



Friday, January 21st

Dear Argyle Families,

We are coming up to the semester change. Semester courses finish next Thursday and students begin semester 2 courses on February 1st. Please make note of the semester change schedule below.

Friday, January 28 – Review & Completion Day

- No classes for students.
- Students attend class by teacher invitation or by emailing or messaging their teacher in Teams to make an appointment prior to Friday.

Monday, January 31 – Semester Turnaround Day

- No classes for students.

Tuesday, February 1 – First Day of Semester 2

- Regular school day
- Students attend period 5 in the morning and period 6 in the afternoon (“Day 1”).

Wednesday, February 2

- Regular school day
- Students attend period 7 in the morning and period 8 in the afternoon (“Day 2”).

Thursday, February 3

- Regular school day – Day 1 (period 5 & 6)

Friday, February 4

- District wide professional development day
- No classes for students.

Monday, February 7

- DAY 1 – periods 5 & 6

Argyle’s calendar showing the periods for each day can be found in the student agenda book and on the web as a PDF [here](#).

At the end of next week we will also be saying goodbye to three Argyle teachers who are retiring: social studies teacher Mr. Ian Milord, art teacher Ms. Jill Warland, and sciences naturelles teacher Mme Helene Gauthier. We would like to thank them for their many years of service to the Argyle community and congratulate them on their retirement. As a result there will be a few changes to our semester 2 teaching staff.



Please take a few moments to read through the important updates below.

Topics include:

- Course programming & post-secondary info virtual evening sessions
- Enhanced programs including academies
- Secondary schedule survey
- Argyle yearbook
- Bell Let's Talk Day
- January graduation assessments update (gr. 10 & 12)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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

Important Updates

1. Course Programming & Post-Secondary Info Virtual Evening Events

The virtual Post-Secondary Information (PSI) night for students in grade 10 & 11 and their parents is next week on Wednesday at 7pm. 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 9th for parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 students and at 7:30pm for parents/guardians of current grade 8 & 9 students.

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.

All course programming sessions will be virtual and links will be posted on the Argyle website on the day of the event. A narrated PowerPoint of each presentation will also be posted after the event if you are unable to make the live virtual event.



2. Enhanced Programs including Academies

Grades 7 to 11 students and their families are invited to join evening online information sessions to learn more about 2022-23 program offerings. Registration opens January 19th and closes February 21st. Information sessions will be delivered using either Zoom or MS Teams. For further details click [HERE](#).

Secondary enhanced program offerings include:

Digital Media – gr. 11 & 12 at Argyle	Soccer
Digital Media Lite – gr. 9 & 10 at Argyle	Dance
Basketball – multiple locations; one stream is at Argyle	Hockey Skills
Volleyball	Artists for Kids Studio Art
Rowing (NEW)	The Business of Gaming (NEW)
Robotics	Performance Learning Program
	IB Diploma Programme

3. Secondary Schedule Survey

The NVSD recently sent out an invitation to participate in a survey about the secondary school schedule. We strongly encourage all families to participate.

Over the past two years, the NVSD has adjusted its Secondary School Schedules to support student learning and minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools.

The NVSD is keen to hear from secondary school families, students, and students about their experiences during the 2021/2022 school year, which used a different schedule to deliver learning opportunities.

The feedback you share, in addition to the feedback the NVSD received from the 2020/2021 Secondary School Schedule Survey, will be used to help plan for the coming school year.

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open from Tuesday, January 18 to Monday, January 31, 11:59 p.m.

Click this link to access the survey: www.nvsg2022.com

Please note:

- ALL responses are 100% confidential
- The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party (www.flexsurveys.com/)
- Only 1 completion per household



4. Argyle Yearbook

The deadline to purchase a 2021-2022 Argyle yearbook is February 1st. To purchase the yearbook, login into School Cash Online and select the "Yearbook" listed under Optional items. We do not order extra yearbooks for purchase in June.

5. Bell Let's Talk Day – January 26th



On Wednesday, January 26th, Argyle will be joining in to help create awareness and positive change for mental health for Bell Let's Talk Day.

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell will contribute 5 cents for every applicable text, tweet, or TikTok video using the HASHTAG: #BellLet'sTalk, or for posts using the Facebook frame or Snapchat lens.

Throughout the week we will be sharing actions big and small that students can do to improve our own mental health and the lives of people struggling with mental health issues. In the library there will be mindful mandalas to colour and opportunities for students to share actions and ideas that support good mental health by completing a Talk Bubble that will be displayed.

<https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>

6. January Graduation Assessments

The following message was forwarded to all impacted grade 10 and 12 students earlier today, however, we wanted to provide this information to all families.

We received notification late yesterday from the Ministry of Education that, due to the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, the January administration session of the provincial graduation assessments has been cancelled.

Students who were scheduled to write Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and French Literacy 12 next week will write these assessments at a later administration session and will now attend their regularly scheduled classes next week.

Further information on rescheduling January assessments will be provided when available.