



Friday, December 8th, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

With the winter break just around the corner, we are eagerly counting down the two remaining weeks filled with cherished Argyle traditions and exciting activities. Among the highlights are Argyle's enchanting winter music concert, the captivating original live musical presented by Argyle drama, and the not-to-be-missed annual winter breakfast. Get ready for a festive and memorable season ahead!

Argyle Drama proudly presents an original live musical, "The Brew Box: A Caffeinated Cabaret Musical". Written & directed by grade 11 student, Bailey Skelton, produced, and performed by Argyle students. This fun, light-hearted show tells the story of a fictional coffee shop in Rossland, BC. All three shows are sold out! Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts promptly at 7 pm.

Join us for a wonderful evening of music at Argyle Music's Winter Concert this Tuesday night! This annual tradition takes place at St. Andrew Wesley's Church in downtown Vancouver. Admission is by donation. Argyle's senior band, concert and chamber choir, and strings ensembles will be performing holiday pieces. The concert promises to immerse you in the spirit of the holidays and leave you with a lasting sense of joy!

In today's newsletter you will find information on:

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Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)

Laura Ames, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)



1. Upcoming Dates

Saturday, Dec. 9 th	Digital Media Youth Expo, 12:00pm to 3:00pm at Argyle (free)
Tuesday, Dec. 12 th	Argyle Winter Music Concert – St. Andrew’s Wesley Church, 1022 Nelson St, Vancouver. Admission by donation. 7:30pm start
Dec. 13 th to 15 th	Argyle Drama Winter Festival – “The Brew Box: A Caffeinated Cabaret Musical”. SOLD OUT
Friday, Dec. 22 nd	Winter breakfast, 7:30am – ticket sales at lunch in café next week Early dismissal at 1pm.

2. Reminders

Winter Break	Schools will be closed for Winter Break (December 25 th , 2023 to January 5 th , 2024) and will re-open on Monday, January 8 th .
Communicating student learning (report card)	Please make sure to login to MyEd and SAVE a copy of your student’s report published mid-November. The PDFs will stay on the portal until the end of July.

3. Goal setting

As shared earlier this fall, changes have been made by the B.C. Ministry of Education & Childcare to how student learning is communicated, including report cards. One of these changes involves students setting goals and reflecting on them throughout the school year.

Students will be guided through this process at multiple points in the year. We had our first goal-setting session on November 3rd. On this day students had a shortened flex period with their first class beginning at 8:45am followed by a goal-setting session at the end of the first class. Students created a goal and strategies and sent themselves a Teams message to record this info.

Three additional goal-setting sessions are planned for the remainder of the school year. During each session, students will engage in a guided reflection activity and be introduced to a practical tool designed to assist them in creating a new goal or developing strategies to progress on an existing goal. Learning to set goals is a valuable life skill that students can seamlessly apply to various aspects of their lives.



The remaining goal setting sessions are on:

- Friday, January 12th
- Friday, April 5th
- Friday, June 7th

The schedule for these days is:

8:31 to 8:45am	Shortened flex time
<u>8:45am</u> to 9:55am	Period 2 class
9:55am to 10:20am	Goal setting workshop in period 2 class

Regular schedule resumes for the rest of the day

4. Graduation Assessments

To meet graduation requirements students must write the following assessments:

- Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, Literacy 12
- French Immersion only: Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année Français langue seconde-immersion

These assessments are only offered by the BC Ministry of Education & Childcare on certain days of the year. These assessments are not “attached” to a course, they are assessed on a 4-point scale, and results are reported on student transcripts. More information will be shared in the new year; however, we wanted to ensure this is marked on your calendars. Info (including sample exams) can be found on the Ministry website [here](#) and under the top tab, Provincial Assessments, on the Ministry page.

- All grade 12 students will write the Literacy 12 assessment on Monday, January 22nd from 8:30am to 11:30am.
- All grade 10 students will write the Literacy 10 assessment on Monday, January 22nd from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.
- Grade 12 French Immersion students who have FRAL 12 in semester 1 will complete the French literacy 12 assessment in January. Students who have FRAL 12 in semester 2 will complete this assessment in June.
 - Written – Tuesday, January 16th (time is TBD)
 - Oral – during flex time, schedule will be shared with students in early January.
- Grade 10s will write the numeracy 10 assessment in April.
- Grade 12 students who have not written a grade 10 assessment need to contact Ms. White and write in January.



5. DMA Youth Expo

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Digital Media Youth Expo 2023, offering a free community learning experience for those interested in all things Digital Media! The Youth Expo is a place to learn about the many educational and employment opportunities available in the Digital Media Industry. There will be representatives in visual effects, animation, film, sound engineering, web design, game design and more! Academy students will be available to answer questions about the academy and show you what projects they are working on! There will be guest speakers from Disney Animation, EA Sports and more! Join us on December 9th from noon till 3 pm at Argyle!

6. Grade 12 Updates

A) Argyle Scholarship application open

Applications for Argyle scholarships opened December 1st and are due by 9:00am on January 31st. Late applications will not be accepted. Don't leave it to the last minute. Links and information can be found on the Scholarships team under the Argyle Scholarships channel. All grade 12 students are part of an Argyle Scholarship Team on MS Teams. Students should see Ms. Malone in counselling with questions.

B) Grad Semiformal – Mark your calendar!

This year's grad winter semi-formal is on Tuesday, January 30th at the Italian Cultural Centre from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. This event is for Argyle grade 12 students only. Detailed information



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including ticket info will be emailed to grade 12 families soon. Tickets will be on sale January 8th to January 19th.

7. Parent Info

Competency Based IEPs with Dr. Shelley Moore – Recording now available

A recording of the online presentation from October 5th with Dr. Shelley Moore, [Supporting Parents/Caregivers with the Transition to Competency Based Individual Education Plans \(IEPs\)](#), is now available. The recording, along with other helpful resources, can be found on the [Competency Based Individual Education Plans](#) web page.