

## Takanawadai Brass Band Visit

Sutherland School's music students and parents are hosting the return visit of a top-rated Japanese High School Brass Band. The Takanawadai High School Brass Band will be visiting North Vancouver and performing with the Sutherland music students at a



free public concert at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2009 at [Centennial Theatre](#).

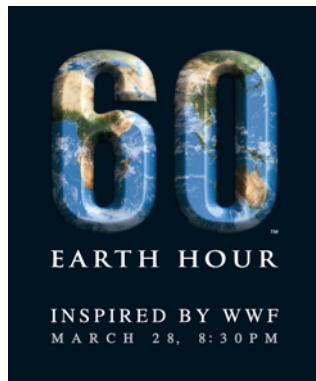
## Summer Learning 2009

The North Vancouver School District will offer an exciting array of secondary full-credit ([Argyle School](#)) and remedial courses ([Lucas Centre](#)) during the summer months. The Elementary Program ([Queen Mary School](#)) will have a new look this year, specifically providing courses that are designed for those students who need more time and practise with basic literacy and numeracy concepts. Classes for French immersion students are also included in the Program.

Registration for Summer Learning 2009 will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Registration for elementary and secondary English as a Second Language (ESL) courses begins May 19<sup>th</sup>. Students currently enrolled in North Vancouver School District can register on-line using their six-digit BCeSIS student number. International students and students who are not currently enrolled in School District No. 44 must register in person at [Lucas Centre](#). Please check the website at [www.nvsd44.bc.ca](http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca) for a list of the documents required for registration. [Summer Elementary and Secondary Programs](#) [Summer International Studies](#)

## Earth Hour on March 28

"All the kids of the GREENER Team at Cove Cliff Elementary" have sent the School District a letter encouraging everyone to [sign up](#) as participants for EARTH HOUR™ on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m. Please join Cove Cliff's GREENER Team in this symbolic event by turning off all non-essential lights at 8:30 p.m. It won't stop climate change but it demonstrates our commitment to make a difference.



## Celebrating Katherine

April 13th will be Katherine Whittred's last official day as MLA in the [North Vancouver-Lonsdale riding](#). After 13 years of public service, Katherine will be officially retiring from political office.



Best wishes, Katherine. All of us in the School District want to thank you for your dedication, commitment, and unflinching support to our students, staff, the Board of Education, and the North Vancouver community.

## Secondary Athletics

Congratulations to Handsworth Royal's AAA Sr. Girls Basketball team for winning their first-ever provincial basketball championship at Capilano University on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>!

Gerry Karvelis, the North Shore Secondary Schools Athletic Association's Coordinator of Athletics, has done a superb job of compiling statistics from the fall and winter seasons. North Vancouver's secondary schools continued to demonstrate high participation rates as well as superior performance in athletics. Of the 283 teams participating in the 18-school NSSSAA, North Vancouver's seven secondary schools accounted for 144 of the teams. During the fall season, North Vancouver schools were NSSSAA champions in Bantam/Juvenile Cross Country (Balmoral), Juvenile Boys' Rugby (Argyle), AAA Sr. Boys' Soccer (Handsworth), AA Boys' Soccer (Seycove), Jr. Boys' Soccer (Sutherland), Sr. Girls' Volleyball (Handsworth), and Juvenile Girls' Volleyball (Argyle) and Gymnastics (Windsor).

These teams and other SD44 schools also performed very well at regional (Vancouver and Districts) and provincial championships. At the Vancouver and Districts, our schools were champions in Juvenile Boys' Rugby (Argyle), Jr. Boys' Soccer (Sutherland), Jr. Girls' Volleyball (Handsworth), and Juvenile Girls' Volleyball (Argyle). Handsworth's Bantam Girls' Volleyball team was a finalist in both the NSSSAA and V&D Championships.

At the Provincial level, SD44 schools were champions in Junior Football (Windsor), Sr. Boys' "AAA" Soccer



(Handsworth), and Sr. Girls "AAAA" Volleyball (Handsworth).

Other SD44 schools advancing to provincials included the Sr. Girls' Field Hockey teams from Carson Graham (6th), Handsworth (7th), and Argyle (9th); Seycove's "AA" Boys' Soccer team (7th) and "AA" Girls' Volleyball team (15th); and Windsor's "AAA" Girls Volleyball team (5th) which was also named the "Most Sportsmanlike Team" for the third time in a row!

In the winter season, North Vancouver secondary schools won the NSSSAA banner in 16 of the 17 leagues and often "swept" the top three spots:

- "AAA" Boys' Basketball: 1) Carson, 2) Handsworth, 3) Argyle
- "AA" Boys' Basketball: 1) Windsor, 2) Seycove
- "AAA" Girls' Basketball: 1) Handsworth, 2) Argyle, 3) Carson, 4) Sutherland
- "AA" Girls' Basketball: 1) Windsor
- Junior Boys' Basketball: 1) Sutherland, 2) Carson, 3) Handsworth
- Junior Girls' Basketball: 1) Carson, 2) Argyle, 3) Handsworth
- Juvenile Girls' Basketball: 1) Seycove, 2) Argyle, 3) Handsworth
- Juvenile Boys' Basketball: 1) Windsor, 2) Sutherland, 3) Argyle, 4) Carson
- Bantam Boys' Basketball: 1) Carson, 2) Handsworth, 3) Sutherland
- Bantam Girls' Basketball: 1) Handsworth, 2) Argyle
- Boys' Gymnastics: 1) Windsor, 2) Seycove 3) Argyle
- Girls' Gymnastics: 2) Windsor 3) Seycove 3) Argyle
- Gymnastics (Boys & Girls): 1) Windsor, 2) Seycove
- Sr Boys' Wrestling: 1) Argyle
- Bantam/Juvenile Boys' Wrestling: 1) Balmoral
- Girls' Wrestling: 1) Balmoral
- Girls' Skiing: 1) Seycove
- Girls' Snowboarding: 1) Seycove
- Boys' Snowboarding: 1) Seycove

At the Vancouver and Districts Championships, our secondary schools again fared well, winning four of the six divisions. Congratulations to Carson Graham's Bantam Boys, Handsworth's Bantam Girls and Junior Girls, and Seycove's Juvenile Girls for winning the V&D Championships and qualifying for the Invitational Provincials. Other teams that qualified for the Invitational Provincials include Sutherland's Juvenile Boys and Argyle's Juvenile Girls.

At the Provincial Basketball Championships, Windsor's "AA" Sr. Boys finished 9th, Windsor's "AA" Sr. Girls 8th, Handsworth's Jr. Girls 8th, Sutherland's Juvenile Boys 10th, Carson Graham's Bantam Boys 4th, and Handsworth's Bantam Girls finished 2nd (losing by one point in the finals). Congratulations to Seycove's and Argyle's Juvenile Girls. Both teams made it to the Championship Final with Seycove winning the game 39-33.

At the Provincial Gymnastics at Windsor on March 5-7, Windsor and Seycove placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the combined Boys and Girls School Championships; Girls: 2) Argyle 3) Windsor and Boys 1) Windsor 2) Seycove

At the provincial wrestling competition, congratulations to Carson Graham's Girls' team who repeated as provincials champions. Balmoral's Girls finished 6th in BC.

We hope the spring season is as successful for our teams as the fall and winter seasons.

The North Vancouver School District is truly the **HOME of CHAMPIONS!**

## Handsworth Performing Arts

*Wind Catcher*, an original play written and performed by over 150 eager and talented grade 10 to 12 Handsworth students, will have public performances at Centennial Theatre on April 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



"There is no one that I cannot love once I've heard their story." A windswept warehouse is the setting for a mix of comedy, drama, dancing, and singing. Strong winds have forced a group of students to seek shelter from a storm. As individuals begin to share their stories, bonds are created and lives are changed.

Tickets are available at Centennial Theatre on [Lonsdale Avenue](#): \$13 for seniors/students and \$16 for adults.