



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



Monday, October 3, 2022

Parents and Guardians of our Grade 9s,

Save the date! This year, Wednesday November 2nd, is designated as the North Vancouver School District's annual **Take Our Kids to Work Day** for all of our Grade 9's.

Once a national program started in 1994 by the Learning Partnership, this day was considered the most recognized career exploration event in Canada with more than 250,000 Grade 9 students and, at least 75,000 businesses, and organizations nationwide participating.

The initiative continues in our school district and offers value in that it engages students to think about careers and the concept of networking, to better understand the work world, and to appreciate the world of careers and the role that parents and guardians have in supporting their families.

Please start the conversation with your child about who they might go to work with on that day. This could be with a parent/guardian, relative, or a friend's parent or relative. If your Grade 9 student is not going to visit a worksite they are to come to school on November 2.

All Grade 9s are expected to attend a mandatory Grade 9 assembly on **Friday, October 14th at 8:30am in the Handsworth Theatre**. At this meeting, Ms. Therese O'Connor will share important information about the required Careers 9 course, about expectations for the year, and about the November 2nd Take Our Kids to Work Day, including a consent form to be completed and returned to the Main Office prior to participating.

Ms. O'Connor will send out more information directly to families of our Grade 9s about TOKTW and other Careers 9 opportunities and assignments, so please anticipate seeing this in your inboxes in the coming weeks and throughout the year. A Careers 9 MS Teams team will also be set up; please ask your Grade 9 student to make sure they have their notifications turned on in Teams. And please do **remind and help grade 9 students to get to school for 8:30am on Friday October 14th for their first Careers 9 Assembly**.

Much of this information can also be found in our upcoming October Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Therese O'Connor
Handsworth Careers Teacher

Meghan Downie
Handsworth Vice-Principal