



Friday, February 18th, 2022

Hello Argyle Families,

Semester 2 is well underway, and students have settled into their new courses. We continue to be impressed by our students' adaptability to changes and their adherence to health and safety measures.

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

1. Annual Student Council Backpack Initiative
2. Athletics Update
3. Argyle Welcome Release Video
4. Parent Teacher Interviews
5. Course Programming for gr. 8 to 11 students
6. Ministry Graduation Assessments Update
7. Argyle's 2022 Diversity Reading Challenge
8. Upcoming Dates
9. Volunteer opportunities for Students and Families Events, Workshops & More

We wish you and your family an enjoyable Family Day long weekend.
Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Warm regards,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)
John Crowley, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)
Laura Stewart, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)



1. Annual Student Council Backpack Initiative

Student Council is once again collecting items for the North Shore Lookout Society through their Backpack Initiative. Below is a list of items being collected in period 7 classes. Next week student council members will visit classes to explain the initiative to students. We are hoping that you all will help us collect these much-needed items for the North Shore Lookout Society. Donations will be accepted February 22nd to March 4th in period 7 classes.

Items being collected:

- Brushes/Combs
- Face clothes/Small Hand Towels
- Granola Bars/Power Bars
- Juice Boxes
- Gatorade/PowerAde
- Mini First Kits
- Band-Aids
- Refillable Water Bottles
- Winter Gloves
- Winter Hats
- Hand Warmers
- Wet Wipes
- Menstrual Products
- Sunscreen
- Nail Clippers
- Tissue
- Hand Lotions
- Mini Shampoo
- Mini Shave Kits
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

2. Athletics Update:

Winter Sports:

Argyle's Wrestling Team had a strong showing at the Zone Championships last Friday with many podium finishers and personal bests. Nine wrestlers qualified to represent Argyle at the Provincial championships taking place next week at the Pacific Coliseum.

Argyle gymnastics team won the Vancouver & Sea to Sky Gymnastics Championships claiming 1st Place in the Combined Team, Women's Team, and Men's Team. Individually the Argyle athletes were spectacular with 32 athletes qualifying for the provincial championships taking place at Sutherland in early March.





Argyle's Basketball Teams are competing in Playoffs and Zone Championships. Highlights from the week include:

- The Gr. 8 bantam girls gold team won the North Shore Championships with a 49-19 win over Collingwood.
- The Gr. 9 juvenile girls team won the North Shore Championships with a 59-28 win over Handsworth.
- The Sr. Girls and Sr. Boys teams finished 2nd on the North Shore. Both teams will play in Zone Provincial Championship qualifying tournaments next week.



Gr. 8 Girls Gold Basketball Team



Gr. 9 Girls Basketball Team

Spring Sports:

The spring season is starting! Don't miss out. Students should look for the QR codes posted around the school to sign up to receive information about tryouts and/or practices.

Spring sports include:

*unless otherwise indicated, teams are open to students in all grades

- Badminton
- Golf
- Mountain Biking
- Rugby – Gr. 9 to 12 – boys
- Rugby – Gr. 9 to 12 – girls
- Soccer – girls
- Track & Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Football – gr. 8

Students can also talk to Argyle's athletic director, Mr. Kelsch, if they aren't sure how to sign up.



3. Argyle Welcome Video Release

An Argyle Welcome video from our students has been released and posted to Argyle's website. It can be accessed from the home page or by clicking [here](#).

4. Parent Teacher Interviews – March 3rd

Parent teacher interviews will be in person on Thursday, March 3rd from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. Information about the sign-up process was provided in a letter this afternoon to parents and guardians. The sign-up starts at 6pm on Wednesday, February 23rd and is first come first serve.

5. Ministry Graduation Assessments Update

Following the cancellation of the January session a decision was subsequently made by the Ministry to maintain the April 2022 and June 2022 sessions for all graduation assessments except for l'Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde – immersion (LTF12). The LTF12 has been cancelled for all grade 12 French Immersion students in both semester 1 and 2 for this school year.

The Ministry of Education has released a [Q&A](#) about the cancellation of the January 2022 provincial assessments and remaining assessment sessions. They have also released a parent [guide](#) for French Immersion students

The assessment periods in April and June have not been extended and we are unable to add Literacy 10 due to space and computer availability. This year's grade 10s will write the Literacy 10 next November.

April 2022

- Literacy 12
- Any grade 12 who has not written literacy 10 or numeracy 10

June 2022

- Numeracy 10 for current grade 10s
- Any grade 12 student who has not written or wants to rewrite Literacy 12

November 2022

- Literacy 10 for grade 11s (current 10s)



6. Course Programming for Gr. 8 to 11 Students

Students in grade 8 to 11 listened to a course programming presentation by their grade counsellor on Wednesday this week. Students also received a course request form at this time. Counsellors will be visiting classes next week to answer student questions.

Students need to complete the form, enter their course requests into MyEd, and return the signed and completed paper form to their grade counsellor on or before March 8th.

Course offerings are subject to enrollment. Students must write alternate elective courses on their sheet. We do our best to build a timetable with the fewest conflicts but certain courses may only be offered in one block and may run up against another course.

Students in grade 10 and 11 considering post-secondary education need to ensure they request courses that meet both graduation requirements and post-secondary admissions requirements for the program(s) that are of interest to them.

All course programming information can be found on the school website [HERE](#) including:

- Instructions on how to enter courses in MyEd
- 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!

7. Argyle's 2022 Diversity Reading Challenge

This year's challenge runs from February 1st to March 31st. This year's theme is diversity and is focused on reading or listening to books that share an experience that is different than student's own (whether it be books with diverse characters, themes, or authors). We hope that this challenge will provide students with an opportunity to explore the world around them and read or listen to some works by great authors that are new to them.

We have just completed the first two weeks of our Diversity Challenge! We are so impressed with all the books being read and thoughtful bookmarks being submitted. The library drew names for

prizes for the first two weeks at lunch yesterday. Students should check their Teams to see if they are one of our winners from the last two weeks.

Please keep reading - we have 6 more weeks to go! If you are looking for something to read, talk to Ms. Black and also check out the displays in the library. One of Ms. Black's favourite things to do as a teacher-librarian is helping students find the perfect book for them!



8. Upcoming Dates

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| Mon. Feb. 21 | Family Day (school closed) |
| Tues. Feb. 22 | Iconic Duo theme day. Grab a friend and dress up as your favourite famous pair. (did you know this day is 22-02-2022 and it's "twos-day"!) |
| Wed. Feb. 23 | PINK SHIRT DAY |
| Thurs. Feb. 24 | Lockdown drill, 2:15pm |
| Thurs. March 3 | Parent Teacher Interviews, 2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm |
| March 3 & 4 | Early Dismissal at 1:15pm |
| Up to March 8 | Gr. 8 to 11 students enter course requests into MyEd and return sheet to counsellor by March 8 |
| Fri. March 11 | Last day of school before Spring Break |



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9. Volunteer opportunities for Students and Families Events, Workshops & More

Please see the separate attachment for a list of volunteer opportunities and events happening around North Vancouver for youth and families.