



# ROYALS NEWS

## NEW! Attendance Reporting Procedures



**Good news, we are now accepting student absences (including late arrivals and/or early dismissals) via EMAIL!!!**

You can email us at [handsworth\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:handsworth_attendance@sd44.ca)

Please ensure the word "absence" or "attendance" appears in the subject line.

FORMAT when reporting an absence:

- ✓ First name of student
- ✓ Last name of student
- ✓ Grade
- ✓ Date of absence (whole day or state the portion of the day)
- ✓ Explanation for absence ("excused", "ill", "appointment", "vacation")
- ✓ Your name & relation to the student. (Only emails from parents and legal guardians are accepted.)

*We will continue to accept phone calls on the absence line*

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up-to-date information on all things Handsworth!**



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HPAC Newsletter!



## Upcoming Events Summary

September 25/26.....	Grade 8 Retreat (Cheakamus Centre)
September 27.....	School Based Pro-D Day
September 30.....	SCHOOL CLOSED for Truth & Reconciliation Day
October 4.....	Photo Retake Day
October 4 .....	Deadline (EOD) to apply for the Japan Trip
October 9.....	Post Secondary Mini Fair
October 10.....	Post Secondary/Grad Info Session for Parents
October 14.....	SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving
October 21.....	HPAC Meeting (online)
October 23.....	Parent/Student Teacher Conferences
October 24.....	Early Dismissal
October 25.....	Provincial 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](#)

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### Post Secondary & Grad Parent/Guardian Only Information Night

**October 10, Handsworth Theatre, 6:00 pm**

Grade 12 Parents and Guardians are invited to a Post-Secondary and Graduation Information Session. Program updates and highlights will be included.

In order to accommodate space for everyone, we kindly asked that students do not attend as we will be providing this information for them at school.

## September School Start up Forms

### Student Information Verification forms—Due ASAP

If they are still at home, please complete and have your student drop off in the office ASAP.

Information has changed? Please note we are working very hard to enter all the new updated information, please bare with us during this busy time of the year!



### Student Permission Forms—Due ASAP

The remaining three start up forms can be completed through [School Cash Online](#) (no cost):

- ✓ *Personal Information Consent*
- ✓ *Impromptu Walking Field Trip*
- ✓ *Student Acceptable use of Technology Agreement*

*If you need help setting up a School Cash online account please contact us via email: [handsworth@sd44.ca](mailto:handsworth@sd44.ca)*

*We appreciate your support with these important documents!*

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## Welcome New and Returning Staff!

- Jeff Aw-Yong—Vice Principal
- Jaimie Clay—Grade 9 Counsellor
- Matt Cooke—Foods
- Jagruti Desai—Science
- Dominic Fritz—Math/Marketing/CLE
- Natalie Frost—Learning Support
- Justine Hancock—Science
- Cristina Higgins—Grade 8 Counsellor
- Natalie Hope—Science
- Catherine Pan—WEX
- Crystal Primrose—English/Drama
- Nadia Raposo—Supervision Aide



## 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 on 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. Thank you!



### Photo Retake Day—October 4th!

Did you miss photo day in September?

Retake day is Friday October 4th

- For all NEW students and any students who were ABSENT on Photo day.
- Any students in Grades 8 to 11 who require a RETAKE must bring in their ID in exchange for a photo.
- NO retakes for Grade 12 students, your Grad Portrait is published in the yearbook.

### Ordering School Photos

***It's never too late to order School Portraits!***

Order your School Portraits [Handsworth Artona School Photos](#).

Your order will be shipped directly to your home.

Need help? Please [Contact Artona](#).



## 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 for updates on locations.

**Students:** listen to the morning announcements and check the TV's around the school for updates!

2024-2025 POST-SECONDARY VIRTUAL VISITS AND OPEN HOUSES		
Event	Date and Time	Location
<a href="#">Uvic Gustavson School of Business</a>	Friday, September 20, 2024 at Lunch 12:50	TBD
<a href="#">Ivey Business School at Western University</a>	Thursday, September 26 at Lunch 13:00	TBD
<a href="#">Western University</a>	Wednesday, October 2 at Tutorial 08:30	TBD
<a href="#">University of Alberta</a>	Monday, October 7 at Tutorial 08:30	TBD
<a href="#">Post Secondary BC Fall Mini-Fair</a>	Students and their families are invited to the <a href="#">fall Post Secondary BC Mini Fair</a> : Wednesday, evening October 9 from 18:30 to 20:00	Grand Commons (tentative)
<a href="#">SFU Beedie School of Business</a>	Thursday, October 10 at Lunch 12:50	Conference Room 1022 (tentative)
<a href="#">University of Calgary</a>	Tuesday, October 15 at Lunch 12:50	Conference Room 1022 (tentative)
<a href="#">University of Victoria</a>	Friday, October 18 at Lunch 12:50	Conference Room 1022 (tentative)
<a href="#">Bishops University</a>	Friday, November 1 at Lunch 13:15	TBD
<a href="#">St. Francis Xavier University</a>	Thursday, November 14 at Lunch 12:50	TBD

# Upcoming Dance/Theatre Productions

**SAVE THE DATES!**

## **Spotlight Nights**

**Drama 10-12 Scene Showcase**

November 13-15, 2024

Tickets on Sale: November 1

## **Hands Up**

**Winter Show**

Dance 8-12 Show

January 16 & 17, 2025

## **The Architect of Love**

**Annual School Play**

A Silly Comedy about Cupid and  
his Dysfunctional Roman God Family  
Drama 10-12, Dance Studio & Senior Crew

April 30 & May 1-3, 2025

Tickets on Sale: March 1

## **Theatre of Possibilities**

**Drama 8-12 Experimental Theatre**

January 29-31, 2025

Tickets on Sale: January 4

## **Hands Up**

**Spring Show**

Dance 8-12 Show

June 5 & 6, 2025

Tickets on Sale: Mid May

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## Dance Welcomes New Handsworth Families!

Did you know that Handsworth Dance Program has classes that offer:

- Performances/Training for advanced dancers (grade 9-12)
- Hip hop only classes (grade 9-12)
- Intermediate and beginner classes in various dance styles (grade 9-12)
- Grade 8 Hip Hop lunch club mentored by senior students (grade 8 only)



We perform at a variety of school events and put on 2 major dance shows every year. There are over 130 students in the Handsworth Dance Program and it is free of charge!

Get involved today in this amazing community! If you have any questions regarding the Dance Program please connect with Ms. Sandra Droulis, Handsworth Dance Teacher.

# Handsworth PAC News

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

## Attention Parents/Guardians!

**NEW! SUBSCRIBE TO HANDSWORTH PAC NEWSLETTER**

[Click Here to Subscribe!](#)

Subscribe online here: [Handsworth Parent Advisory Council \(list-manage.com\)](https://list-manage.com)

Starting this month, HPAC communications will be sent out to parents through Mailchimp. All current Handsworth parents/guardians are encouraged to subscribe online to stay informed and get involved. This will enable you to be aware of HPAC goals and priorities and the need for parent volunteers to support many of the events and opportunities that happen for our students due to the generosity of parents in our school community.

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## Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches—OPEN!

The first lunch is on Thursday, October 3, 2024.

Order your Semester One Royals Hot Lunches: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth>.



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: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Handsworth> providing lunch is easier than ever!

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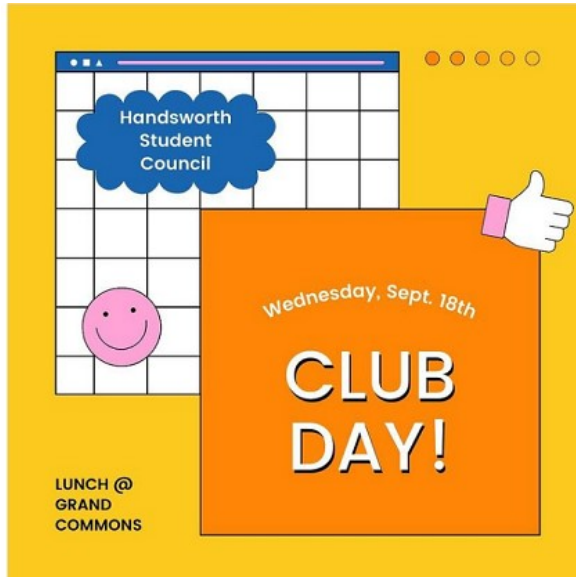
## Next PAC Meeting: September 23rd 7pm—Handsworth Learning Commons/Library

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for HPAC information, Agenda and Meeting Minutes.

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- ♥ Follow us on Facebook (search Handsworth PAC) and Instagram. (@handsworthpac) and make sure to subscribe to the new [HPAC newsletter!](#)

# Student Council

Welcome back Royals, here are some of upcoming events to look forward to!



## Grade 8 Representatives & MALs:

Applications were given out at Club Day on September 18th at lunch in the Grand Commons. Due date will be listed on the application form.

## Handsworth Bake Sale:

Handsworth Student Council will be hosting a bake sale in the beginning of October. All proceeds will go towards the Terry Fox Foundation.

**Did you miss Club Day?** Go to the [Handsworth website](#) to see a list of clubs offered at Handsworth.

## Student Council Contact Information

### Executive Council

**Co-Presidents:** William Millard, Estelle Sim & Zeyus Spenta

**Secretary:** Malan Vandenberg

**Treasurer:** Moses Kim

**Communications Coordinators:** Charlie Lernout, Hy Pollock

**Club Coordinator:** Olivia Eddy

**Diversity Representative:** Sogol Kazimi

**Arts/Athletic Representative:** Cole Thompson

### Sponsor Teachers:

Ms. Kelly Jackson  
Ms. Marianne Macario



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**Student Council Email:** [handsworthstudentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:handsworthstudentcouncil@gmail.com)

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