



Friday, January 20th, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

We are nearing the halfway point of the year with just 5 days left in semester 1. Please take note of the "Semester End" section below to learn more about review & completion, semester turnaround around, and the start of semester 2.

We received good news this week that the gym floor repairs will be contained to the centre gym (the south half of the large gym). The small gym reopened this week so we now have it and the north half of the large gym which reopened during the first week back. We are working with the contractor and, contingent on delivery of materials, we anticipate renewal work will be completed by the end of March. This includes applying finishing coats to the entire gym floor over Spring Break. We will continue to provide updates as the work continues.

This week, secondary school students, families and staff will have received an email with an invitation to participate in the Secondary Schedule Survey asking whether you would prefer a linear or semester system next year. Feedback received will be used to help the school district plan for the coming school year. The deadline to participate in the survey is Tuesday, January 31st. The survey takes less than a minute and we encourage all to participate.

In this newsletter you will find information on:

1. Semester 1 end & semester 2 start up
2. Planning for 2023-2024 – parent info sessions
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Sincerely,

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



1. Semester 1 End & Semester 2 Start-up

We are nearing the end of semester 1. Students should be making use of daily flex time for studying, receiving extra help, and working on assignments and projects.

At the end of semester 1 students need to return any textbooks and novels to the library to be scanned in. Books not returned will be assessed a replacement fee.

The last day of classes for semester 1 is Friday, January 27th. This is a full day of school.

Monday, January 30th and Tuesday, January 31st are *Review and Completion* days. Students with outstanding work to be completed need to attend on these days. Students needing to come in should schedule appointments with their teachers on these days. Students who do not have outstanding work to complete do not need to attend on these days.

Wednesday, February 1st is *Semester Turnaround Day*. There are no classes in session and the school is closed to students on this day.

Thursday, February 2nd is the first day of semester 2 classes and the block rotation will be 5678. Students who are unsure of their semester 2 schedule can login to the MyEd portal to view their schedule at any time. <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

Once logged in students need to click on the “My Info” top tab, then “Current Schedule” side tab.

Course	Description
MSC-10---01	SCIENCE 10



2. Planning for 2023 – 2024 – Parent info sessions

Planning for the 2023-2024 school year has begun. There are **several parent information sessions** over the next month that we want to draw our attention to.

The Post-Secondary Information (PSI) night for students currently in grade 10 & 11 and their parents is on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00pm in Argyle's multipurpose space. It is recommended that students plan out their grade 11 and 12 years at the same time.

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 & 9 students. A course planning information session for students will take place during period 6 on Thursday, February 9th.

Grade 7 students who attend an Argyle feeder school will receive information shortly. This information will also be posted on the Argyle website so it is available to all families including those not from one of our feeder schools. The grade 7 parent info night is on Monday, Feb. 13th at 7:00pm.

All course programming sessions will be in-person with presentation slides posted on the Argyle website after each event.

3. Yearbook – Order by February 1st

The deadline to order a yearbook is February 1st. To order a yearbook, log in to School Cash Online and select the yearbook fee to pay. We do not order extra yearbooks so make sure to order yours by February 1st. The yearbook is completed throughout the year by students in the yearbook class and students receive it at the end of June.

4. Grade 12 Graduation Assessments – NEXT WEEK

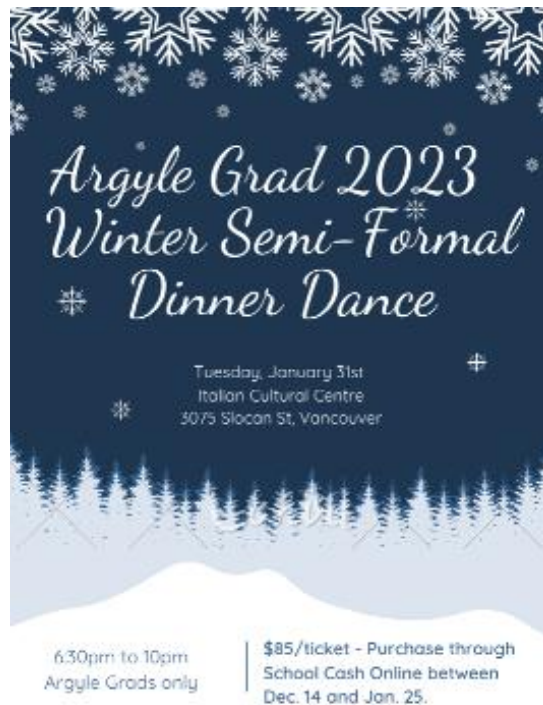
All **grade 12 students** are scheduled to write the Literacy 12 (LTE12) Graduation Assessment the week of January 23rd to 26th. Students are organized by alpha and should check the lists on the bulletin boards and on the office windows for their time and location. Any questions about the assessment should be forwarded to Mr. Crowley (jcrowley@sd44.ca). **This assessment is a graduation requirement.**



5. 2023 Grad News

A. Grad semi formal – Tuesday, January 31st (deadline to purchase tickets January 25th)

Grad semi formal dinner and dance tickets are on sale on School Cash Online. Tickets are \$85.00 each. The event is at the Italian Cultural Centre. **The last day to purchase a ticket is Wednesday, January 25th.**



B. Scholarship & bursary application deadline – By 9:00 am on Friday, January 27th

The application deadline for Argyle scholarships and bursaries is Friday, January 27th at 9:00 am. Late applications are not accepted. All grads are part of an Argyle scholarship team on Teams where information, including the application and instructions, are posted. Do not leave this to the last week! Start now!

C. Yearbook write up & baby photos (optional) – due by February 1st

Grads will receive a Teams Form soon with information on submitting their yearbook write up and how to submit a baby photo to be printed next to their grad photo in the yearbook. Please keep an eye on your email over the next week! The deadline to submit a write up and/or baby photo is February 1st.



6. PAC Parent Social & Fundraiser

Please join us on **Friday, February 24th from 7:00 pm -11:00 pm** for the FIRST "Parent Social Fundraiser" (with guided school tours) being held in the new school! We will have a lovely spread of culinary delights from local Folia Catering, and an assortment of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages from the cash bar (credit card payments will be accepted). Enjoy music and a lovely West Coast nature decor and make sure to hop in on a tour of the new school (including the parts you have never seen before!!).

Tours will run from approximately 7:30-9:30pm. There will also be a Silent Auction containing all student created works of art: possibilities include woodwork, metal work, glass and jewelry, photography, and fabric/clothing creations from our new Direct-to-Garment printer.

Tickets will be on sale in early February via Eventbrite - watch for more info to come....

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: please see the attached information for how to participate in sponsoring this event. All proceeds raised for this event will go towards PAC initiatives for 2023.





7. Secondary Enhanced Programs & Academies Night – January 26th

Families with students in Grades 7 to 11 are invited to learn more about the various [enhanced programs and academies](#) offered at secondary schools throughout the school district. The event will take place on Thursday, January 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Sutherland Secondary School (1860 Sutherland Avenue). [Sign up to attend here.](#)

8. Digital Media Academy Open House – February 1st

A Digital Media Academy (DMA) information session takes place on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 pm in the Argyle Secondary School library. DMA Teachers Murray Bulger and Chris Miller will discuss details about the DMA Full program (Grades 11 and 12), DMA Lite program (Grades 9 and 10), and application requirements. Please visit the [DMA website](#) for more information.

9. Trades Programs Information Night – February 15th

Secondary students and their parents/guardians are invited to learn about various opportunities available to students in Grades 10-12. Representatives from SkilledTradesBC (formerly Industry Training Authority), trades employers in North Vancouver, and school district career program educators will be in attendance. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Avenue). [Sign up to attend here.](#)

10. Health Reminders from VCH



When should I keep my sick child home from school?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

1. The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
2. The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
3. The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
4. The protection of other children.



Please keep your child home if they:

1. Have a fever.
2. Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
3. Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
4. Are vomiting or have diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Where can I find more Information?

Health Link BC – By calling 8-1-1, you can speak to a health service navigator, who can help you find information and services, or connect you with a health professional. You can also find information online at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca>

- Sneezes and Diseases – online at <https://sneezesdiseases.com>
- BCCDC – online at Schools (bccdc.ca)
- VCH – online at Children, youth & schools - Vancouver Coastal Health (vch.ca)

11. Upcoming Dates

Jan. 23 rd to 26 th	Literacy 12 graduation assessment for all Gr. 12 students
Wednesday, Jan. 25 th	French literacy 12 written component for S1 FRAL 12 students
Wednesday, Jan. 25 th	Post-secondary information evening for students & parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 students
Wednesday, Jan. 25 th	Staff collaboration – late start schedule for students
Thursday, Jan. 26 th	Secondary enhanced programs & academies info night at Sutherland Secondary
Friday, Jan. 27 th	Last day of semester 1 classes. Return all resources by this date.
Friday, Jan. 27 th	9:00 am – Argyle scholarship & bursary application due for gr. 12's.
Friday, Jan. 27 th	Argyle choir concert at Highlands United Church, doors at 7:10pm, concert at 7:30pm



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January 30 th & 31 st	Semester 1 review & completion days (regular classes not in session; student drop in/by appointment with teacher)
Tuesday, Jan. 31 st	Grad 2023 semiformal dinner dance
Wednesday, Feb. 1 st	Semester 1 turnaround day – students not in session
Wednesday, Feb. 1 st	Yearbook order deadline
Wednesday, Feb. 1 st	DMA info night, 7:00 pm, Argyle library
Thursday, Feb. 2 nd	Semester 2 starts (block order 5678)

