

ROYALS NEWS



The 35th annual Buchanan Bowl was played on September 17th at Confederation Field. Read the full story on page 7.

OCTOBER EVENT SUMMARY:

- Oct 4th.....Club Day
- Oct 5th.....District-Wide Pro-D Day - *no school*
- Oct 10th.....Thanksgiving—no school
- Oct 17th.....HPAC Meeting 7-8:30pm
- Oct 19thParent—Student—Teacher Interviews
- Oct 21st.....Province Wide Pro-D Day - *no school*
- Oct 26th.....Late Start (9:50am)
- Oct 26th-28th.....Halloweek!

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Handsworth Secondary School Calendar 2022-2023

Schools Open (Partial Day for Students)	Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Semester 1 Begins	Wednesday, September 7, 2022
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Friday, September 30, 2022
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day)	October 5, 2022
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	October 10, 2022
Parent Teacher Interviews	October 19, 2022
Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	October 21, 2022
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	November 11, 2022
School Based Professional Day	November 25, 2022
Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	December 16, 2022
Winter Vacation Period	December 19, 2022 to January 2, 2023
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Semester 2 Begins	Thursday, February 2, 2023
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	February 17, 2023
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	February 20, 2023
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 10, 2023
Spring Vacation Period	March 13, 2023 to March 24, 2023
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2023
Parent Teacher Interviews	April 5, 2023
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	April 7, 2023
Easter Monday Statutory Holiday	April 10, 2023
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTA)	May 8, 2023
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	May 22, 2023
School Based Professional Day	June 2, 2023
Last Day of School for Students	June 29, 2023
ADMINISTRATIVE DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	June 30, 2022



Welcome New Staff...Some of you we are Welcoming Back!

Our returning families will notice we have had more than a few teaching and support staff changes as a result of retirements, leaves, transfers and a growing inclusive education program.

In our Inclusive Education Department:

Rajveer Sall
Rebecca Sumalde
Kabreena Badesha
Simran Kooner
Simran Gosal

In our School Office:

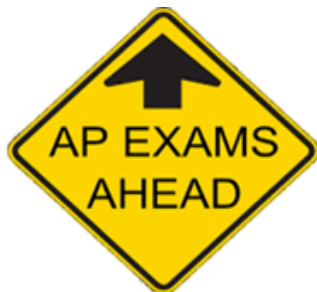
Kelly O'Bryan (Admin Assistant)
Meghan Downie (Vice-Principal)
Renee-Claude Lauer (Supervision Aide)

Teachers:

Mr. Brault (Immersion)
Mr. Diakuw (Music)
Mr. Gallant (Athletic Coordinator)
Ms. Ferguson (English)
Ms. Sidhu (Science)
Mr. Reble (Humanities)
Mr. Worley (Business)

Support Staff:

Cathy Nguyen (Lab Tech)
Leo Manangan (Custodian)



2022-23 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 2023, 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 (\$150) online through your School Cash Online Account by November 1st.

Self-Study Students

For the 2022-2023 school year, Handsworth Secondary will be offering the following AP Exam sittings for students enrolled in self-study courses. Additional exams may be offered with a minimum enrollment of five:

	8:00 am	12:00 pm
Monday, May 1, 2023		Chemistry
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Chinese Language and Culture	Psychology
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	English Literature and Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday, May 4, 2023	Macroeconomics	Statistics
Friday, May 5, 2023		Microeconomics
Monday, May 8, 2023	Calculus AB	Computer Science Principles
Monday, May 8, 2023	Calculus BC	
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	English Language and Composition	
Wednesday, May 10, 2023		Biology
Thursday, May 11, 2023	French Language and Culture	Physics 1: Algebra-Based

AP EXAMS CONT'D/DELTA CHALLENGE EXAM

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, 2022**:

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



2. Pay an exam fee (\$250). For Handsworth Students pay through your School Cash Online Account. 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>).

Delta Challenge Exam

Students can choose to write a Delta Language Challenge Exam and must submit their registration package in person directly to **Ms. Renwick** no later than **Monday, November 7th**.



Students can find more information about the challenge exam, including the application package, here: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

Grade 8 Retreat

It has always been a priority at Handsworth to ensure a smooth transition for our grade 8s entering high school. This year we were thrilled to mark the return of our Grade 8 retreat. Over the course of two days, 264 grade 8s took part in a day trip to Cheakamus Education Centre in Squamish, and on-site activities at the new Handsworth campus. With the support of over 45 grade 11 and 12 student leaders, grade 8 students participated in activities designed to create a sense of belonging for students, to help them make friends, and to emphasize our First Peoples Principles of Learning.



In reinforcing our commitment to experiential learning, our activities explored the importance of community, and our connectedness to the places we travel, and the people we meet. By building new friendships and learning to work as a team, we believe the grade 8s are set up for success in their academic, athletic, and extra-curricular programs. A big thank you to all involved, but particularly to the Grade 8 Retreat Leaders, and the Handsworth and Cheakamus staff who work tirelessly to support these valuable initiatives.

HANDSWORTH ROYALS FOOTBALL

Hello Royals! The Handsworth Football Program is off and running on its 2022 campaign! This year we are very proud to have 76 players dressed in Blue and Gold to represent Handsworth in both the Junior Varsity and Varsity divisions of BCSSFA football. The Royals opened training camp on August 22nd with the players and coaches starting to develop skills and game plans for competing in the AAA Pacific Division for a spot in the Provincial Playoffs in November. Both teams have very active schedules with nine games each travelling as far as Kelowna and Vancouver Island this season to represent our community and compete in this great sport with teams across the province.



In the Sr. Varsity game, the Carson Graham Eagles winning by a score of 34-12. Grade 12 standout Noah Brinham was named player of the game for the Royals. As always, it was a fun and exciting atmosphere playing in front of a packed stadium.

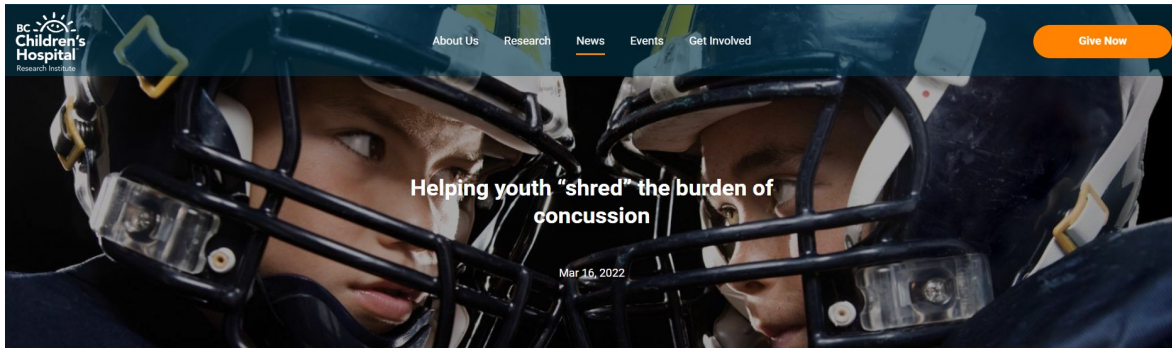
The 35th annual Buchanan Bowl was played on September 17th at Confederation Field with a full house of fans showing their school spirit and cheering on the Royals. This year's game led to a split with the Junior Varsity team winning the opener while the Senior Team put in a valiant effort in a loss to the Eagles. The Game MVP awards went to the Brinham family with Shane winning the Junior Varsity MVP and his older brother Noah (a Provincial All-Star) winning the Senior game MVP for Handsworth.

The Senior team has since started its regular season with an impressive 52-28 win against the Sullivan Heights Stars on September 23. The team will next be on the field for their home opener against the Mission Roadrunners before embarking on a trip to Kelowna on the Thanksgiving Weekend.

We hope to see you all at the field in October to cheer on the Royals as they push to the Provincial Football Playoffs!

Go Blue!

Handsworth Shows Leadership with SHRed Concussions Project



BC Children's Hospital researchers, in partnership with the NVSD, are recruiting athletes (13-17 years of age) for [SHRed Concussions](#), a Canada-wide research project funded by the NFL's Scientific Advisory Board to help improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of concussions in youth sport.

Concussions are complex, costly injuries that youth are at greater risk for than the general population. We know young brains take longer to heal, so in reaching our goal of implementing best practice to properly recognize, respond to and prevent concussion, we have partnered with [SHRed Concussions](#). This fall, our Handsworth football, soccer and volleyball teams are our targets. Our participation in this project is a way to provide our student athletes with expert and expedited care, through BC Children's Hospital, in the event of an injury.

For more information on the [SHRed Concussions](#) project, including how to be involved, please contact:

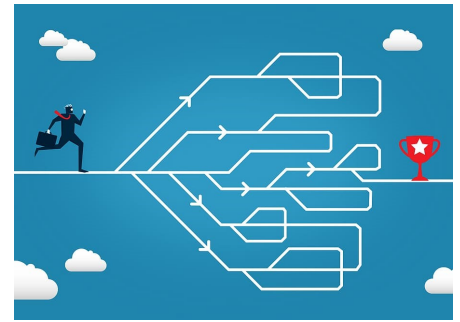
Thomas Gallant, Handsworth Athletic Director: tgallant@sd44.ca

Dr. Shazya Karmali, SHRed Concussion Project Manager: shazya.karmali@bcchr.ca

Beverly Beckingham, NVSD School Psychologist: bbeckingham@sd44.ca

Careers Corner

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



Careers 8

Careers 8 is delivered in small group class visits rather than an individual course. Each student will receive a report card comment during the year and a final grade in June. If you have any questions about Careers 8 please send a message to Ms O'Connor on Teams.

Later in the year, Ms. O'Connor will visit English 8/Humanities 8 classes to introduce students to surveys on myBlueprint.

Careers 9

****Mandatory Assembly for all Grade 9 students in the Theatre Friday Oct 14th at 8:30am****

Careers 9 is delivered online via MS Teams. There will also be a face-to-face in-class seminar in late February, early March 2023. Students will be added to Teams prior to the first course assignment. If you have any questions about Careers 9, please send a message to Ms. O'Connor on Teams.

Take Our Kids to Work Day 2023

This Fall Grade 9 students will take part in Take Our Kids to Work Day on **November 2, 2022**.

Take Our Kids to Work Day is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada. More information will follow. Students will be added to a Career 9 MS Teams team and receive the details online.

What is Take Our Kids to Work Day about?

Take Our Kids to Work Day is an experiential learning opportunity for Grade 9 students across Canada. Students can spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend, or volunteer host. Through Take Our Kids to Work Day, students are able to witness the world of work firsthand, prompting early career planning, and enabling students to make informed decisions pertaining to their future goals and endeavours.

There will be an online assignment option for those students that are not able to attend a worksite in person.



Career Life Connections 12 – CLC 12

Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Schwegler are our CLC 12 teachers this year. CLC 12 is a graduation requirement that will run outside the timetable. Students will receive a course grade on each report card. Both teachers have set up their CLC12 teams and students have attended their first two CLC12 sessions. The next face-to-face session will be in mid-November on the meeting dates posted in Teams. All course assignments are distributed and submitted via MS Teams.

The Grade 12 class has been assigned alphabetically:

Ms. O'Connor will work with students with the last names A – McR

Ms. Schwegler will work with students with the last names MeI - Z

If you have any questions about CLC12 please send a message to Ms O'Connor or Ms Schwegler on Teams.

Community Connections - 30 Hour Work Experience Requirement for Graduation

Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Schwegler will review the 30 hours work experience requirement.

The required forms are under the Files tab in Teams.

Submit the completed forms by March 3, 2023.

Handsworth PAC News

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

We had a fantastic turnout of parents to our first in-person meeting of the 2022-23 school year on Sept 26! Many thanks to Stacey Schwegler and Mark Barrett for coming out to speak at our 1st HPAC meeting!

We acclaimed Mel Montgomery as our DPAC rep and also acclaimed three new HPAC Members at Large: Jessica Bratty, Erin Stephenson, and Shelley Ridgewell.

We are still seeking Grade 8 Parent Reps and a Treasurer. Email chair@handsworthpac.ca if interested.

Over the past several months the PAC has been involved in advocating to the DNV and school district to help fund a turf field for the school. You can read full article from the [North Shore News](#).

Jessica Bratty gave an update about the ATF Strategy. **At this time there is no plan by the DNV or SD to replace the track or install an Artificial Turf Field at Handsworth. All other large public high-schools in North Vancouver will have Artificial Turf Fields except Handsworth.** If this is something you care about, we encourage you to participate in the municipal elections. We need more parents to assist with organizing and advocating for this important project – the impact of which will be felt in the community for the next few decades. There are several all candidates meetings coming up in the next few weeks but the key one for our community is Friday Oct 7 from 7-9 at the Highlands United church - if you care about this then please attend and advocate for this project! Click here for a [complete list of the meetings](#).

The election is on October 15th. Sign up for updates: [Handsworth Artificial Turf advocacy](#)

Feel free to sign the petition on [Fair Treatment for North Van high-school athletes](#)

Our **next HPAC meeting is on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. We will be discussing the budget in October. Wish list funding will be discussed in November.

Hot Lunch Update



Hot lunch ordering is open! We're pleased to offer Sushi, Subway, Panago pizzas and smoothies from Booster Juice this year. With the active participation of our generous parent community we raised over \$30,000! 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 practices, new uniforms, nets, balls, and so much more!

Order Today:

[New Parents order here](#)

[Returning parents order here](#)



PARENTS & GUARDIANS—GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in volunteering with the HPAC?

Please contact HPAC chair at chair@handsworthpac.ca.



Hi Handsworth! We are your Student Council Co-Presidents this year, Nargess Shokouhian and Duncan Murch.

Firstly, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to students, parents, and staff, on behalf of our entire Student Council Team. The rest of our Executive and General Team will be updated soon on the Handsworth Website. We are beyond excited to be able to plan and host a series of events and theme days this year!



Executive Team



General Team

Student Council Contact Information

Co-Presidents:

Nargess Shokouhian nargess.shokouhian@gmail.com

Duncan Murch: duncan.murch@icloud.com or via MS Teams.

Sponsor Teachers:

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Ms. Brady abrady@sd44.ca or via MS Teams.

Student Council Email: handsworthstudentcouncil@gmail.com

Follow our instagram @handsworth_royals for information on everything Student Council related!



Upcoming Events for October

Member At Large & Grade 8 Representative Applications

Sep. 26th to Oct. 12th

Apply to be a part of the Student Council as a Member At Large or a Grade 8 Representative! Grade 8 Reps. and MALs represent their grade/student body and bring forward changes they'd like to see in our school. Applications will be available at the office. Deadline for applications is October 12th, at 3 pm.

Club Day - Oct. 4th

Club Day will be held at lunch, in the Grand Commons/Library.

Handsworth Clubs will each have a booth on this day, and students are welcome to sign up for clubs they are interested in!

Diwali - Oct. 24th

Handsworth will be celebrating Diwali on Monday, October 4th, in the Grand Commons. An informational display board will be set up, as well as an activity booth at lunch.

Halloweek—Oct. 26th to 28th

We will begin our Halloween celebrations on Wednesday, October 26th with festive theme days and activities.



Halloween & Costume Contest - Oct. 31st

We will be celebrating Halloween by hosting a costume contest on Monday, October 31st, during lunch in the gym. Students are encouraged to dress up and participate in the contest!



Registration for AFK After School Art Classes opened on September 13th. [Register now](#), some spaces still available!

Let's get excited about the return of our festivals and events next year! If you are interested in getting involved, please take the first step in marking your calendar with our District Arts Events.

AFK Fall Exhibit Opens, Gordon Smith Gallery	September 24, 2022
AFK Spring Break Camp Registration Opens	December 1, 2022
AFK Summer Camp Registration Opens	February 1, 2023
Seylynn Strings Festival	February 1, 2023
Elementary Band Festival	February 2 & 3, 2023
Secondary Jazz Festival	February 11, 2023
Secondary Choral Festival	February 27 – March 2, 2023
Intermediate Music Festival	March 6 – 9, 2023
Spring Exhibit Opens, Gordon Smith Gallery	April 15, 2023
Art from 44, District Art Show	May 5 – 19, 2023
Arts Week	May 9 – 12, 2023
Primary Days of Music	May 30 – June 1, 2023

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