



Friday, February 3rd, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

This week has been a week of endings and new beginnings. There was a buzz in the air yesterday as students began their Semester 2 classes. We also welcomed several new international students and said farewell to some who were here for Semester 1 only. There were lots of big hugs and tears as students left to go home after making some remarkable relationships.

As we begin the new semester it is an opportune time to encourage your student to reflect on their first semester and set goals for Semester 2. We encourage you to consider goals related to their approaches to learning and the habits of a successful student, rather than purely achievement-based goals focused on a mark.

The semester change also saw some staffing changes. We would like to congratulate choir and strings director, Mrs. Frances Roberts, on an incredible 32-year career at Argyle! Mrs. Roberts inspired generations of students, including many parents in the community, and has been instrumental in building Argyle's strong Music Program. We wish her all the best in retirement. We also said goodbye to Home Economics teacher, Ms. Waud and English teacher, Ms. Taylor, who finished their Semester 1 positions. We would also like to welcome back Ms. Pickering in Home Economics, Ms. Macek in Art, and EA (Educational Assistant), Mr. Hall. Additionally, we have added several new EAs who recently joined the Argyle team including Ms. Yong, Ms. Del Rosario, and Ms. Gillis.

We would like to congratulate all students who received [Piper Awards for Outstanding Learning](#) at the end of Semester 1. Piper certificates celebrate outstanding learning in many areas including leadership, resilience/overcoming significant challenges, persistence, thinking (creative/critical, etc.), citizenship. Students are nominated by their teachers for these awards.

Semester 1 report cards will be published in the MyEd Parent Portal in the afternoon on Tuesday, February 7th. You will receive an email from "SysAdmin" once they have been published. Students can also access their report cards via their MyEd login which is the same login they used to see their Semester 2 schedule.

Lastly, we would like to wish Argyle's Gold Cheer Team good luck as they fly to Orlando, Florida to compete in the World High School Cheerleading Championships next weekend! The team qualified for the championships last year and has been practicing multiple days a week for months. Go Pipers go!



We invite you to take a few moments to read the important updates below.

Topics include:

1. Argyle field update
2. Gym update
3. Student parking reminder
4. Drop off/pick up reminder
5. Winter sports team photos & new student photos
6. Argyle drama Stapleton Sausage Fundraiser
7. Argyle PAC Parent Social and Fundraiser
8. Parent information sessions
 - a. Course programming for 2023-2024
 - b. Parents as career coaches
 - c. Youth & vaping
9. Student opportunities
 - a. Careers
 - b. Real Talks
10. Upcoming dates
11. Academies & transfer deadline reminder

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Sincerely,

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



1. Argyle Field Update - Field construction and installation contracts awarded

Notices of award for the artificial turf field supply and construction have been issued by the District of North Vancouver.

The turf system will accommodate both school and community multi-sport usage with lines designated for field hockey, football, rugby and soccer and will have a 50mm turf height for the sports field and the sport court practice area.

Contractor planning has commenced, and work is scheduled to begin in late February 2023, with the goal of opening the fields in September 2023.

2. Argyle Gym Update

The damaged floor in the middle section has been removed. The plywood that goes below the hardwood and the hardwood planks have now arrived. During Spring Break, the floor will be painted end to end with finishing coats. The large gym should be fully open after Spring Break.

3. Student Parking Reminder

Parking is starting to become a challenge with students starting to get their licenses. Students parking is limited to spots adjacent to Frederick (north edge), the 4 spots on the northeast corner of the main lot, and the upper gym lot (space depending) and on general street parking.

4. Drop off/pick up reminder

Help us ensure students' safety by slowing down in the parking lot & taking extra caution when entering and exiting the driveway. Please do not park on the curve at the entry to the main lot as it impedes access for vehicles entering/exiting. Similarly please do not use Argyle Road as a pickup/drop off point. This is an exit from the school lot and has heavy pedestrian traffic at the start and end of the school day. **We encourage families to pick up / drop off on a perimeter street and have their student walk into the school to reduce congestion and enhance student safety.**

5. Winter Sports Team & New Student Photos

On Thursday, February 16th Grads BC will be taking photos of any new student who has joined Argyle after photo day in September, including new international students. Students will be called to the photo session during morning classes via the PA. This is ONLY for NEW students.

At lunch students on a winter sports team need to change into their uniform and assemble in the north gym as quickly as possible for their sports team photo. These photos go in the yearbook and will be available for purchase.



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6. Argyle Drama Stapleton Sausage Fundraiser

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 21, 2023

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

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>

ARGYLE
**PARENT
SOCIAL**
fundraiser

WITH GUIDED **SCHOOL TOURS** &
SILENT AUCTION
(student created masterpieces)

**Friday,
February 24th**
7 PM - 11 PM
at Argyle Secondary School

TICKETS: \$45
Includes lovely nibbles from Folia catering and a drink

BUY TICKET

PRESENTING SPONSOR

GOLD SPONSORS

LynnValleyLife
At The Centre of Our Community

ELLI/ON
Sprucehill
Westcoast Dental Clinic



Parent Information Sessions

8a. Argyle Course Programming for 2023-2024

Information about course offerings and graduation will be presented at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 8th for parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 students and at 7:30pm for parents/guardians of current grade 8 and 9 students. These sessions will be in-person and will not be recorded. The slides from each presentation will be posted on the school website a couple of days after the event.

Students in grades 8 to 11 will have a course programming presentation during their period 6 class on Thursday, February 9th. At that time students will receive 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.

8b. Parents as Educators and Career Coaches - February 16th

EducationPlannerBC invites families to join an online workshop on Thursday, February 16 from 6:30 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](#).

8c. Youth & Vaping - Information, Considerations & Impacts – Thursday, February 9th at Handsworth Secondary

Foundry North Shore – Vancouver Coastal Health, invites families* and their children to a community conversation on youth and vaping. This in-person event will take place on **Thursday, February 9th** (7:00 to 9:00pm) at Handsworth Secondary (1033 Handsworth Road, North Vancouver).

Led by Dr. Milan Khara and Lindsay MacDonald, both of whom have extensive knowledge on this subject matter, the session will help you feel more empowered and informed when having conversations with your children. Topics covered will include youth vaping rates, products, industry influence, health impacts, legislation, and local supports for youth. Please [RSVP using Eventbrite](#).

*This event is recommended for families of students in Grades 6 and up. It is targeted to parents/caregivers, but youth are welcome (please register them for the event too).



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Youth & Vaping:
Information, Considerations, Impacts

Thursday
Feb 9, 2023
7-9 pm
Handsworth
Secondary

FREE
Parent
Community
Conversation

Key Note Speakers:

Dr. Milan Khara
Medical Lead: VGH Smoking
Cessation Clinic

Lindsay MacDonald
Tobacco & Vapour Reduction
Coordinator
VCH

Let's talk

- Products
- Stats
- Health
- BC Legislation
- Local Supports
- And More...

Register here
<https://youth-vaping.eventbrite.com>

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Student Opportunities

9a. Careers

Royal Canadian Navy Job Fair – February 5, 2023, 12:00-4:00pm, HMCS Discovery, Stanley Park, Vancouver. Scan the QR code on Argyle's career board or contact marte.rosales@forces.gc.ca

NVSD Trades Program Information Night - February 15, 6:30-8:00pm- 5th floor of the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave). [Sign up to attend here.](#)



BCIT- BIG INFO night- February 15th 4:00 -7:00pm- BCIT main campus- go to: www.bcit.ca

VCC- Baking Foundations Program Information Night – February 23, 5:00-6:30pm. For more info go to: www.vcc.ca

There are still a few spots in “A Day in the life of a General Duty RCMP officer” open to students in grades 10-12. February 9, 2023. See the Work Experience Facilitator in room 177 for a permission form.

[Med-Ed Conference](#), February 18, 2023. Presented by Lions Gate Hospital Foundation’s Youth Advisory Committee. Come and listen to panelists who can help provide insight into the many pathways medicine has to offer!

VCC- The Future of Hospitality- micro credentials course- for students interested in developing their skills in Hospitality and Tourism. Contact: warocaaguire@vcc.ca for more details.

9b. Real Talks - Series begins February 14th

Real Talks is an in-person, youth-led interactive workshop series for students in Grades 8 to 12 that encourages conversations about mental health and equips students with skills to support themselves and others. This series, which begins on Tuesday, February 14th, is offered at the North Vancouver City Library in partnership with Crisis Centre of BC and North Shore Neighbourhood House. Visit the [North Vancouver City Library](#) website for more information and to register.

Dates to make note of

10. Upcoming dates

Tuesday, Feb. 7 th	Report Cards published to MyEd by end of day
Tuesday, Feb. 7 th	Lockdown drill, 12:10pm
Wednesday, Feb. 8 th	Course programming evening for parents <ul style="list-style-type: none">o 6:30pm – current grade 10 & 11’so 7:30pm – current grade 8 & 9’s
Thursday, Feb. 9 th	Period 6 – Course programming presentations for students
Friday, Feb. 10 th	Semester 2 course change deadline
Saturday, Feb. 11 th	Argyle at North Van Jazz Band Festival at Carson Graham
Monday, Feb. 13 th	Grade 7 parent tours (6:30pm) & information evening (7:00pm)
Wednesday, Feb. 15 th	PAC meeting, 7:00pm, Argyle library
Thursday, Feb. 16 th	Winter sports team photos & new student photos
Friday, Feb. 17 th	District wide professional day (classes not in session)
Monday, Feb. 20 th	Family Day (school closed)



11. Registration/Transfer Deadlines

Academy registration deadline – February 27th

The following academies will be offered during the 2023/2024 school year:*

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.

*Final academy offerings are subject to sufficient enrolment.

New registration and transfer requests deadline - March 3rd

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

Snapshots from the Argyle Community

Argyle's woodwork 8 students cut up a fallen tree in the forest and used the reclaimed wood as part of their jewelry boxes. Students also learned about the history of Lynn Valley as a forestry town in the documentary from NV Museum & Archives

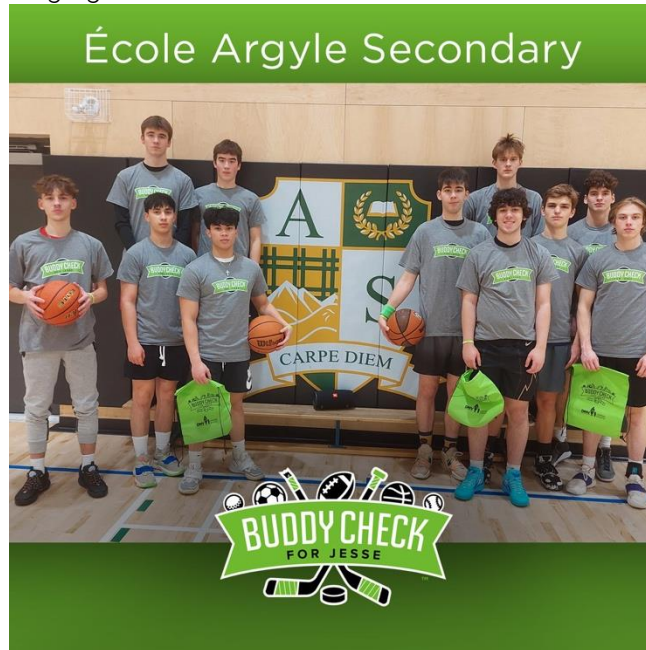
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7zAR7P4U7-U&feature=shares...>





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Argyle athletic teams participated in "Buddy Check for Jesse"
- bringing mental health awareness to student-athletes



Check out Argyle's Free Little Library

<https://www.sd44.ca/District/LearnShareGrow/default.aspx#/view/742>





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Semester 1 Choral & Strings Concert





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Argyle's Band 8 and Junior Jazz Band students at the semester end concert



Check out the new pneumatic hammer press in the metal shop donated by Casey Vilensky at Lynn Valley Forge. This morning Casey worked with the Metalwork Fabrication students teaching them forge welding and how to make Damascus steel.

