



Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

We are three weeks into Semester 2 and students are settling into their new classes. In February, some students participated in the NVSD Jazz Festival at Carson, the Model UN conference downtown, the World Cheerleading Championships, and multiple playoff games and meets across the Lower Mainland. Last week we started a school wide Indigenous weaving project in the library. Senior art students also recently installed 3D paper sculptures of BC animals incorporating the Squamish language around the school. This week we welcomed our incoming grade 7 students to Argyle for a visit and school tour. These are just a sampling of the many activities and opportunities over the past few weeks. The work, perseverance, curiosity, and dedication of our students and staff continues to amaze us every day.

Please take some time to read the important updates below on:

1. Argyle Course Programming for 2023-2024
2. Parent Teacher Interviews
3. Athletics Update
4. Pink Shirt Day
5. Parents as Educators and Career Coaches Workshop
6. Grad Council Bottle Drive
7. PAC Parent Social & Fundraiser
8. Argyle Drama Fundraiser
9. Argyle Music Fundraiser
10. Registration & Transfer Deadlines
11. Upcoming Dates

We wish you and your family an enjoyable Family Day long weekend. Tomorrow is a District wide professional development day and Monday is Family Day.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Warm regards,

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



1. Argyle Course Programming for 2023-2024

Grade 8 to 11 students received a course programming request sheet including instructions on how to enter their requests into MyEd. The course request sheet and online entry of courses must be completed by February 28th. All course programming information can be found on the school website [HERE](#) including:

- Instructions on how to select courses in MyEd (due Feb. 28th)
- The post-secondary planning presentation
- The gr. 8-9 & 10-11 programming presentations
- The peak performance application
- Course request sheets (if your child did not receive one in class)
- And much more information!

2. Parent Teacher Interviews – Thursday, March 9th

Semester 2 parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday, March 9th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Information on how to sign up for appointments will be emailed shortly.

3. Athletics Update

Winter sports

The Argyle Gold Cheer Team came home with a bronze medal from the World Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida this past weekend. They performed two routines in front of a packed and loud crowd. We are proud of how well the team represented both Argyle and Canada.

Argyle's Gymnastics Team competed in the Sea to Sky Zone Championships last Friday winning the combined, girls, and boys titles. The team will defend their provincial championship title at the provincials March 9th to 11th at Windsor Secondary in North Vancouver.

Many of Argyle's 10 basketball teams are in the midst of North Shore or Zone playoffs and are vying for berths in the Provincial Championships. The grade 8 gold girls, grade 8 gold boys, junior girls, and senior girls teams won North Shore Championship Banners. The senior boys played last night in the North Shore final with a tight loss to Rockridge. Our Junior and Senior girls play in the Sea to Sky Championships tonight and have already qualified for the provincials. Our Senior boys start their journey to the provincials next week.

At the Sea to Sky Zone Championships 10 Argyle wrestlers qualified for the Provincial Championships. Khaliya McWilliams and Victoria Figueiroa came 1st in their weight classes. Angelo Malenica, Nick Golasovsky, Steven Soga all came 3rd place. We also had another five wrestlers qualify by coming 5th or 4th. The wrestling team also had 10 wrestlers compete in the Port Alberni Invitational.



Our ski and snowboard team competed in the North Shore Championships with multiple podium finishes.

Spring Sports

Spring sports are starting up. Students should be checking the athletics bulletin board in the flex space upstairs and listening to the daily announcements for team information meetings. Argyle's spring sports are:

- Badminton
- Football – grade 8
- Golf
- Mountain biking
- Rugby – junior & senior boys, girls
- Soccer - girls
- Track & field
- Ultimate Frisbee

4. Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, February 22nd

Students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink shirt next Wednesday.

The goal of [Pink Shirt Day](#) (Wednesday, February 22nd) is to create a more kind, inclusive world and foster children's healthy self-esteem by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.

This messaging aligns well with Argyle's school plan, the School District's strategic direction, and the work we continue to do with respect to creating kind, inclusive, and compassionate teaching and learning communities.

Additionally, students can write or draw on a heart what they love about Lynn Valley and the Argyle community. These two-sided hearts are being posted on the library's outer glass wall for students and the community to see.

5. Parents as Educators and Career Coaches – Tonight, February 16th

EducationPlannerBC invites families to join an online workshop on Thursday, February 16th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm to learn how to support your student in planning for their future. The presentation is especially helpful for those with students in Grades 10-12.

Topics include B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape; program, admission requirements and key dates; financial assistance options and scholarships; and navigating resources and the application process through the [EducationPlannerBC](#) website. The online session is hosted on MS Teams: [registration is required](#).



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6. Grad Council Bottle Drive Fundraiser – Friday, February 17th

Support Argyle's Grad Council by dropping off bottles & cans on Friday, February 17th (professional day) between 12:00pm and 3:00pm. Grad Council members will be at the front entrance of Argyle to accept donations. Funds support grad events throughout the year.

7. Argyle PAC Parent Social & Fundraiser

Argyle's PAC is organizing a parent social fundraiser on Friday, February 24th at Argyle from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. For more details see the poster below. To purchase tickets to the event, go to the Eventbrite link here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/530195548157>

Ticket sales end Tuesday, February 21st



8. Argyle Drama Stapleton Sausage Fundraiser - Order by Feb. 21st

Argyle Drama is embarking on an exciting new fundraiser. The fundraiser is in partnership with local company Stapleton Sausage Co. 34% of sales goes directly to supporting our growing and dynamic drama program. Choose from a wide range of flavours and styles of sausages from



English Breakfast to Tandoori Chicken with Mango, ranging in price from \$10.00 - \$15.00 for a package of four. See the attached menu.

Order on School Cash Online via the following link: [LINK TO SCO](#)

Contact Mr. Featherstone at gfeatherstone@sd44.ca for more information.

Order Deadline: Tuesday, February 21st

Pick Up: Friday, March 3rd, 4:00pm to 5:00pm in front of the school

9. Argyle Music Association Purdys Spring/Easter Fundraiser

The Argyle Music Association (AMA) are offering Purdys to make ordering your favourite Easter chocolate treats a little easier. 25% of your online order will go back to either the Argyle AMA (student account or AMA General).



Order deadline: March 21st

Purdys Pick up: April 5th, 3:30pm-5:30pm (Drive-thru at Argyle)

25% of your purchase will go to AMA student travel account or Argyle Music Department. to enter student name please select SHOP ONLINE, USE ONLINE ORDER FORM, enter name in ADDITIONAL INFORMATION box.

Order AMA > <https://fundraising.purdys.com/886358-105070>

Enter email address and JOIN campaign

More info: <https://www.argylemusic.ca/argyle-music-fund-raising/>

10. Registration/Transfer Deadlines

Academy registration deadline – Monday, February 27th

The following academies will be offered during the 2023/2024 school year, (Final academy offerings are subject to sufficient enrolment.):



AFK (Artists for Kids) Studio Art | Basketball | Business of Gaming and Entrepreneurship | Dance | Digital Media | Digital Media Lite | Field Hockey | Hockey Skills | Robotics | Rowing | Soccer | Volleyball

The application period is open until Monday, February 27th. For more information about our Academies program offerings, please visit the [Academies](#) web page.

Grade 10 - 12 students! Are you interested in learning more about robots? Would you like to learn to build a robot, program it and learn to work as a team? Does the field of engineering appeal to you? If you are interested in learning more about the SD44 Robotics academy, there will be an information night on February 27th at 7:00 at Carson Graham in room E201.

New registration and transfer requests deadline – Friday, March 3rd

Priority placement for new registrations and transfers for Grades 1 to 12 ends on Friday, March 3rd at 4:00pm. Visit the [2023/2024 Registrations and Transfer Requests](#) web page for detailed information.

11. Upcoming Dates

Friday, Feb. 17 th	District wide professional day (classes not in session)
Monday, Feb. 20 th	Family Day (school closed)
Wednesday, Feb. 22 nd	Pink Shirt Day
Wednesday, Feb. 22 nd	Argyle Music Association meeting, 7:00pm
Friday, Feb. 24 th	Argyle PAC social & fundraiser (pre-purchase tickets online)
Tuesday, Feb. 28 th	Course request forms & online course entry into MyEd due for gr. 8 to 11 students
Thursday, March 9 th	Parent teacher interviews (2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm); early dismissal.
Friday, March 10 th	Early dismissal
March 13 th to 14 th	Spring Break (school closed)



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Argyle's gymnastics team after winning the Sea to Sky Zone Championships.



Argyle's gold Cheer Team in Florida after winning bronze.



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Argyle's grade 8 Boys Gold team



Argyle's grade 8 Girls Gold team