



Friday, February 23rd, 2024

Dear Argyle Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. In today's newsletter you will find highlights from our athletics and music departments, exciting student opportunities, parent/guardian education opportunities, and a notice about filming in the neighbourhood.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Laura Ames, Vice Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

1. Upcoming Dates

February & March

Wednesday, Feb. 28 th	Late start (staff collaboration) - first class begins at 9:55am
Friday, March 1 st	Deadline for students to enter course requests in MyEd. Course request sheet due to grade counsellor (after entering courses in MyEd)
Thursday, March 14 th	Learning Conferences (Learning Conferences) - 2:30pm to 4:30pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Sign-up information will be sent by the end of next week. Early dismissal at 1:15pm
Friday, March 15 th	Early dismissal at 1:15pm
March 16 th to April 1 st	Spring Break & Easter
Tuesday, April 2 nd	School reopens

2. Athletics update

The winter athletics season is wrapping up. Congratulations to Argyle's basketball boys' grade 9 team, and girls' grade 8 and 9, junior and senior teams who all won the North Shore Championships over the past two weeks. The junior and senior girls' teams also won the Sea-to-Sky Zone Championships. Good luck to all the teams who are competing in Provincial



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Championships in the next week. Seven Argyle wrestlers qualified for the BC provincials taking place today at the PNE Forum. The gymnastics team is heading to Prince George soon for Provincials. Finally, a few members of Argyle's ski and snowboard team are off to Sun Peaks for Provincials.

Spring athletics are starting up. Students are encouraged to check the athletics board and daily announcements for sign up information.

3. Argyle Music

Argyle music students have been busy learning new repertoire and performing. The junior jazz band and the strings ensemble recently performed at the NVSD Band and Strings Festival at Centennial Theatre. Next week, our chamber choir students will be taking part in the NVSD choral festival at the Gordon Smith Gallery.



4. Argyle Music Association Fundraiser – Purdys Chocolate REMINDER closing date Wednesday, Feb 28: PURDYS FUNDRAISER

Take part in AMA (Argyle Music Association) Spring/Easter Fundraiser to cover the costs for music trips by getting 25% return into your student personal account.

Place your orders for Purdys Chocolate, go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1607545-115854> register for a new account or log in to an existing account with your email address, and join the Argyle Music Association campaign. Use Online Order Form.



Closing date: February 28, 2024

Pick Up/ Drive Thru: Wednesday, March 13th, 3.30-5.30pm at Argyle Secondary School

Enquiries: fundraising@argylemusic.ca

5. Student Opportunities

A. Brain Bee

The 16th annual [Vancouver Brain Bee](#) is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health at UBC. This event is a unique, Spelling Bee-styled Neuroscience competition designed for high school students in grades 9-12. This full-day interactive event allows students to test their neuroscience knowledge, engage in lab tours and interact with graduate students and professors. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

[Registration link](#)

B. North Shore Highlands Challenger Baseball: Volunteers needed for Saturday games

The Highlands Challenger Baseball Division is seeking volunteers ages 13+ to fill the role of "buddy." This division is part of a national organization where children and youth with cognitive and physical disabilities play baseball on a team, in a uniform. In North and West Vancouver there are about 80 players. Buddies will be paired with a player on the field during Saturday morning games keeping their player safe on the field, assist their player with batting, running bases and catching. The idea is to be a supportive and uplifting friend. The season runs from April 13 - June 29, 2024 with games at Norgate Field (W 15th and Tatlow). If interested, email challengerbuddies@gmail.com

C. North Shore Writers' Association Writing Contest – submit by March 15th

From January 15th -March 15th, the North Shore Writers' Association is sponsoring its annual writing contest in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and writing for children and young adults. Multiple/simultaneous submissions accepted. There is a division for students in Grades 8-12.

Winners will be announced during the North Shore Writers' Festival, April 12th -13th, 2024. Winning entries will be published on the NSWA website. First prize in each



category is \$100.00 cash. First prize for a separate division for youth (grades 8-12) is \$50.00 cash and \$25.00 gift certificate.

More details are available at: nswriters.org/annual-contest/

6. Parent opportunities

A. 2023 - 2024 NVPAC Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Registration

This NVPAC committee is for caregivers of students currently attending a North Vancouver School District school in person for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

The purpose of this committee is to create a safe space for meaningful discussion, learning and sharing input among NVSD caregivers around matters related to education in the school district that are impacted by racism.

Please direct any questions to antiracism@northvanpac.org

For more information: <http://www.northvanpac.org/anti-racism-advisory-committee.html>

Registration [LINK](#)

B. Parents as Career Coaches

EducationPlannerBC and SD 44 North Vancouver invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop:

Parents as Education and Career Coaches (PECC)

Tuesday March 5th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Learn how you can support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 9-12. The session is engaging and informative and includes a website tour followed by a Q&A session. Registration is required. If you are unable to attend, please register and you will have access to the recording.



Topics include:

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials.
- Program and admission requirements, and application dates
- Costs of post-secondary and options for financial aid
- Career exploration resources, including Find Your Path
- Using new tools such as My List to save and compare programs.
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC.ca

Hosted on MS TEAMS: [Registration link](#)

C. Substance Use Prevention: A Guide for Parents

Wednesday, February 28th 6:00pm to 7:30pm online - [Click here to Register](#)

Join leading adolescent Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Hayley Watson, for an online event that aims to help parents navigate the challenging world of substance use prevention. Dr. Watson will provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to equip you with the tools needed to guide your children toward making positive choices when it comes to substance use.

D. Family Sessions by Safer Schools Together - Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Wednesday, February 28th 6:30 - 7:30pm, online, free, [Register Now](#)

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community.

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.





7. Notice of filming in neighbourhood

On Monday February 26th, 2024, Bear and Pear Production Services will begin preparing the inside and outside of St. Clements Church located at 3400 Institute Rd. for filming of the television series Mega Sword.

Institute Rd in front of Lynn Valley Elementary will be fully closed, from Lynn Valley Rd to Frederick Rd. from February 26, 7:00am - 5:00pm March 1, 2024. In case of Emergency, access to Institute Rd will be granted. School drop off and pickups for Lynn Valley Elementary will be on the east side of Mountain Highway.

Please exercise extra caution when traveling on Mountain Highway, and around both Lynn Valley Elementary and Argyle Secondary next week.

There will be no student access to the All Weather Field beside Lynn Valley Elementary beginning Monday February 26th at 6:00pm. An 8 foot security fence with privacy screen will be placed on the All Weather Field perimeter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact The District of North Vancouver Film Office at filming@dnv.org or 604-990-2437.

Please see the attached letter from the DNV for more detailed information.



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