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On October 17th Handsworth welcomed 63 students and 5 teacher chaperones from Hayato Yokohama Senior High School in Yokohama, Japan. See full story on page 10.

Sunday November 5th

Daylight Savings
'fall' back one hour!



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



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Upcoming Events Summary

October 31.....	Provincial Assessments (see page 4 for more info)
November 1.....	Provincial Assessments (see page 4 for more info)
November 9.....	S1R1 & S1W2 Ends
November 10.....	S1R2 & S1W3 Starts
November 10.....	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 13.....	School Closed for Remembrance Day
November 20.....	Interim Report Cards Published
November 20.....	HPAC Meeting (online)
November 24.....	School Based Pro-D Day
December 1.....	Trades Fair (Grand Commons)
December 4.....	District-Wide Pro-D Day

For a FULL and UP TO DATE list of all events happening at Handsworth, please visit our [live calendar on the school website](#)

Safety and Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off and Pick Up

Attn: Drivers!

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 areas located to both the north and west side of the building, To ensure flow, please do not stop in the middle of the parking lots or on the street for drop off.

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



DROP OFF

Important Information for Parents/Guardians

Attendance Reporting

- **To report a student's absence, please call the school at 604-903-3600 then press "2" to leave a message. We DO NOT accept absences via email.**
- In the details of your message, please clearly spell the last name of the student, give the student's first name and grade, date of the absence, time (i.e. all day or Period 1) and the reason for the absence.
- If a student is cross-enrolled, please notify both schools of the absence.
- If a student was marked absent in error, please ask them to connect with their teacher directly.
- Extended Absence: Please have your student pick up an "Extended Absence Form" from the office.



School Start Up Forms & School Fees

Please complete the school start up forms on your School Cash Online account ASAP. As well, you will receive an email from School Cash Online when a fee has been added to your account. For more information on school fees please click [here](#).

Click here to access [School Cash Online](#) and complete the forms!



Student Information Verification Forms

These forms were sent home with your student at the beginning of the school year, please return them back to the school office ASAP.

Contacting Teachers/Grade Counsellors



Missed Parent Teacher Conferences? Need to talk with your student's Teacher?

Please note the following protocol when contacting the school with a concern about the education of your child. You may contact your child's teacher via email. If you feel further action is warranted, please contact the grade appropriate counsellor via email.

All staff emails can be found on the Handsworth website [here](#).

Students—Tutorial Time at Handsworth

A reminder that all students can access Tutorial Time most mornings. Students and staff are able to use tutorial for the following reasons (inclusive but not limited to):

- Students can opt to come in for support with deeper understanding and/or extension in their course.
- Teachers can require/request students to attend - missed classes, work, or instruction.
- Can be used as an additional instructional/class time opportunity.

Mondays—Limited Availability; by appointment with Teacher
Tuesdays—Fridays: 8:31am—9:10am

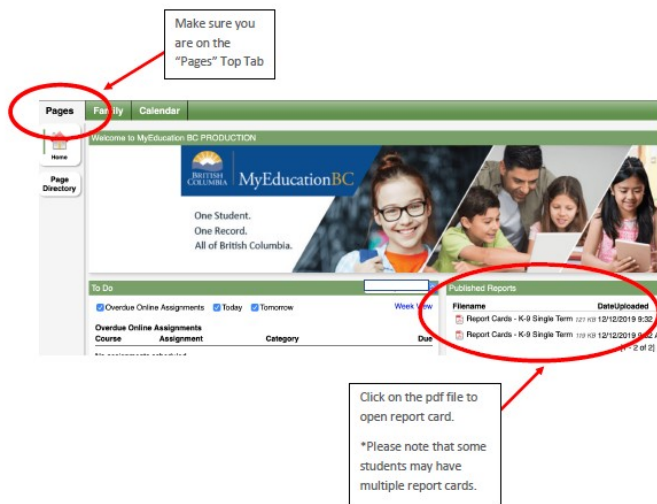
Students: it's a good idea to be in touch with your teachers so that you know where/when to work as some of our teachers move through different classroom spaces.

MyEd Parent Portal

The MyEd Parent Portal is now open. Please visit the website for set up instructions and login tips. If you forgot your password, please click on the “I forgot my password” link on the portal login page. Students are also able to login to the Student Portal from the same login page.

MyEd is where students and parents can view schedules and where report cards are posted later in the year.

For more information on how to register/log into MyEd, please visit our website [here](#).



Provincial Grad Assessments—Grade 11 & 12’s

Oct 31st & Nov 1st

The first Grad Assessment period is reserved for **ALL our grade 11s and 12s who have NOT met their Graduation 10 Assessment requirements.**

The assessments will run from **8:30am – 11:30am and 12:30-3:30 pm in the Library Learning Commons.**

Students must arrive no later than 15 minutes PRIOR to their assessment start time.

Students MUST remain in the assessment space for one hour, but will be sent back to classes once they complete the assessment – they have three hours to complete the assessments.

For your planning purpose, detailed information on all Mandatory Grad Assessments for the 2023 -2024 school year can be found on the [school website](#).

This Schedule is for ALL grade 11 and 12 students who have NOT YET written the required Grade 10 Graduation Assessment		
Students must arrive 15 minutes PRIOR to their scheduled assessment start time		
Library	Tuesday October 31	Wednesday November 1
AM 8:30 am– 11:30 am	Literacy 10 Last Name A - K	Numeracy 10 Last Name L - Z
Library	Tuesday October 31	Wednesday November 1
PM 12:30pm – 3:30 pm	Literacy 10 Last Name L - Z	Numeracy 10 Last Name A - K

REPORT CARDS & THE NEW MINISTRY STUDENT REPORTING POLICY

Handsworth Semester One Interim Report Cards will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on Monday, November 20th.

Starting this year, BC is working with a new Ministry Student Reporting Policy. The B.C. curriculum is flexible and focuses on literacy, numeracy, and the First Peoples Principles of Learning. At Handsworth, and across the province, Communicating Student Learning (the Report Card) gives students, parents, and caregivers a clear understanding of what students can already do and areas for future growth. Classroom assessment and reporting is focused on student proficiency in relation to the established learning standards, student engagement, and deeper learning that transfers into life outside the classroom.

One of the biggest changes to note is for our Grade 8 and 9 students. Below is the Provincial Proficiency Scale that you will now see on Report Cards to indicate where your student is in their learning journey in each course. Below is a description of the proficiency scale indicators that teachers are using in classes and on reports.

You can find more information about the new Ministry Reporting Policy at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/reporting/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers>

The Provincial Proficiency Scale

If your child is in Grades K-9, you won't see letter grades on their report card. Instead, you will see information on where your child is on the Provincial Proficiency Scale. The scale uses the terms "Emerging," "Developing," "Proficient," and "Extending" to describe student learning. The scale maintains high standards for student learning.

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Emerging means your child is beginning to understand something in an area of learning. They are still learning but may need more support to move ahead. Emerging doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Developing means your child understands some things in an area of learning but still has other areas to work on. Like Emerging, it doesn't mean your child is unsuccessful in this area.	Proficient is the goal for your child. It's also the goal for all students. When your child is Proficient, it means they fully understand the required learning. But it doesn't mean their learning stops.	Extending is when students show a deeper understanding. It's when your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways. Extending is not the goal for all students in every area of learning.

2023-24 Advance Placement (AP) Exam Information



Exam Registration is now Open!

Handsworth AP Students in Enrolling Classes:

Students enrolled in an AP course in a classroom at Handsworth will be asked to indicate whether they wish to write the AP exam for their course when they sign-in to their College Board Account and join their courses. AP teachers will walk students through this process in class and provide them with the "Join Code". Students who do not want to write the AP exam for their course in May 2024, must let their teachers know by Monday, November 1st so that their exam order can be cancelled without a fee. For those students writing their exam, please be sure to pay your fees (\$160) online through your School Cash Online Account by November 1st.

	8:00 am	12:00 pm
Monday, May 6, 2024		Chemistry
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Microeconomics	Statistics
Wednesday, May 8, 2024		Computer Science A
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Chinese Language and Culture	Psychology
Friday, May 10, 2024		Macroeconomics
Monday, May 13, 2024	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	English Language and Composition	
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	French Language and Culture	Computer Science Principles
Thursday, May 16, 2024		Biology
Friday, May 17, 2024	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	

For students who are completing courses through self-study and not within a Handsworth AP class, you will need to complete the following 3 steps by **November 1st, 2023**:

1. Request an exam sitting by filling out the form using this [link](#) or the QR Code:



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2. Pay an exam fee (\$270) through the School Cash Online link emailed to you after completing the request form. If you decide not to write before November 15th there will be a \$50 processing fee. **After November 15th there are no refunds for cancelled exams or exam no-shows.**

3. Once you have completed the two steps above (form and payment), you will be emailed a "Join Code" to the e-mail address you have provided on the form. Once you have your "Join Code" you must then register yourself with the College Board to indicate you will be joining a "Self-Study" course section and will be writing the exam at Handsworth.

Register with the College Board by:

Signing in/up at <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

Register to write the exam for your course with your "Join Code" by following these steps (<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/access-your-ap-resources/join-your-class-online>).

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

NOVEMBER 11th



Handsworth is proud to remember and honour the sacrifices of Canadian military members and their families during Veterans' Week.

We will have **two Remembrance Day Assemblies** in the Gym scheduled in Period 3 and Period 1 on Friday, November 10th, 2023.

Junior Assembly: Period 3 @ 10:25 - Grades 8 & 9

Senior Assembly: Period 1 @ 11:40 - Grades 10, 11 & 12

We thank our veterans for their service, and remind everyone to support their local Legion and wear their poppy proudly from the last Friday of October to November 11th.

*Poppies will be distributed in classes on **November 10th** to students who do not already have one of their own. This year scan your poppies at [poppy stories.ca](http://poppystories.ca) to hear about a story of a fallen soldier.*

Don't forget to bring a donation to your first class on November 10th for the Poppy Campaign. Follow the link to find how your donations help.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in becoming an Outdoor School Counsellor at Cheakamus?

What do outdoor school counsellors do at Cheakamus?

It's a great opportunity to be mentors and leaders for NVSD grade 4's and 6's at Outdoor School.

Why should I counsel?

Make new friends! Earn volunteer hours! Inspire and connect with youth in your school district! Spent time outdoors!

Who can apply?

Grade 10s, 11s, & 12s!

When do I apply and when is the training?

Applications for September training are due mid September and training is between September 29 – October 2. There will be other training workshop dates available.

What if I trained/counselled already last year?

Great! Cheakamus Centre administration will email you directly when sign-ups are open.

Apply via the following link: [Outdoor School Counsellors | Cheakamus Centre](#)



Handsworth Dance Presents “What We Care About”

Save the date! December 14th & 15th

Handsworth Dance presents their winter show “What We Care About” December 14th and 15th at 7pm in the Handsworth Theatre.

Tickets will be \$20 and go on sale December 1st through school cash online.



HSS Student Shout Outs!

Handsworth Music Students Participate in Charity Event



The Lower Mainland Music Students' Association, founded in March 2023, is a registered non-profit organization created by high school students focused on community work and promoting the musical growth of grades 8-12 students in the Lower Mainland area through performance, exposure, and education.

Their organization hosts bi-weekly senior home events and multiple concerts and other special events throughout the year. The LMMSA currently consists of over 80 members and is steadily growing.

Here is a photo of the LMMSA at their first charity event - Music for Meals - which took place on Oct. 13, 2023. Congratulations to the outstanding musicians and students who supported the event.

From Handsworth: Helia Bahramirad, Helena Bahramirad, Rina Kim, George Cao, Dorant Wu, Muriel An, Mr Kabok, Paul Wang, Alana Lin, Dora Xu, Marcus Chow, Lily Yuan, Kevin Shim, Katelynn Chen, Oliver Jasinski, Kian Sameny

Not from Handsworth: Channing Chen (BCSS), Rachel (GVFB), DongQi Cui (WSS)

Not photographed: Kevin L. (HSS), Jamie Cai (LBSS)

October 17th—Handsworth Welcomed Students from Japan!

Handsworth has a long history, over 30 years, of welcoming Japanese students as part of our long running Exchange program with Inage High School, our sister school, in Chiba, Japan. Unfortunately Inage has not been able to visit since COVID, but on October 17th Handsworth was excited to welcome 63 students and 5 teacher chaperones from Hayato Yokohama Senior High School in Yokohama, Japan.

Over 70 Handsworth students volunteered to have a Japanese “buddy” accompany them to their Period 3 & 1 classes so that the Japanese students could see what Canadian high school classes and life are like. Our guests got to see a wide range of classes from Physical and Health Education, Technology, English, French Immersion, Science and Math.

At lunch, Handsworth and Japanese students enjoyed a pizza lunch while having the opportunity to hang out and discuss the differences of growing up in North Vancouver and Yokohama, Japanese second largest city.

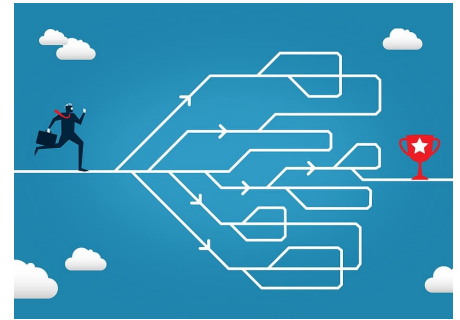
In the afternoon, our guests brought a bit of Japan to the Grand Commons hosting a Japanese Fair. Many of our classes were able to visit giving students, and staff, a chance to dress in Kimonos and the uniforms that Hayato students wear to school everyday, explore Japanese Anime & Manga, and learn about different styles of Japanese food. Many students tried their hand at Origami and various traditional Japanese games like Kendama and Hanetsuki. Many staff and students left the fair with their name written in Japanese Calligraphy, a great keepsake to remember the experience.

The Japanese coordinator later shared how thrilled our guests were with how friendly and welcoming Handsworth staff and students were throughout their visit, way to go Royals!



Careers Corner

Welcome to Careers Corner – please check Careers Corner for monthly updates to find out what is happening in Career Education at Handsworth



Post-Secondary Virtual Visits and Open Houses

Post-Secondary open houses and opportunities! You and your parents are welcome to attend these events, learn about what is being offered and ask questions about a wide variety of programs. Don't miss out, check the [Post-Secondary page on our website](#) regularly.

<u>Simon Fraser University School of Interactive Arts & Technology</u>	Tuesday, October 24 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
<u>Post Secondary BC Fall Mini-Fair</u>	Students and their families are invited to the <u>fall Post Secondary BC Mini Fair</u> : Thursday, October 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm	Grand Commons
<u>University of Waterloo</u>	Tuesday, October 31 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
<u>University of Guelph</u>	Wednesday, November 1 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
<u>Sauder School of Business at UBC</u>	Wednesday, November 15 at 5:00 pm	Virtual Presentation Link TBA, please check back
<u>Huron at Western University</u>	Tuesday, November 21 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
<u>StFX - St. Francis Xavier University</u>	Wednesday, November 22 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036

Grade 9's—Take Our Kids to Work Day on Nov 1st!

Attention all parents of grade 9 students! Take Our Kids to Work Day is fast approaching! On November 1st, every grade 9 student has the opportunity to spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative or family friend to gain some insight on the world of work as they start planning for their future careers.

The signed permission forms are due on Wednesday, October 25. Please drop them off in the grey box outside the office. Extra forms are available from Mr. Neufeld in room 2007.

Feel free to contact Mr. Neufeld (SNeufeld@sd44.ca) with any questions.



GRAD 2024 FUNDRAISER

Do you love chocolate? Do you know anybody who loves chocolate and would be delighted to receive a sweet treat during the holiday season?

Please consider purchasing PURDY'S CHOCOLATES to support Grads. All profits go directly back to Grads to enhance school sanctioned grad events.

Step by step for ordering chocolate:

1. Click here: [https://
fundraising.purdys.com/1232938-110522](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1232938-110522)
2. Enter your email
3. Look for the 3rd tab at the top of the page "SHOP ONLINE" and choose to browse through Marketplace if you like to see the photos of the products
4. Choose your products, pay online
5. **Deadline to order: Nov. 27, 2023**
6. All items will be delivered and sorted at Handsworth.
7. Pick up will be during the week of Dec. 4-8, 2023.

Stay tuned for details.



Handsworth PAC News

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



Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches 2023 - 2024

Order your Semester One Royals Hot Lunches using the Munch a Lunch links:

[New Parents order here](#)

[Returning Parents order here](#)

Ordering is open—Support our School Sports Teams!

Ordering for our Royals lunch program is now open and ordering will stay open for the remainder of the school year. Monies raised go towards buying items for all our sports activities – and the PAC has been able to fund such items such as football helmets, transportation to offsite games and practises, new uniforms, nets, balls, and so much more! Our Handsworth athletes have performed incredibly well last year and with your support we can continue this momentum!

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

Royals Hot Lunch delivery dates: Mondays and select 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

November 20th at 7:00 pm via zoom

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information and latest updates

Ways to Support Student Success at Handsworth

- ♥ **Come to a HPAC Meeting** or event. Contact chair@handsworthpac.ca. An invitation will be sent to you via email. Connect via Zoom with other Handsworth parents, catch up on what's going on at the school, and provide your input and ideas on how parents can support student success at Handsworth.
- ♥ **Volunteer!** Help out with an HPAC initiative or event. Any contribution of your time or talents is valued. Contact us at: chair@handsworthpac.ca.
- ♥ **Donate** [HERE](#). Contribute to educational resources to enhance student learning. Dollars from our Provincial gaming funds budget and fundraising efforts stretch only so far to meet needs. All donations in excess of \$25 will be issued a tax receipt.
- ♥ Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram.(@handsworthpac)

Student Council

Club Day on October 4th and was a huge success!

Visit the Clubs page on the Handsworth [website](#) for an up to date list of all clubs available this year—sign up for a club today!

Want more information on our clubs? Please send a Teams message to Zeyus Spenta, Club Coordinator.



Student Council Contact Information

Sponsor Teachers:

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Ms. Brady abrady@sd44.ca

Mr. Goheen agoheen@sd44.ca

or via MS Teams.

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Daniel Mao danyshootsdimes@gmail.com

Student Council Email: handsworthstudentcouncil@gmail.com

Follow our instagram [@handsworth_royals](https://www.instagram.com/handsworth_royals) for information on everything Student Council related!

Follow us on IG!



PROJECT BACKPACK

Student Council Executive is leading a fundraiser on Project Backpack.

What is Project Backpack? Project Backpack is a community-based educational initiative that helps Vancouver homeless youth survive on the street, through the collection and distribution of backpacks stuffed with essential items.

PBP donates the backpacks, then donors fill them with items that help street youth survive.

For more information, check out the website:

[Home - Help Youth Canada](#)

Here is a video to show you what it's all about. [Watch the Video](#)



GRAD 2024 INFORMATION

HEY GRADS!

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.

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](#)



HANDSWORTH! It's hard to believe the holiday season is just around the corner. Once again, Handsworth is pairing up with Family Services of the North Shore.

Each year, the Christmas Bureau helps some of the North Shore's most vulnerable community members by providing gift cards. These acts of generosity and compassion help reduce some of the overwhelming stress of financial hardship that is often felt deeply during the holiday season.

NEED HELP?

Do you know of a family that may benefit from this giving program? To find out more about the program and what support is available families can call the Christmas Bureau at 604-984-9627 (Monday - Friday from 10am-4pm) or visit www.familyservices.bc.ca/find-support/christmas-bureau/

CAN YOU PROVIDE HELP?

There are 2 ways to contribute:

1. **“All I want for Christmas” Youth to Youth Gift Card Campaign:** Provides gift cards for teenagers in need.
2. **“Food for Thought” Grocery Gift Card Campaign:** Provides food for families, seniors & individuals in need.

Our families are feeling the burden of global inflation daily. Rising food and fuel costs are contributing to the overwhelming stress associated with financial hardship.

If you're able to contribute, please consider a \$25.00 gift card to Walmart, Real Canadian Superstore, Thrifty's, Save-On and Safeway.

Where to drop off gift cards?

IN-PERSON: STUDENTS **provide gift cards to Period 1 teachers**, who will place them safely in an envelope.

ONLINE: Use this direct link and scroll down to Handsworth as a participating school:

[Caring Schools - Family Services of the North Shore](#)

Campaign runs from November 7—30th

Thank you for your generosity and support!