

# **ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE HANDSWORTH**



**Grade 8 Courses  
Cours de 8<sup>ème</sup> année  
2015-2016**

# Welcome to Handsworth Home of the Royals

Your child is about to begin an exciting school year in an incredible school!

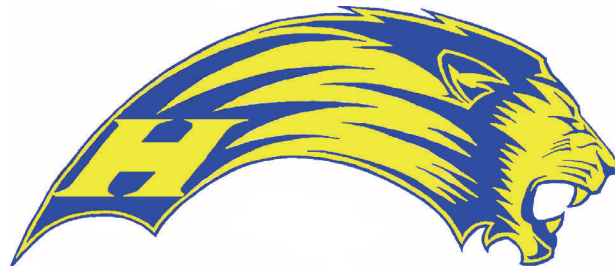
We are proud to offer a diverse educational program to meet the needs of all our students.

Handsworth is a school whose spirit and tradition is steeped in outstanding performances by students and staff. All students can be a part of this winning tradition, as we create the future together.

**The students of Handsworth have established a distinguished record of excellence in:**

- ◆ **Academics**
- ◆ **Fine Arts**
- ◆ **Practical Arts**
- ◆ **Athletics**
- ◆ **Service**
- ◆ **Community**

We challenge our new students to continue this tradition and become active participants in a very exciting and excellent school.



## ENGLISH PROGRAM

All Grade 8's in the English program are required to take these courses:

- Humanities 8 (English 8 and Socials 8)
- French 8
- Science 8
- Mathematics 8  
OR Mathematics 8/9 (by permission)
- Physical Education 8
- Applied Skills 8



AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES:

- Fine Arts 8
- Band 8
- Strings 8

## FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

All Grade 8's in the French Immersion program are required to take these courses:

- English 8
- Sciences Humaines 8
- Sciences Naturelles 8
- Français Langue 8
- Mathematics 8  
OR Mathematics 8/9 (by permission)
- Physical Education 8
- Applied Skills 8



AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES:

- Beaux Arts 8
- Band 8
- Strings 8

Once selections have been made, it is expected that students will abide by their choices.

Please contact the Grade 8 counsellor if you have any questions regarding your program of study.



# *The French Immersion Program*



The objectives of the French Immersion Program are to provide an opportunity for students to achieve a functional competency in the oral and written use of the French language and to familiarize students with the culture of the Francophone community in Canada and throughout the world.

At the core of the program are Sciences Naturelles in grades 8 to 10, Sciences Humaines in Grades 8 to 11 and Français Langue in Grades 8 to 12. Beaux Arts 8, Éducation Physique 9 and Planification 10 are also required courses. Upon successful completion of every course in the program, students will receive a French Immersion Graduation certificate in addition to the regular Dogwood Graduation Diploma.

As a bilingual school, Handsworth offers an extensive collection of French resources which are shared with English program students. The teaching staff encourages students to participate in a number of co-curricular activities in French thus giving them opportunities to hone their linguistic skills in more natural environments.

## GRADE 8 SUPPLY LIST

- 1 - 3 ring binder for each course (approximately 7)
- loose-leaf paper for binders
- dividers for binders
- pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, etc.
- a scientific calculator with fraction and trigonometric keys, such as Sharp EL531V is required.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

The School Library Resource Centre is an extension of the classroom and as such it is an integral part of Handsworth's educational program. The Library's focus is on the acquisition and promotion of resources, both English and French, which support the curriculum. Current fiction and non-fiction resources are selected and promoted to encourage leisure reading and learning activities. Students are encouraged to place their suggestions in the "Book Suggestion Box".

In addition, a major objective of the Library is to promote information skills technology. Helping students to locate, gain access to, retrieve, evaluate and synthesize vast amounts of information is a necessary component of the instructional program. Twenty-seven computer work stations are provided to give students online access for educational research throughout the day.

The Library Resource Centre tries to provide quiet study and reading areas for use during students' unstructured time before and after school, and at lunch.

### STUDENT SERVICES

The school counsellors provide a wide range of services to students. These services include course planning, career education, post-secondary information, interest inventories, scholarship and bursary information, new student orientation, and counselling support contacts for individuals and families. Although each counsellor is assigned specific grade responsibilities, students may seek assistance from any counsellor. Next year Mr Prepchuk 604-903-3614 is the Grade 8 school counsellor.

### LUNCH

Handsworth's lunch hour is 12:40 to 1:40 pm. The school cafeteria, which is open from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm, provides a wide range of freshly prepared meals and snacks which include vegetarian wraps, sandwiches, pastas, soups, salads, fresh fruit, and beverages. Students are welcome to eat and socialize in the cafeteria but are expected to assist in keeping the cafeteria clean. A hot lunch program is also offered 3 times a week.

### SCHOOL NURSE & MEDICAL RECORDS

A community health nurse is assigned to the school on a liaison basis. Her primary functions are immunization and health counselling. *It is very important that parents provide the school with complete and up to date medical information.*

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Punctuality and regular attendance are emphasized at Handsworth. Attendance is recorded by teachers in all classes. In the case of excused student absences, (illness or medical appointments), parents are required to inform the school by phoning the Main Office at 604-903-3600 and leaving a message or by sending a written note to the office. It is the student's responsibility to catch up with work missed during absences. Our automated attendance service informs parents of any unexcused absences.

## EXTENDED ABSENCES

If a student is unavoidably absent from school for medical reasons or because of serious family problems, parents are requested to contact the Main Office and the Grade 8 counsellor. The office or counsellors will ensure teachers are informed so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the student to make up assignments and missed tests.

If a student is absent for family holidays or for other non-medical reasons, the school and teaching staff cannot be expected to make special arrangements for missed work and tests. Although the school does not give approval for such absences, it is still necessary to complete an extended absence form so that teachers are aware of the absence. Extended absence forms are available in the main office and are to be returned to the office after parents have signed the form. The responsibility for the decision to take a student out of school and the resulting consequences must rest with the student and the parent.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

P.A. notices are read every morning, and brief announcements (including student messages) may be made at the end of each day. Morning announcements are also posted on the school webpage. In addition, video monitors located in the Gallery provide student messages. We do not interrupt classes during the day with student messages; only **very urgent** messages are hand delivered to students.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Classes are in session from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. The building is open from 7:30 am to 6:00 p.m. Because the school is closed at 6:00 pm, students must take homework, equipment and clothing with them before that time. Students participating in extra-curricular activities after 6:00 pm can access the building only through the doors assigned by the sponsoring teacher. Custodians do not let students into the school after hours.



## LOCKERS

Students are assigned a locker and lock for the year. For safe keeping of their school materials, students should not share lockers and lock combinations with other students. Students are required to use the locker/lock assigned to them. Lockers are also available in the change rooms during PE classes. Students may buy a PE lock or bring a lock from home; this lock must be removed at the end of each PE class. Students are urged not to bring valuables such as jewelry, large amounts of cash, cell phones and iPods to school.



## SCHOOL FEES

Students are asked to pay a \$40.00 student activity fee which includes an agenda book and a Go-Card. The Handsworth Yearbook (The Cavalier) is sold in advance to interested students. A number of elective courses have supplementary fees to offset the cost of specialized consumable materials. Students are issued textbooks at no charge but are responsible for returning the books in good condition. Assessments will be made at the end of the year for lost or damaged textbooks and other missing school items. Supplementary fees are approved on a yearly basis by the School Board.

## REPORT CARDS



Handsworth issues formal report cards in December, March, and June each year. In addition, "I" (in progress or incomplete) forms and interim reports are mailed home throughout the year as the need arises. Parent-Teacher interviews are held in Terms 1 and 2 to provide parents with an opportunity to meet directly with teachers.



## COURSE INFORMATION

### HUMANITIES

Humanities 8 is an integrated approach to English 8 and Social Studies 8. This course emphasizes acquisition of language arts skills while studying the history, geography, and culture from ancient Greece to the Reformation. The complete English and Social Studies curricula are covered.

HUMANITIES 8

English 8 lays the groundwork for the following four years of English. The writing aspect encompasses spelling and vocabulary enrichment; the basic parts of speech; the various forms of sentences; punctuation; and descriptive, expository, and narrative paragraphs. The literature component includes the study of poetry and its terminology, short stories, novels, and nonfiction. Throughout, oral presentations, listening practice, and recreational reading contribute to making English 8 a foundation program. **This course is for French Immersion students.**

ENGLISH 8

Sciences Humaines 8 is part of the French Immersion program and is taught entirely in French. The students develop parallel skills and cover the same learn-

SCIENCES  
HUMAINES 8

### FRENCH

French 8 introduces the Discovery French–Nouveau! Program. This course aims at developing basic comprehension as well as some written and oral expression. Course content is taught in the context of communicative activities with a balance of speaking, listening, reading and writing skill development.

FRENCH 8

Français Langue 8 is taught entirely in French. Through a variety of communicative strategies and resources, the students develop all four language skills: writing, speaking, reading and listening. The writing aspect includes narrative and informative paragraphs. Emphasis is on spelling and vocabulary enrichment. The literature component is taught partly in relation to the Social Studies curriculum and explores various cultural backgrounds through the study of a novel, short stories, fables and associated terminology. The student will also gain confidence by participating in meaningful interactive activities, such as role plays, in class discussions, and Concours d'Art Oratoire.

FRANÇAIS  
LANGUE 8

### LEARNING ASSISTANCE

The Learning Centre is reserved for students with Ministry designated learning disabilities or students with significant difficulties that are submitted by the School Based Resource Team. The program teaches students specific skills for becoming successful students.

LEARNING  
ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM



## SCIENCE

Science 8 is an introduction to four disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science. Students learn lab safety and proper equipment use. Observation and analysis are skills developed in this lab oriented course. Topics covered include processes of science, cells and systems, optics, fluids and dynamics, and water systems on earth.

**SCIENCE 8**

Sciences Naturelles 8 is part of the Immersion program. The course is taught entirely in French and includes the use of a French language textbook. The students will develop the same skills and cover the same curriculum as in the English program. Textbooks and year-end examinations are translations of those used in the English program.

**SCIENCES  
NATURELLES 8**

## MATHEMATICS

Mathematics 8 consolidates the skills and concepts introduced at the intermediate level. Topics include problem solving, number concepts, number operations, patterns, variables and equations, measurement, 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, transformations, data analysis, chance and probability. A scientific calculator with fraction and trigonometric keys, such as Sharp EL531V or EL520W, is highly recommended.

**MATHEMATICS  
8**

Mathematics 8/9 covers the curriculum of both Mathematics 8 and 9 in one year. Students must apply for registration at their Elementary Schools, write entrance exams (given in May only), have outstanding written and oral skills, and possess a high work ethic to be eligible for entrance. Successful applicants will be notified of their acceptance.

**MATHEMATICS  
8/9**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education 8 instructional program includes a variety of compulsory activities which promote the development of movement education, active living, and personal and social responsibility. At this level, the program provides for the application of basic skills and concepts. Diversified activities will provide the students with opportunities to develop their skills and concepts as well as foster a positive attitude towards physical activity, and personal and social responsibility. Activities may include basketball, dance, field hockey, gymnastics, minor games, outdoor games, softball, track and field, first aid and volleyball. Fitness is an integral part of all activities. PE 8 Classes are gender specific.

**PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION  
8  
Fee \$10.00**

## APPLIED SKILLS

Lifeskills 8 is an exploratory course for the Home Economics, Technology Education, and Computer Studies components of the curriculum. It provides an introduction to foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles, woodwork technology, drafting, and computer literacy. In each area, students acquire basic skills which enable them to make informed choices for electives in subsequent years.

APPLIED  
SKILLS 8

## HEALTH & CAREER EDUCATION

Health & Career Education 8, focuses on two main units: 1) Education and Careers and 2) Health. The Education and Careers unit includes learning about potential career options, post-secondary options, and the importance of developing employability skills. The Health Unit includes learning about healthy living, healthy relationships, safety and injury prevention, and substance abuse prevention. This course will be integrated into the students' core program and is also part of the Life Skills rotation.

HEALTH &  
CAREER  
EDUCATION

## ELECTIVES

## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the opportunity to experience, understand, and value the arts. Students will spend half the school year in **Visual Arts 8** and the other in **Performing Arts 8**.

**Visual Arts 8** is a fun and skill building half year course in which students will have the opportunity to develop skill and knowledge in drawing, design, colour, and the creative process. Many materials are provided such as quality drawing papers and pencils, graphic pens, tempera paints, and prismacolour pencils. Students are guided to see the world from an artistic point of view and enhance their perception. They will draw from observation and are encouraged to create original designs and to use their imagination. Students are also exposed to the many career paths in today's art world.

**Performing Arts 8** will include both Dance and Drama. In a creative and positive working environment, students will participate in a wide variety of choreographies, drama games, scene work and improvisation. Only in a supportive and respectful environment are students open to the experience of performing a wide variety of characters in front of their peers, so there will be a strong emphasis on confidence building.

FINE ARTS 8  
or BEAUX  
ARTS 8  
Visual Arts  
Supplementary  
Fee \$10.00

# MUSIC

The Junior Blue Concert Band is designed for Grade 8 students who have previously experienced band or music with any instrument (such as piano, classical guitar, strings, etc.), but beginners to the Band Program are welcome. In addition to scheduled large group classes, the group occasionally meets throughout the year in specialty sectionals. Students self-organize and rehearse as a small group (“chamber ensemble”) during second term. Extra-curricular rehearsals, functions and performances are common, and attendance and full participation are expected from all members. A list of uniform requirements and music supplies will be provided by the teacher at the beginning of the course.

**JUNIOR  
BLUE  
CONCERT  
BAND 8  
Supplementary  
Materials  
\$40.00**

The Junior Gold Concert Band is designed for the advanced Grade 8 Band musicians and Grade 9 Band musicians who are not in the Intermediate Concert Band. In addition to scheduled large group classes, the group occasionally meets throughout the year in specialty sectionals. Students self-organize and rehearse as a small group (“chamber ensemble”) during second term. Co-curricular rehearsals, functions and performances are common, and attendance and full participation are expected from all members. A list of uniform requirements and music supplies will be provided by the teacher at the beginning of the course.

**JUNIOR GOLD  
CONCERT  
BAND 8/9  
Prerequisite  
Elementary Band  
Supplementary  
Material  
\$40.00**

Grade 8 students have the opportunity to be part of the renowned String Orchestra at Handsworth. They continue to develop performing skills, and work together in cooperation as a group that includes the opportunity to audition for the more advanced level Concerti Strings. Instruments include the violin, viola, cello and string bass. Classical guitarists and harpists with music reading ability are welcome to join. Emphasis is placed on the enjoyment of music making with friends in a safe and caring environment. Students will be involved in continued improvement of their string instrument skills. Developing mastery of music theory and history at an appropriate grade level is an important component leading to success in music making.

**MUSIC 8  
STRINGS**

Junior Blue Jazz Band offers Grade 8 students the opportunity to learn jazz. It is for students who have never played in a jazz band before. A jazz band is a team made up of a horn section, (saxes, trumpets, and trombones), and a rhythm section, (guitar, piano, bass, vibraphone and drums). The alto, tenor, and baritone saxophone players at Handsworth are typically students who play flute, clarinet, or bass clarinet as their first instrument. Sax players in jazz band will need to be able to “double” on flute or clarinet as they progress to the higher level ensembles. French horn players usually play trumpet in the jazz band. Baritone horn players play trombone and tuba players play bass trombone. The rhythm section instruments can be played by any one with guitar, piano, bass, percussion skills, or by those students wishing to develop such abilities. Jazz Band is taken concurrently with Concert Band (or Strings) each year. Select “Jazz Band” on your course selection form as a 9th course. The Blue Jazz Band program includes participation in a music festival as well as a music tour.

**JUNIOR  
BLUE JAZZ  
BAND 8  
Supplementary  
Material  
\$40.00**

## MUSIC...cont'd

### EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

**BRASS:** Valve oil, polishing cloth, mouthpiece brush, valve cleaning rod, straight mute (cup, harmon, plunger for jazz).

**WOODWINDS:** Appropriate screwdriver, polishing cloth, swab, mouthpiece brush, neck cleaner (sax), pad cleaning paper, box of reeds, jazz style mouthpiece (for saxophone in jazz band).

**PERCUSSION:** Stickbag, various mallets and sticks (list to be provided in September), brushes (jazz), practice pad, pitch pipe, practice bell set (bell kit) .

**STRINGS:** Shoulder rest, rosin, soft cloth, extra set of strings, mute.

All performing groups have a uniform requirement (see instructor in June or September). All students must have a folding (portable) music stand and a metronome. Please consult teacher before purchasing mutes or jazz mouthpiece. A tuner is recommended.

#### RENTALS:

- One School Instrument – \$20.00 per month.
- Two School Instruments – second one at \$10.00 per month



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### SPORTS

Handsworth offers a comprehensive Athletic program for Grade 8's. Involvement in co-curricular sports complements a student's overall school program. All sports are financially self sufficient; therefore, parents whose child is selected for a sport will receive a letter on the breakdown of the cost associated with the sport. We hope that the athletic program can offer a worthwhile experience to your child's Grade 8 year.

Badminton	Golf	Swimming
Basketball	Mountain biking	Tennis
Cross Country Running	Rugby	Track & Field
Field Hockey (girls)	Skiing	Ultimate
Football	Snowboarding	Volleyball (girls)

### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Activities offered may vary from year to year and may include:

Dance Co./Crew	Peer Tutoring	SPCA Club
Forum Canada	Rowing	Student Council
Global Awareness	Royals Blues Band -	Tech Crew
Math Contests	Philharmonic Orchestra	Writing Club
Outdoor Club	Science Fair	

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Elections are held at the end of the preceding school year. Elections for two Grade 8 representatives to the Student Council will be held in September.



HANDSWORTH ROAD

