



Friday, June 11th, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

As we enter the final month of the 2020-2021 school year we have much to celebrate and reflect upon. We continue to be impressed by the persistence of our students as they come to the end of a very unique school year. June also has a very different feel from previous years; with the quarter system, a significant amount of learning remains in all Q4 courses. It is important to reiterate to your children to continue their efforts and engagement to the very end of classes. In most cases, students are just starting their final unit of study for a course. We encourage daily attendance to all classes to ensure that students can finish their final courses successfully and set themselves up for success for the fall. This is also the time for students to complete all past work and submit any outstanding assignments to their teachers. Good luck to all our families as we make the final big push to summer.

In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. "Gotcha" Release
2. School Fees Reminder
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4. NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Student Focus Group
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Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



1. “Gotcha” Release

The Digital Media Academy and Argyle’s Drama Department collaborated to create *Gotcha*, a 39-minute film with a message of non-violence wrapped in a thriller suspense. The film premiered on Tuesday evening. We are extremely proud of the cast & crew who created this film despite all the challenges this year has brought. Special thank you to Executive Producers Mr. Miller and Mr. Featherstone for their tireless dedication, passion, time, and guidance they gave to all involved. Please see the media release attached to this email for further details.

Please help support future creative projects by purchasing a ticket or tickets before you watch the film. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Click [here](#) to make a donation. You do NOT need to be associated with the School District to contribute. You can pay as a guest. Ignore the message bar that says you need a student number.

Gotcha, which has a suggested rating of PG 13 can be viewed [HERE](#) until the end of June. Parents are strongly cautioned – Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Our story focuses on teenage bullying and other social emotional experiences some teens go through. The film is a suspense thriller that follows a group of teenagers that play a game that has serious consequences.

2. School Fees Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has cleared their child’s account on School Cash Online. If you haven’t already done so please log on to School Cash Online now and clear up any outstanding fees prior to the end of the school year. <https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>

3. Grad Fee Reminder

Parents/guardians of graduates are reminded to login into School Cash Online to pay the \$60 Graduation fee as soon as possible. Thank you to all those who have already done so. <https://sd44.schoolcashonline.com/>



4. NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Student Focus Group

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Committee is hosting a student focus group during the week of June 21st. The session will take place afterschool on Zoom from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. We would like to invite students who identify as a visible minority to participate in this virtual event. The discussion will be conducted by Bakau Consulting and will not include NVSD staff. Students who identify as a visible minority and who are available to participate after school are encouraged to sign up in the office with their name, grade, and email. Please see below for further details.

These groups are being run to complement the equity, diversity and inclusion work that the North Vancouver School District has undertaken, along with our team at Bakau Consulting. In these one-hour long virtual sessions, we will be looking for a deeper understanding of what diversity and inclusion looks like for students, in relation to their interactions with the North Vancouver School District. The feedback we get will be incorporated with the quantitative data that has been collected through the surveys, already in circulation.

It's important that we hear from a wide range of voices that represent the whole community. All voices, opinions and experiences will be respected and valued for the contribution to our wider understanding. We're looking to hear back from as many students as possible, and will confirm spots in the group 48 hours beforehand while we try our best to have the groups be as diverse as possible.

Student privacy will be maintained. The sessions will be recorded over Zoom, in order to allow us to later review comments in preparation for our final report. All notes and comments shared within the report will be removed of all identifiable characteristics in order to maintain anonymity, and the recordings will be destroyed once the report has been prepared.

The focus groups are being conducted by Will Shelling and Koshiki Tanaka, from Bakau Consulting. If you have any questions you can connect with Will at will@bakauconsulting.com.

5. 2021-22 Calendar

Please see the attached school calendar for 2021-2022. It is also posted on the Argyle website [here](#). A detailed monthly calendar will be published closer to the start of the next school year.



6. Counsellor's Corner – A message from Argyle's Counselling Department

Here are a couple of summer leadership and learning activities for students:

- **NSPA Volunteer Opportunities** – The North Shore Pride Alliance is seeking diverse volunteers for North Shore Pride Week 2021. Available positions include grant writing, financial/accounting, administration/letter writing, graphic/artistic/creative, event hosts/support, and general duties.

Contact **Gary Woods** (northshorepridealliance@zoho.com) to apply or request more information.

- **Loutet Farm Volunteer Drop-In** – Join the Edible Garden Project at Loutet Farm (1400 Rufus Ave) for fun and engaging drop-in volunteer sessions on Monday afternoons from 3:00pm to 5:00pm (except statutory holidays). High school aged youth can receive hands-on experience in a small-scale agricultural operation. No experience is necessary; tools and training will be provided.

For more information, see <https://ediblegardenproject.com/volunteer/> or contact **Stephanie Korolyk** (schools@ediblegardenproject.com). Registration is not required.

- **YouthLAB Call for Volunteers** – YouthLAB is accepting applications from any North Shore youth in grades 10-12 for 2021/22. Earn up to 50 volunteer hours over the 2021-22 school year by learning and participating in mental health forums, advocating for the needs of youth in your community, and developing leadership skills.

Apply at <https://familyservices.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/YL-Application-2021.2022-PDF.pdf> or contact **Jenn Hamman** (hamman@familyservices.bc.ca) for more information. The application deadline is Wednesday, June 30th.

- **HELP Client Service Volunteers** – The Canadian Red Cross is looking for volunteers to support the Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP). Volunteers will process referral forms and loan medical equipment from the North Vancouver depot.

Apply at <https://www.redcross.ca/volunteer/apply-now/client-services-volunteer-health-equipment-loan-program> or contact Anna Schneider (volunteerBCY@redcross.ca) for more information.