



Friday, April 1st, 2022

Hello Argyle Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Spring Break and are recharged for the final stretch of the school year.

As you are aware the [provincial COVID-19 K-12 guidelines](#) state that mask wearing post-spring break is now a personal choice for students, staff and visitors. This is not the case for those who have travelled internationally.

This direction from the BC Ministry of Education reinforces what we have experienced at our school this week--students and staff taking personal and collective responsibility to wear masks when appropriate, and for others, when required. In this way, students and staff continue to model what it means to show care and kindness to others in their school community.

We encourage those who returned from international travel over spring break to review the federal international travel requirements, which include mask requirements. More information, including links to the detailed federal government's Travel to Canada site, is available via the Ministry of Education's [COVID-19 Update](#). We have shared this information with students via PA announcements this week.

As we transition out of the pandemic, we encourage everyone to continue practicing good hand hygiene, complete a daily health check to assess your current health status and stay home when ill.

In this week's newsletter you will find information on:

1. Argyle's Gymnastics Team
2. Seaspan Welding Bench for Argyle
3. Argyle's Theatre
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Warm regards,

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Stewart, Vice Principal

1. Argyle's Gymnastics Team wins B.C. Provincial Championships

Congratulations to Argyle's gymnastics team on winning the provincial championships. The team won the men's, women's and overall team titles.





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2. Sparking inclusion – Seaspan builds custom welding bench

Employees from Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards recently made a special delivery of a custom-built, wheelchair-accessible welding bench to Argyle. We are very appreciative of Seaspan's support and commitment to building a more inclusive metal work program. For the full story click [HERE](#).



3. Argyle's Theatre

Over Spring Break Argyle's theatre was outfitted with curtains transforming the space into a spectacular performance space. We look forward to hosting many concerts, theatre productions, and special events in the months and years to come.





4. Rapid Antigen Tests for K-12 Students

A reminder to those students who have not picked up their Rapid Antigen Tests that they can pick up a kit from the main office. Information on when and how to use the tests is provided in an [information sheet](#) prepared by the Ministry of Education.

5. Spring Sports Photos – April 6th

All spring athletes are to report to the large gymnasium at 11:50 for team photos. Wear your team uniform/jersey and if you do not have a jersey, a black Argyle T-shirt or straight black t-shirt is also suitable.

6. Winter Sports Wrap-up

All winter teams have now concluded their seasons. A reminder that all uniforms should be returned to the appropriate coach/sponsor and parents are requested to pay all outstanding winter sports fees via [School Cash Online](#).

7. Student Password Reset – April 12th

Secondary students will be prompted to reset their NVSD44 password login on **Tuesday, April 12th**. This will be a mandatory password reset to be done on (or after) April 12 and not before that date. Students who did not attempt to log in on April 12 will be prompted to reset their password the next time they log in. Students will receive an email to their SD44 email about the upcoming changes to provide them with step-by-step instructions on what to do on April 12th.

8. Grade 12 Valedictorian Application – Due April 8th

Valedictorian applications are due Friday, April 8th by 9:30am. Further information and the application form can be found here:

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Students/Grad/Valedictorian%20Application/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



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9. Ministry Graduation Assessments - Literacy 12 – April 25th to 29th

As part of the BC Graduation program, all current students must successfully complete the following Ministry of Education Graduation Assessments prior to the end of June in a student's final year of secondary school.

- Literacy 10
- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 12 (Scheduled for all Grade 12 students April 25, 26 and 27)

All current grade 12 students are scheduled to write their Literacy 12 assessment the week of April 25 – 29. Students are scheduled to write based on their English Studies 12 class and schedules are posted on the office windows for reference.

For those Grade 12 students who are not enrolled in an English Studies 12 section at Argyle this year they must confirm via email or MS Teams chat with Mr. Crowley their assessment date/time/location.

Grade 12 students who have not yet written their Literacy 10 and/or Numeracy 10 assessments are also expected to write these assessments in April. Mr. Crowley has contacted those students who have been scheduled for these assessments. If you have not received this confirmation, please see Mr. Crowley in person immediately.

For further information, including sample assessments, click on the links below:

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Additionally, two classes of Grade 11 Literary Studies have been notified of their Literacy 10 Assessment to make up for cancelled sessions in November. These parents and students have been sent an email with details.



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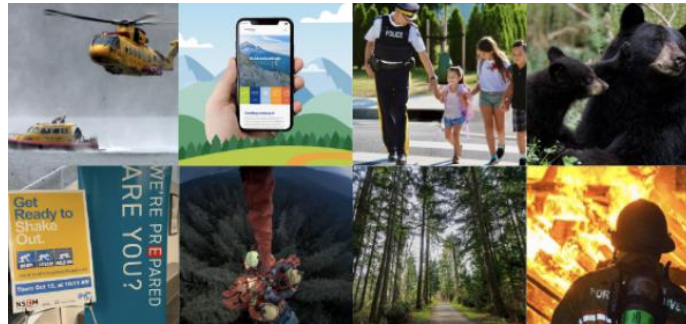
10. Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House - May 7th

The North Vancouver School District is proud to host the inaugural Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House on Saturday May 7th, 2022, 11 am to 2 pm, at Argyle Secondary.

This family-friendly FREE community event will showcase the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aims to build awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness.

The event consists of an outdoor trade show and smaller group information sessions/workshops hosted by participating organizations. Those in attendance will speak with local experts and get up close to emergency vehicles and equipment used in real-life rescues.

This FREE event also includes a bike valet and a variety of food trucks. For more information, check out the event website [HERE](#). Check back often for updates and to register for sessions/workshops! We hope to see you there!



11. BC Youth Week – North Vancouver CityFest

This year for BC Youth Week Youth Unlimited North Shore is hosting [North Vancouver CityFest](#) in person for the first time since 2018. It will take place on Saturday, May 7th, from 11am-3pm at the Lonsdale Shipyards. They are looking for youth performers (ages 10-24) to show off their music, dancing, and other skills. If you are interested, please send them an email at performingarts@nvcityfest.com with the following information:

- Stage/Band name
- Name and email for your primary contact
- Short description of your act (music style, vibe, other)
- How long you'd like to perform (sets are usually max 15min, 20min for bands)
- Basic equipment list
- Recording (ideally with video) that shows off your act



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12. Art Contest

How can you inspire others to take action against climate change?

As part of the NVSD's first Climate Action and Sustainability Week, we are calling all aspiring artists, ages 5 to 18, to create a 2D or 3D piece of art that illustrates this year's theme of "Taking Action for the Environment". Individual and class prizes will be awarded in three divisions:

Primary - Kindergarten to Grade 3

Intermediate - Grade 4 to Grade 7

Secondary - Grade 8 to Grade 12

The deadline for submissions is April 5th. For more information about the contest, prizes, and rules visit: <https://my44.sd44.ca/group/qp1fjs4/Pages/Art-Contest.aspx#/=>

13. Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, April 5 th	Arts Week Welcome by choir students, 9:30am
Wednesday, April 6 th	Spring Athletic Team Photos – lunch
Thursday, April 7 th	Strings Performance, 5pm
Friday, April 8 th	Grade 12 Valedictorian Applications Due by 9:30am
Monday, April 11 th	PAC & AMA fundraiser pick up, 3:30pm to 5:30pm at Argyle
Thursday, April 14 th	Gr 8 & 9 – Digital Citizenship Speaker
Friday, April 15 th	Good Friday (school closed)
Monday, April 18 th	Easter Monday (school closed)
Wednesday, April 20 th	Argyle PAC meeting in Argyle library, 7pm
Friday, April 22 nd	Earth Day
April 25 to 29 th	Ministry Graduation Assessments
Friday, April 29 th	Mid-semester Report Cards Published



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14. Opportunities in the community

NVRC Opportunities – North Vancouver Recreation and Culture is seeking volunteers for aquatics, early years, special events, fitness and general recreation. For more information, see <https://www.nvrc.ca/about-us/employment-volunteering/volunteering> or contact volunteer@nvrc.ca.

MONOVA Opportunities – The Museum and Archives of North Vancouver is seeking volunteers for events, gallery ambassadors, and school programs. For more information, see <https://monova.ca/volunteering/> or contact Andrew Hildred (hildreda@monova.ca).

Edible Garden Project Opportunities – The Edible Garden Project is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions as well as drop-in volunteer sessions on Wednesdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm. More information and application forms are available at <https://ediblegardenproject.com/volunteer/>.

North Shore Neighbourhood House Opportunities – NSNH is seeking volunteers for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.nsnh.bc.ca/get-involved/volunteer/> or contact Amal Hasan (ahasan@nsnh.bc.ca).

Ecology Centre Opportunities – The Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre is seeking volunteers for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, see <https://ecologycentre.ca/volunteer-opportunities/>.

Presentation House Theatre Opportunities – Presentation House is seeking volunteers for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.phtheatre.org/support-pht-2/volunteer/>.

Family Services Opportunities – Family Services of the North Shore is seeking volunteers for a variety of initiatives. Apply at <https://www.familyservices.bc.ca/volunteer-with-us/> or contact Michele Varley (volunteer@familyservices.bc.ca).

NSCSS Opportunities – North Shore Crisis Services Society is seeking volunteers (age 16+) to assist at The Good Stuff Connection Clothing Store & Program. For more information, see <https://nscss.net/get-involved/#career>.



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ISCBC Community Science Youth Team – The Invasive Species Council of BC is seeking volunteers for the Community Science Youth Team. Get your hands dirty with fieldwork, engage in skill-building workshops and gain community service experience. For more information or to apply, see <https://bcinvasives.ca/takeaction/community-science/youth-team/> .

Roots Mentoring – Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver is seeking teen volunteers to mentor children in grades 1- 6. The program requires a weekly one-hour commitment of mentoring after-school and consistent participation in Youth Leadership throughout the school year. For more information or to apply, see <https://www.bigbrothersvancouver.com/our-programs/roots/> .