



Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hello Argyle Families,

We have passed the midpoint of the year and are excited to see our students embracing the second semester with enthusiasm and energy. February is a busy month with course programming for next year underway, winter athletic teams competing in playoffs, grade 7 visits, and special events such as the Club Food Fair on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at lunch. Throughout the month, we will also be celebrating our community's diversity by honouring Black History Month and National Inclusive Education month.

Congratulations to the senior girls and junior girls basketball teams who won the North Shore Athletics banner this week. Last week Argyle hosted the gymnastics Vancouver Sea to Sky Zone Championships where Argyle won the girls, boys, and combined banners! The wrestling team recently returned from a tournament in Port Alberni where many students made the podium. The ski & snowboard team recently competed at Whistler in the Zone Championships where several athletes qualified to compete in provincials at Sun Peaks. Good luck to all the winter teams as they compete in playoffs and provincial qualification tournaments in the coming weeks.

Today's newsletter includes information on:

1. Upcoming dates
2. Youth Philanthropy Initiative
3. Registration & transfer deadlines; academies
4. Fundraisers – PAC, drama, music
5. Parent/guardian online sessions: digital citizenship, and substance use prevention
6. Post-secondary & Career exploration opportunities
7. North Shore youth opportunities

Happy Lunar New Year (Chinese New Year)! Lunar New Year happens this year on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This year ushers in the year of the Dragon!

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink are displayed. The first signature is 'Kim Jonat', the second is 'Laura Ames', and the third is 'Tim Ireland'.

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)

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

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



## 1. Upcoming Dates

### February 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Period 7 – classroom presentations by counsellors about course programming for students in gr. 8 to 11
Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> to March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Students enter their course requests into MyEd by March 1 <sup>st</sup> . Students hand in paper copy of course request form to their counsellor by March 1 <sup>st</sup> after entering their requests online. Course programming info is on the website <a href="#">here</a> .
Monday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Parent/guardian info night; school tours 6:15pm, presentation 7:00pm
Monday, Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad ( <a href="#">YELL</a> ) information night, Sutherland theatre, enhanced program for gr. 11 & 12's
Thursday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Winter team sports photos in the gym at lunch. Photos for new students since September (not retakes).
Thursday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Digital Media Academy info night, 7:00pm to 8:00pm, Argyle library
Friday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	District wide professional day (no classes)

### February 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day (school closed)
Wednesday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	PAC meeting, 7:00pm, Argyle library
Friday, Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 7, 8, 9 Assemblies on Sexual Exploitation & Consent

## 2. Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)

Congratulations to Grade 10 Career Life Education (CLE) students for helping Argyle reach a new milestone of \$65,000 raised for local charities through the [YPI](#) (Youth & Philanthropy Initiative) as part of the CLE 10 course.

The YPI is a global program that provides youth with the opportunity to become involved in learning about and supporting charities in their local community. Students research, interview, and present on a charity that they would like to advocate for. One group is selected from each Careers 10 class to go to the finals. The winning group at the finals receives a \$5000 grant for their local North Shore charity.



This year's winner was Leah Price and runner-up was Charlie Ben-Halevi. This year's \$5000 grant will go to support the North Shore Women's Centre.



### 3. Registration & Transfer Deadlines for 2024-2025

Initial 2024/25 transfer requests for Grades 1-12 begins January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and ends March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Transfer requests received after March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be placed in schools based on catchment where space is available. For further details including the process for how to apply for a transfer please see the [Central Registration NVSD website](#). Transfer requests apply to students wishing to change schools within the NVSD, and students wishing to change their current program from French Immersion to English.

Academy Registration - To apply to an Academy for the 2024/25 school year, please visit the [NVSD Academy Applications](#) website during the application period between January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Applications are no longer accepted through School Cash Online. A list of the academies can also be found on the website link above.



## 4. Fundraisers

### A. Argyle Drama Stapleton Sausage Fundraiser

Argyle Drama is once again partnering with local company Stapleton Sausage Co. to fundraise for our theatre and performances for this school year. 34% of sales go 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 \$12.00 - \$15.00 for a package of four.

- Order Deadline: Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Pick Up: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 5:30pm in front of Argyle.
- View the Menu [here](#)
- Order on School Cash Online via the following link:  
<https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/46332/69/False/True>



### B. Argyle PAC Tru Earth Fundraiser



Help Reduce Plastic Waste and Raise Funds for the School.

The Argyle PAC has partnered with Tru Earth to bring you a fundraiser that helps reduce plastic waste and raises money for the school. Give Tru earth cleaning products a try, you'll be helping the environment and raising funds for Argyle PAC. It's a win-win. Tru Earth offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Shop online for Tru Earth products using our fundraising links and the Argyle PAC will earn 20% on every sale throughout the year.

Learn more about this new fundraiser and the eco-friendly products:

<https://argylepac.weebly.com/tru-earth-fundraisers.html>



### C. Argyle Music Association - Purdys Fundraiser

Take part in AMA (Argyle Music Association) Spring/Easter Fundraiser to help cover the costs for music trips by getting 25% return into your student's 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<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Pick Up/ Drive Thru: Date TBA (before spring break) 3:30-5:30pm at Argyle
- Enquiries: [fundraising@argylemusic.ca](mailto:fundraising@argylemusic.ca)



## 5. Parent/Guardian Sessions

### A. Substance Use Prevention: A Guide for Parents

- Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> · 6:00 - 7:30pm, online – [Click here to register](#)
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> - [Click here to Register](#)
- February 28<sup>th</sup> - [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.

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

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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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/sextortion.

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



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### C. [Parents as Education and Career Coaches](#)

EducationPlannerBC and SD 44 North Vancouver invite parents, families, and student supporters to join our virtual workshop on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 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 10-12.

The session is engaging and informative, and includes a website tour followed by a Q&A. The session will be recorded and emailed to all registrants.

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 [www.EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca)
- Hosted on MS Teams webinar. Registration is required.

## 6. Post-secondary & Career Exploration Opportunities

### A. [BCIT Big Info Night](#) – Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00pm

Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about BCIT programs – from business and media, computing and IT, engineering, health sciences, trades and apprenticeships, and applied and natural sciences.



It's free. It's lively. It's a night of possibilities. This is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. **Join in person on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm at the Burnaby Campus.** [Register now to attend in person.](#)

**B. [SFU Beedie Sneak Peek](#), April 5<sup>th</sup>, Virtual (Zoom)**

Students can join us virtually on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30pm (PDT) for a glimpse into the world of SFU Beedie! During this event, students will have the opportunity to engage in a mini-lecture, hear from current Business students, and connect with faculty and staff who will guide you through your journey. There will also be some great prizes to be won!

**C. Quantum Leaps Career Conference online on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00pm**

This particular Quantum Leaps Event will focus on women professionals working in careers related to Engineering - Particularly Structural and Chemical Engineering. They also have experience in science communication and facilitating learning.

Participants will get the opportunity to chat with women professionals and ask questions about their careers.

You can learn more about this free event and register [here](#)



**D. Dream it be it Career Fair : Think Outside the Box - Non-Traditional Career Options**

Soroptimist International of North and West Vancouver invite young women, transgender, non-binary and two-spirited individuals to an evening of Career Support. If you are between 16-21 and would like to hear and meet inspiring women from a variety of interesting and non-traditional careers, please consider registering for this free event. Free dinner and the chance to win a \$500 education voucher. For ages 16-21.



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- Location: Carson Graham Secondary School
- Date & Time: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 7:00pm.
- See attached poster for more information and to register for the event

## 7. North Shore Youth Opportunities

Please see the attachment for information on youth programs, volunteer opportunities, and events in the community.

