITE-UP and BABY PICTURE, use the QR code or link available in the CLC 12 Teams under the "Grad Yearbook 2023-2024" channel. No submissions to teacher email or yearbook staff will be accepted.
- 5. GRAD WRITE-UPS can be a maximum of 350 characters including spaces, punctuation, letters, and numbers (NOTE that is 350 characters, NOT 350 words). Your write-up CANNOT have any abbreviations, initials, slang, social media handles/hashtags, timestamp TV episodes/movies, lyrics from explicit songs, bullying, innuendos, negative comments about the school or anything that is inappropriate for a school publication.
- 6. You will not be contacted for a second opportunity to re-write your submission, should your write-up be rejected. If you include anything that is considered inappropriate for a school publication, you do not get to have a GRAD WRITE-UP. It will simply not be included, and you will not be notified.
- 7. **You have one submission** you cannot submit a GRAD WRITE-UP and then change or resubmit it this causes too much chaos and unnecessary work for the yearbook team.
- 8. Edit your GRAD WRITE-UP and have several people proof-read it! It will be in print forever!
- 9. BABY PICTURE must be submitted as a high-resolution jpeg. If you are scanning a picture, make sure that you crop it and submit it in the proper orientation.
- 10. PLEASE get your GRAD PHOTO taken between December 12th-17th, 2023 during the times set aside for Handsworth Graduates. These dates are published in the school calendar. If you need a retake, this must be done by February 2nd, 2024 and you will pay an additional sitting fee.
- 11. SHARE THIS INFO WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS!! Too many late submissions did not get included last year.

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12. There are 2 sections to the Grad section of the yearbook – make sure you read this carefully so that you know where you will be placed in the book.

There will be no exceptions made for students in terms of where they are placed in the year-book. You will be placed based on what you submit. Please contact Ms. Scott-Desfosses for clarification.

A. If you have had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown, you will be included alphabetically like this:

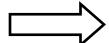


If NO WRITE-UP is received, yearbook staff will provide a message that will appear instead.

B. If you have NOT had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown, you will be included alphabetically like this with your Go-Card Picture (after those in the previous section).



Grad 2024 Write Up





Public Display of Affection - Grad PDA

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. Only \$42 - please pay online. **Available until**March 1st!



Students who wish to submit applications to be considered to be Handsworth's nominee(s) for external awards should regularly check the Grad 2024 Teams page

New! School Based Awards

If you would like to be considered for a school based award, please complete this form by January 31, 2024 at 11:45pm.

We will not be chasing students down to apply for these awards, so please remind yourself of the deadline.

Only those students who complete the application form will be considered for awards.



Please check the scholarship page on the Handsworth website as it is updated regularly

Questions??? Please contact Ms. Sofia Frith, Scholarship Coordinator by email: sfrith@sd44.ca





Did you complete any puzzles over the winter holidays? Are you ready to pass them 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 front office. Thank you in advance for your donation.



Save the Theatre Dates!

SPOTLIGHT 2024

Drama 10-12 Scene Showcase Wed-Fri, March 6-8, 2024 @ 7 pm Handsworth Theatre

Tickets on Sale: February 20th



Annual School Play An Original Whimsical Murder Mystery Wed-Sat, May 1-4, 2024 @ 7 pm Handsworth Theatre

Tickets go on Sale: March 9th

POWER PROJECT

Drama 10-12 & Drama Diverse Learners Theatre of Possibilities Project Thurs, May 30, 2024 @ 7 pm Tickets go on Sale: May 10th





Handsworth Music Notes

Upcoming Concerts

Winter Concert:

When: Wednesday, January 24th

Time: 7:30-9:30pm

Location: Handsworth Theatre

Juzt Jazz Concert:

When: Wednesday, February 7th

Time: 7:30-9:30pm

Location: Handsworth Theatre



Student Council

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Or Via MS Teams

Follow us on Instagram for the latest news & events:



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 <u>Munch a Lunch link</u> making ordering easier than ever!

Please visit the <u>Handsworth Hot Lunch page</u> 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 <u>Munch a Lunch</u> or email <u>munch@handsworthpac.ca</u> with any Munch-a-Lunch ordering questions.

Next PAC Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Handsworth Library Learning Commons.

Check out the <u>HPAC page on the Handsworth website</u> for all the latest HPAC related information!