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October 9th is Thanksgiving!



Welcome New Staff to Handsworth!

- Sara Hart (Choices Teacher)
- Cely Abecendario (EA)
- Robyn Adefowokan (EA)
- Janete Aguirre (EA)
- Sean Fulton (PHE and Math)
- Arlyn Jordan (French)
- Shakila Oveysi (EA)
- Tannis Potter (PHE/Careers)
- Guillaume Valette (Math/ Science)
- Helen Zhai (Learning Support)

Welcoming Back to Handsworth

- Marianne Macario (Counselling)
- Dianne Mund (EA)
- Mike Waugh (Bus Driver)
- Cary Hungle (Principal)
- James Diakuw (Music)
- Sarah Loveng (Sup Aide)



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



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September Principal's Message



With Semester one well underway, it has been great to see our students settle into their courses and fall routines. Already, we have had several school events that are building community and supporting our school theme for 2023-24: *Connectedness*. Events include our hugely successful Grade 8 Retreat, up at Cheakamus Centre, and the Annual Buchanan Bowl football game against rival, the Carson Graham Eagles. Additionally, we are proud to have such a high level of student involvement in school activities with clubs starting up and with Pride Club, Grad Council, and Student Council planning many great events to build help connections. We are also encouraged by strong student involvement in fall athletics, with 15 teams competing in Cross-Country, Field-Hockey, Football, Soccer, and Volleyball.

This week, we acknowledge Truth and Reconciliation Week as a community: the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day is this weekend on September 30th (schools will be closed October 2nd) and Handsworth is observing Orange Shirt Day this Friday, September 29th. We are humbled and grateful as a school community to be able to live, work, and play on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish people – the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. All week, students will be participating in learning activities in all subject areas to deepen their understanding of what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action and articles from the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Staff will explicitly teach and reflect on actions we can each take, personally and collectively, to move towards reconciliation.

These first few weeks we have been very impressed by students' high level of engagement in their learning. We encourage and remind students to attend tutorial time to get help from teachers, work on projects, study, workout, or have additional time using equipment in specialized rooms. For most teachers, tutorial time is offered 8:31am to 9:10am Tuesday to Friday and by appointment on Mondays.

The move into autumn also marks the typical start of cold and flu season. We continue to be especially sensitive to the collective health of our school community and offer a friendly reminder to continue to model personal practices and health awareness. If students are feeling unwell, please continue to exercise caution and have them remain home. Please do call in all absences to our school's absence reporting line.

Please note the important upcoming dates on the next page and take a read through all of our school information articles included in the Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Handsworth Administration Team:

Principal Cary Hungle

Vice-Principals Meghan Downie and Jagruti Desai



Upcoming Events Summary

- September 27.....Staff Collaboration Day/[Adjusted Bell Schedule](#)
- September 29.....Handsworth to observe Orange Shirt Day/wear your orange shirt!
- September 30.....Truth & Reconciliation Day
- October 2.....SCHOOL CLOSED for Truth & Reconciliation Day
- October 3.....Grade 9 Immunizations
- October 4.....Club Day in Grand Commons
- October 5.....Photo Retake Day
- October 5.....Grade 12 Information Meeting @7pm
- October 9.....SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- October 11.....Careers 9 Presentation in Theatre @ 8:30am
- October 12.....Kind Campaign Assemblies
- October 15.....Stachan Hartley Run
- October 16.....HPAC Meeting (online)
- October 20.....Province Wide Professional Day
- October 26.....Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 26.....BC Post Secondary Mini Fair
- October 26 & 27.....Student Early Dismissals

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

Att: Parents and Student Drivers!

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

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.



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.

Self-Study Students:

For the 2023-2024 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 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, 2024**:

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](#)

Join the Best Buddies Program at Handsworth!

Are you a Grade 10 or 11 student interested in being part of a nationally recognized program promoting leadership and inclusivity?

This is your chance to be involved in the Best Buddies program at Handsworth!

Best Buddies is a non-profit organization that works with schools across Canada to create friendships between students and young adults with and without intellectual or developmental challenges.

Why Join ?

- ⇒ To make new friends
- ⇒ To breakdown societal stereotypes
- ⇒ To develop leadership skills
- ⇒ To promote inclusion



See Ms. Motaghedi in room 1038 or email her at smotaghedi@sd44.ca for more details and information.

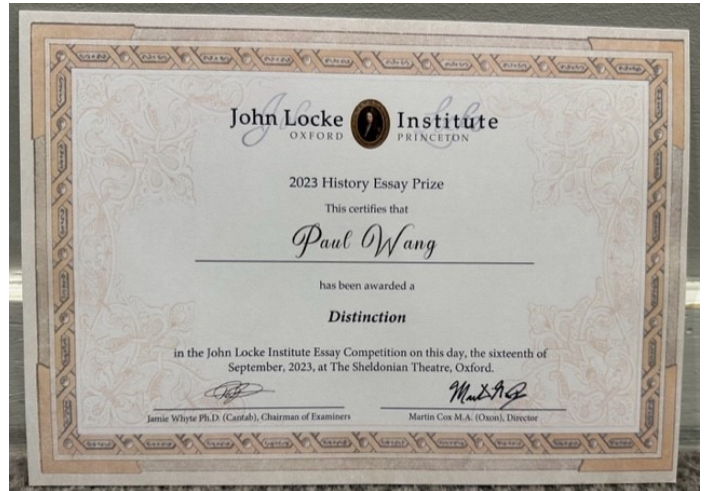
HSS Student Shout Outs!

Paul Wang (Grade 11) was invited as a finalist among over 19,000 registered candidates in the Global Essay competition organized by the John Locke Institute.

He attended the Global Essay Award Ceremony in Oxford earlier this month and won the Distinction Award.

Follow this link to find out more about the competition:

[2023 Essay Competition | John Locke Institute](#)



Marlena Tresnjo (Grade 12) won an incredible five medals at the B.C. High School Track and Field Championships at the end of the last school year and has recently been featured in local magazine *Neighbours of Edgemont*.

Marlena won gold in the senior girls' high jump. She also earned two bronze medals in long jump and the heptathlon. In addition, Marlena was a member of the senior girls' 4x100m team, which won bronze, and the senior girls' 4x400m team, which won silver.

Read the full story in the August Edition of the magazine.

Way to go Marlena!

School Photos/ID Cards

Student ID cards (aka GoCards) have now been handed out to students. Scan the QR code on the back of the ID card if you wish to order portrait photos.

This is your library card if you want to check out a book from the school's library

Photo Retake Day—October 5th!

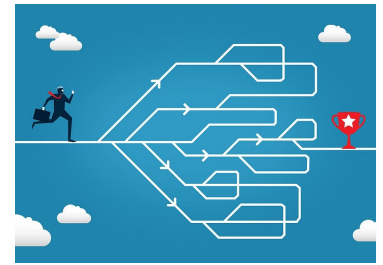
Did you miss photo day in September?

Retake day is Thursday October 5th in the morning—please show up with your best smile!



Careers Corner

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



GRADE 9'S—OCTOBER 11TH

Careers 9 Mandatory Presentation in Theatre @ 8:30am

GRADE 9—PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Take Our Kids To Work Day (TOKTW)
November 1st

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.

Event	Date & Time	Location
Canadian University Events (CUE)	Thursday, September 28 from 2:15 to 3:00 pm Drop in event Interested? Please contact Ms. Renwick via MS Teams for details.	Bodwell High School 955 Harbourside Dr, North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S4
Carlton University	Wednesday, October 11 at Tutorial 8:30 to 9:10 am	Room 1036
Western University	Monday, October 16 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
Ivey Business School at Western University	Tuesday, October 17 after school at 3:00 pm	Room 1036
University of Calgary	Monday, October 23 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
Post Secondary BC Fall Mini-Fair	Students and their families are invited to the fall Post Secondary BC Mini Fair : Thursday, October 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm	Grand Commons
University of Waterloo	Tuesday, October 31 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
University of Guelph	Wednesday, November 1 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036
Huron at Western University	Tuesday, November 21 at Lunch 12:50 pm	Room 1036

Strachan Hartley Run 2023

Join Handsworth for the 17th
Annual Run!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

Since 2007, the SHLF Run has been organised 100% by volunteers and raised over \$520,000 with all proceeds being directed to helping youth achieve their full potential through sports and education. All proceeds go to the incredible Streetfront program. Join us by running a challenging 10km course, a stroller and kid-friendly 5km, or the Kids Fun race. We truly have something for everyone. Bring a friend or build a team for our Team Challenge.

More info regarding the run along with how to register can be found on their website at: <https://www.shlf.ca/the-run/>



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.



Handsworth Servery is Open!

Did you know our school cafeteria has daily specials along with a wide selection of delicious and healthy meals and snacks?

Hours of Service: 08:45 to 13:40

Serving: Breakfast and Lunch

All daily specials are posted weekly outside the servery—go check them out!



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!

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

Monday, October 16, 2023 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

Hey Handsworth! We are your Student Council Co-Presidents this year, **Kimiya Anjam and Daniel Mao**. Firstly, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to students, parents, and staff on behalf of the entire student council. The rest of our team will be updated soon on the Handsworth Website. We are beyond excited to plan and host a series of events this year!

Co-Presidents Contacts:

- Kimiya Anjam kimiyaanjam@gmail.com
- Daniel Mao danyshootsdimes@gmail.com

September Recap:

Rainbow Welcome

For our first council event this year, we collaborated with Pride Club to host the first ever Rainbow Welcome at Handsworth. The Rainbow Welcome included face painting done by members of pride club, games such as a beanbag toss, tic-tac-toe, and karaoke. This was a super fun event and we look forward to hosting more.

Upcoming October Events:

Club Day: October 4th

Club day this year will be held in the grand commons at lunch on Wednesday October the 4th. Every club will have a booth on this day and students are invited to check out clubs they are interested in!

Grade 8 Representatives and Members at Large Wanted

Are you in grade 8? Do you want to join the Student Council? Grab an application to be a Grade 8 representative! These will be made available at the Student Council booth club day and at the office. Not in grade 8 but still want to join? No problem! Apply to be a Member-at-Large! These applications will also **be available at club day and in the office!**

Student Council Contact Information

Sponsor Teachers:

Mr. Pankiw spankiw@sd44.ca

Ms. Brady abrady@sd44.ca

Mr. Goheen agoheen@sd44.ca

or via MS Teams.

Follow us on IG!



Student Council Email: handsworthstudentcouncil@gmail.com

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

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](#)