



Friday, January 6th, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

Thank you for your support this week. Your students have adjusted well to the new daily schedule and have demonstrated flexibility and resilience with respect to our gym situation.

We would like to provide an update on Argyle's gymnasiums. We regained access to the north half of the large gym for PHE classes and athletics on Wednesday afternoon. The water damage appears to be limited to a portion of the floor affecting the centre gym, the south half of the large gym. There was less damage to the small gym and there are currently heated drying pads on a portion that need to remain in place for at least another few days next week before it is reassessed. A restoration company is currently assisting in drying the flooring, and the insurance adjustor is assessing the extent of the damage with flooring subcontractors who were also out this week. We are awaiting information on the scope and timeline of the repairs. Consultants have also been on site this week and are reviewing both interim and long-term provisions to prevent such an event from happening again. As an interim immediate measure, sandbags have been added where the water entered in the gym.

We typically have two Physical & Health Education classes in the gyms and with the reopening of half the large gym just one class is displaced per block. We have been making full use of our fitness centre, activity room, and the north half of the large gym. Some classes are accessing outdoor places including using the Lynn Valley multipurpose field and hiking. We have also used Lynn Valley Elementary's gym when it's not being used by LVE students. Health lessons have continued to take place in classroom spaces as they did before the break. We also had use of the library this week for health lessons. For things like CPR classes previously scheduled in January we are looking into using the multipurpose space. We are also exploring options with the North Vancouver Rec Commission. The basketball academy has moved to Mountainside Secondary for the remainder of the semester.

The Argyle Admin team would like to thank the consideration and assistance of colleagues within the North Vancouver and West Vancouver School Districts who were quick to generously offer use of their facilities for athletics. Basketball practices are currently taking place in Argyle's north gym, at Lynn Valley Elementary, Sutherland Secondary, Mountainside Secondary, and Ridgeway Elementary. Gymnastics continues to practice out of Flicka on Sundays and will use the Argyle north gym on Wednesdays when they do not have a meet. Cheer is practicing mornings and after school in Argyle's north gym. We have moved after school wrestling practices to the multipurpose space at Argyle. The North Shore Athletic Association has been a tremendous help in relocating home games to schools across the North Shore.



Thank you for your continued support and kindness as we navigate this new challenge! And a special thank you to our PHE teachers and athletic director, Mr. Pearce, for their hard work and flexibility this week.

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

Topics include:

1. Graduation assessments
2. Semester 1 music concert change
3. Counsellor change
4. Student & family affordability fund
5. Semester end
6. Yearbook
7. 2023 grad news
8. Planning for 2023-2024
9. NV DPAC presentations
10. Upcoming dates

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Jonat', followed by a stylized flourish.

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



1. Graduation Assessments

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.

Additionally, all Semester 1 Français Langue 12 (French Immersion) students are schedule to write their Oral Component of the French Literacy (LTF12) Assessment the week on either January 17th or 18th and the Written Component of the assessment on Wednesday, January 25th (8:00am).

Students and parents can check previously written Graduation Assessment Scores directly in MyEd. To see assessment scores go to: *MyEd > Family top tab > click on a specific student > Assessments side tab*. Assessments scores show up in MyEd approximately 4 –5 weeks after an assessment is written.

Any questions about the assessment should be forwarded to Mr. Crowley (jcrowley@sd44.ca).

2. Semester 1 Music Concert Change

Due to the damages to the gym floor we have adjusted the semester 1 music showcase.

The semester 1 BAND concert will continue as scheduled on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm but the location has moved to Argyle's multipurpose space and theatre. The semester 1 bands are band 8 and the junior jazz band.

The CHOIR & STRINGS concert has moved to Friday, January 27th and will take place at Highlands United Church in Edgemont Village. Doors are at 7:10 am with the concert starting at 7:30 pm. Admission by donation.





3. Counsellor Change – Grade 11 and Choices

Ms. Sarah Gordon starts her maternity leave on Monday. We will miss her and wish her all the best in the days and months ahead.

Ms. Shawn White will be returning to Argyle starting Monday to cover Ms. Gordon's leave. Ms. White knows the Argyle community very well having retired as a counsellor at Argyle. She has remained actively involved in the school community volunteering in Argyle's basketball program and being a TTOC in many classes and in counselling here. We feel very fortunate to have her back! Ms. White's email is swhite@sd44.ca

4. Student & Family Affordability Fund Reminder

Through the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) (SFAF), the school district is supporting students and their families who are feeling financially challenged due to the rising costs of living. To request financial support throughout the 2022-2023 school year for expenses such as:

- School fees
- School/course supplies
- Clothing/footwear
- Basic necessities
- Athletic wear (for school athletics)
- Family food security (groceries)
- One-day field trips (multi-day trips are not covered)

please complete the form(s) available on the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) web page and submit the form(s) in confidence to Ms. Jonat (kjonat@sd44.ca or drop off in the office).

There are two different forms depending on the support being requested:

1. [Application to Waive School Fee form](#)
--> Use this form to request a waiver of school fees such as costs for courses or programs, cultural events, activities, one-day field trips, and athletics fees.
2. [Request for Family Assistance form](#)
--> Use this form to request support for expenses including, for example, school/course supplies, clothing/footwear, basic necessities, family food security.



Should you have any questions or need support completing the form(s), please reach out to any of the school admin. A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page is also available. Please note this fund does not cover Academy program fees, household utilities, gas, community sports, or rent. A limited number of bursaries are available for academies. Visit the [Academies](#) web page for a link to each academy's program information.

5. Semester End



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/aspen/logon.do>



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

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6. 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.

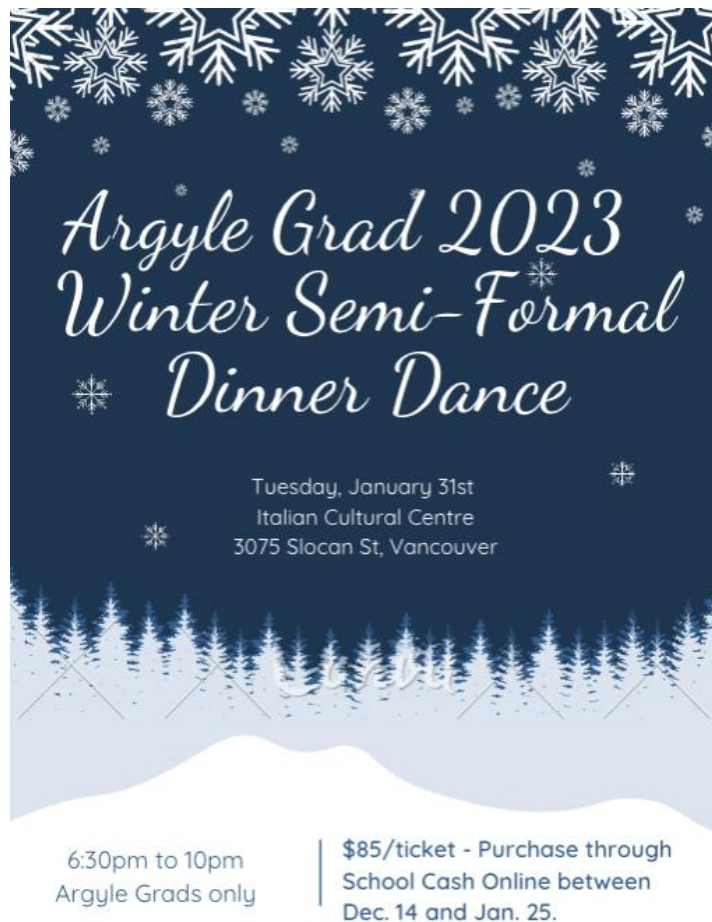




7. 2023 Grad News

A) Grad semi formal – Tuesday, January 31st

Grad semi formal dinner and dance tickets are on sale on School Cash Online. Tickets are \$85 each. The event is at the Italian Cultural Centre.



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.

8. Planning for 2023 – 2024

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

The Post-Secondary Information (PSI) night for students currently in grade 10 and 11 and their parents is on Wednesday, January 25th at 7pm 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 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 8th for parents/guardians of current grade 10 and 11 students and at 7:30 pm for parents/guardians of current grade 8 and 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. All course programming sessions will be in-person with presentation slides posted on the Argyle website after each event.

9. NV DPAC Parent Sessions

[White Hatters: Digital Literacy and Internet Safety – January 11](#)

Presented by NVPAC, this webinar, taking place on Wed., January 11th at 7:00 pm, is designed to help families understand both the enabling power of technology and mobile communications and how to mitigate the sometimes unintended consequences of high-risk or challenging online behaviour.



White Hatters: Gaming Concerns, Balance, Addictions & Opportunities – January 25

Presented by NVPAC, this webinar, taking place on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm, is designed to help families create a healthy game plan while delving into the research, stories, and firsthand examples of the positives and negatives in the gaming industry.

10. Upcoming dates



Wednesday, Jan. 11 th	PAC meeting, 7:00 pm, Argyle library
Jan. 17 th & 18 th	Semester 1 FRAL 12 students – French oral grad assessment
Wednesday, Jan. 18 th	Semester 1 grade 8 band & junior jazz Band music concert
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	9am – Argyle scholarship & bursary application due for gr. 12's.
Friday, Jan. 27 th	Argyle choir concert at Highlands United Church, doors at 7:10 pm, concert at 7:30 pm
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 pm, Argyle library
Thursday, Feb. 2 nd	Semester 2 starts (block order 5678)