



Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Argyle Families,

We hope this correspondence finds you well. As the weather warms up it is great to see more students taking advantage of spending time outdoors.

We are coming up to the mid-point of Semester 2. Mid-semester report cards will be published to the MyEd portal on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. This will provide a snapshot into a student's progress, areas to focus on for the remainder of the Semester, and areas of strength.

There are many important updates in today's newsletter. Topics include:

1. Argyle Drama
2. April Graduation Assessments
3. Grad Update
4. Student Presentations
5. Parent Information Sessions
6. Student Opportunities
7. Argyle PAC Fundraiser
8. Argyle Music Association Fundraisers
9. Upcoming Dates
10. Argyle Highlights (Photos)

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal  
John Crowley, Vice Principal  
Laura Ames, Vice Principal

## 1. Argyle Drama

Argyle Drama proudly presents an original live play, *Ballet and Revolution*. Written, directed, produced, and performed by Argyle students, this play combines historical fiction and magical realism drawn from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*. This performance has acting, dance, multi-media and more - something for everyone! Advisory: content and themes are mature, so audiences are recommended ages 13 and up. Tickets will go on sale next week through School Cash Online, so check the school website banner! The show runs May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the James Buchanan Theatre at Argyle.





## 2. April Graduation Assessments

The next session for Ministry Graduation Assessments is April 24 – 27, 2023. In this session, all current grade 10 students are scheduled to write their LTE10 (Literacy 10) Assessment. Lists have been posted throughout the school since March 1<sup>st</sup>. If your child is in grade 10 and is planning to graduate from a BC school (Dogwood Diploma), they need to write the LTE10, Numeracy 10 (NME10), and Literacy 12 (LTE12) Assessments. Students are organized to write by last name alpha.

## 3. Grad 2023 Update

A Grad update was emailed earlier this week to grad students, and parents/guardians of grads. It contained information on:

- Valedictorian Applications
- Ministry Assessments
- Capstone Projects & Career Life Connections 12
- Scholarships & Bursaries
- Fees

Grad updates are also posted on the Argyle website [here](#).

## 4. Student Presentations

Tiana Sharifi from [Exploitation Education Institute](#) who previously presented to grade 9 students about sexual exploitation will be presenting to grade 11 and 12 students across the NVSD in the coming weeks on the topic of consent. Argyle's presentation will take place on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> during Period 5.

All About Consent discusses consent as a life skill and as something that is tangible and desirable. Students learn key concepts including: the gradient of consent, how to practice it, accepting rejection, how to be an active bystander, and how consent can be applied digitally including situations of sexting.

These key concepts and relevant skill sets are learnt by engaging students through games, activities, and multimedia, while covering core competencies required by the Ministry of Education.

# All About Consent



## 'All About Consent' Facts

- Only 45% of Canadians understand consent
- 1/3 of sexual offences against youth are committed by other youth
- 60% of victims are under the age of 17
- 80% of victims identify as females, with 20% identifying as males

## Consent

Consent is not just the absence of a "no". It is also not a concept restricted to sexual activity. Through interactive games and activities, students will gain the skill sets required to understand consent in person and digitally, how to "read the moment", how pornography is an inaccurate representation of consensual sexual activity, how to provide consent in a way that is comfortable and authentic, how to accept a "no" with grace, and much more!

60 minutes  
Interactive  
Light-Hearted!



Today grade 11 & 12 students listened to Steve Serbic, a [Road Safety Speaker](#) sponsored by ICBC. Steve is the Fire Chief of Esquimalt Fire Rescue Services. Steve discussed the importance of situational awareness, decision making, defensive driving, distracted driving, and impaired driving through his stories as a first responder.

Earlier this week grade 9 students watched a performance of FOR NOW by [Green Thumb Theatre](#). Green Thumb creates, produces and tours plays that explore social issues relevant to the lives of youth. This play explored issues of gender, sexuality, and privilege among two best friends.



## 5. Parent information sessions

### Dissolve, an evening performance – Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Presented by the North Vancouver and West Vancouver School Districts and Family Services of the North Shore, *Dissolve* is a performance designed to both raise awareness and dialogue around drink spiking and consent and challenge our thinking and behaviour on these topics. The 45-minute performance, plus the talkback that follows, takes place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Rockridge Secondary School (West Vancouver). Tickets are free, but RSVP is required through [Eventbrite](#). Note: This performance is best suited for mature adolescents and their accompanying caregivers due to sensitive content and strong language.




*West Vancouver Schools,  
North Vancouver School District, and  
Family Services of the North Shore present:*

**DISSOLVE**  
**BY MEGHAN GARDINER**  
**DIRECTED BY RENEE IACI**  
**STARRING EMMELIA GORDON**

An evening performance designed to raise awareness and dialogue around drink spiking and consent, and challenge our thinking and behaviour surrounding these topics.

**Wednesday, April 19, 7pm**  
**Rockridge Secondary 5350 Headland Drive,**  
**West Vancouver**

*Tickets are free of charge. Registration is required through [Eventbrite](#).*

### All about Consent Parent Information Night – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Facilitated by Tiana Sharifi of the Exploitation Education Institute, this information night guides family members of secondary students through the education students have been receiving on concepts such as how to provide consent, current harmful social media influencers, and relevant





legislation. The session takes place on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Windsor Secondary School. More information is available [HERE](#) (RSVP optional).

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**'All About Consent' Parent's Guide**

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**Presented by**  
 **EXPLOITATION  
EDUCATION  
INSTITUTE**

**Date**  
Windsor Secondary School  
**Time**  
6:30pm

## 6. Student Opportunities

### [Summer Learning – Registration opens May 1](#)

North Vancouver Summer Learning provides a platform for students to explore and extend learning opportunities while fulfilling their educational requirements through a variety of opportunities in the month of July. Registration is open to students within and beyond the NVSD. Registration opens on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am for NVSD students, and on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for everyone else. It closes on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon.



### [Science World: Future Science Leaders – Apply by May 1](#)

Future Science Leaders is an after-school science enrichment program for teens (entering grades 10 and 11) designed to unleash creative potential and build a life-long network of like-minded peers while engaging curious minds with the nature of STEAM in sessions led by diverse experts and professionals.

### [Build Your City Minecraft Challenge – Deadline extended to May 29!](#)

The Build Your City Minecraft Challenge provides K-12 students with the tools and resources to showcase their creativity and design skills, while also learning about sustainable practices and solutions for building a better world.

### [CityFest](#)

This free, youth-led festival takes place from 12:00pm-4:30pm on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at The Shipyards.

Foundry Vaping Cessation Group – Foundry North Shore presents a 6-week support group on Thursdays, May 4<sup>th</sup> -June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-5:00pm. The group is being offered to youth (grade 8-12) who are currently vaping and want to quit but may be struggling to do so. To register, please contact 604-984-5063.

## 7. PAC Fundraiser – Samosas

Argyle PAC will be holding another fabulous Samosa Fundraiser this Spring! It's time again to stock up on all your favorite items, plus try some new items: mini samosas, quinoa burger patties, falafel bites, pakoras, curries, rice, movie theatre popcorn and more.

**Order deadline: Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Drive-through pickup at Argyle on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Here is the link to the Argyle page:  
[samosafundraiser.com/argyle](https://samosafundraiser.com/argyle)

Your purchase helps to support Argyle PAC initiatives for the 2022/23 and the 2023/24 school years. Thank you!





## 8. Argyle Music Association (AMA) Fundraisers

In time for BBQ Season & Mother's Day - 15-30% of sales go directly into your Music Student's AMA Account or General Funds. Money will be used to cover costs of future music trips.

**TWO RIVERS MEATS:** purveyor of fine local meats that are free of antibiotics, hormones, and chemical feed additives. Available for purchase:

- The Big BBQ Box +
- The Easy Meals Box +
- Natural Beef Burger Box, and many more...

Stock up your freezer with local meats by following link and register at:

<https://tworiversmeats.ca/wordpress/fundraiser/ama/>



**GROWING SMILES:** a healthy fundraiser for the whole community to enjoy. Available for purchase:

- Herbs
- Veggies
- Fruit
- Hanging baskets, planters, and many more...

Follow link and register at:

<https://argylemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

Closing Date: Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Delivery Date: Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

For more information: <https://www.argylemusic.ca/argyle-music-fund-raising/>







## 9. Upcoming Dates

April 16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>	Senior music trip to Cantando Festival in Edmonton
Wed. April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Immunization Clinic (catch-up clinic)
Thurs. April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Grade 8 Wheel Rotation #2 (metal/wood/art/music)
Fri. April 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Based Professional Day (no classes)
April 24 <sup>th</sup> to May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 12 Capstone Project Presentations
April 24 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Graduation Assessments
Mon. April 24 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Grade 8 Wheel Rotation #3
Wed. April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Semester Report Cards Published
April 28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Music Trip to Con Brio festival in Sun Peaks
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>	Argyle Drama's Spring Play

## 10. Argyle Highlights

Construction of the artificial turf field is well underway. Below is a picture taken today. We encourage you to walk by and have a look.

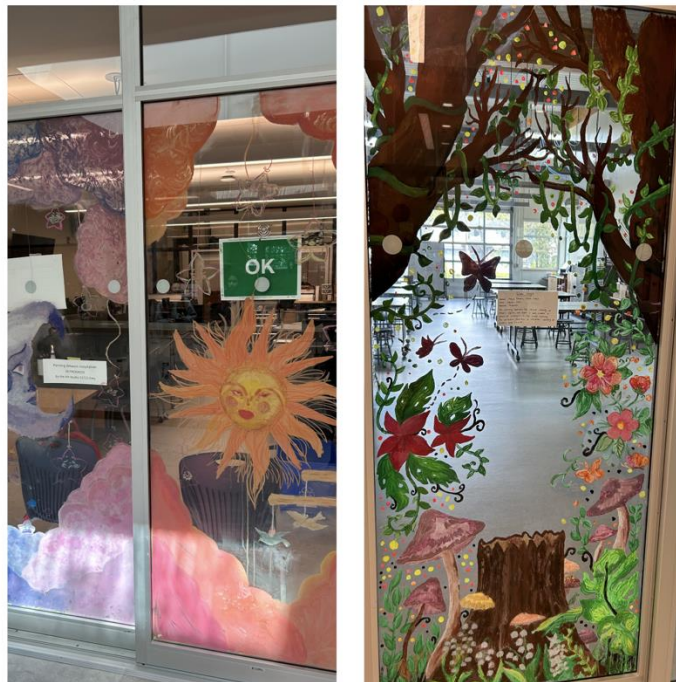




Grade 11 & 12 French Immersion students from Argyle, Windsor and Handsworth came together to watch a French play at Argyle on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Hallway window murals by senior art students





Students made Indigenous drums in the library this week. Thank you to the Lynn Valley Legion for their generous donation that allowed this project to happen. The drums will be used in the school for years to come.





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(bottom right in photo above) Students are also taking part in a school-wide weaving project in the library. Any student is welcome to drop in and learn how to weave.



Students took part in a school-wide Easter egg hunt at lunch and an egg decorating contest. Thank you to the Student Council and Leadership 11 students for organizing these fun events.







Trivia contest & 3 on 3 basketball intramurals at lunch

