



Friday, June 23rd, 2023

Dear Argyle Families,

It is hard to believe that semester 2 classes wrap up today and the end of the school year has arrived. The past few weeks have seen many celebrations, from awards, graduation events, concerts, and culminations of student learning including ethics bowls in economic theory 12, a Piper's Den competition in business ed 10, and a photography 11/12 exhibition to name a few.

Congratulations to all students recognized at this week's school awards grade assemblies, last week's athletics awards, and at the music awards and concert. We, the staff at Argyle, are proud of your achievements, service, leadership, and citizenship shown throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating our 2023 graduates at the graduation ceremony on Sunday.

The dedication and support shown by the Argyle school community have been truly remarkable. I extend heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. It is a privilege to be part of such a nurturing and compassionate environment at Argyle.

Every year brings new challenges and possibilities – and sometimes it brings changes for our staff team. I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a number of staff who will be seeking new horizons next year.

Please join me in congratulating learning support teacher Ms. Tracey England on her retirement next week. Ms. England has been an educator for 35 years and joined the Argyle staff in 1999. A strong advocate for students, she has had the pleasure of working with most of her students for all five years of their high school experience.

As previously shared, Vice Principal Mr. John Crowley will also be retiring next week after 35 years in education, including 22 years as a school administrator. Carson Graham Vice Principal, Mr. Tim Ireland will be joining the Argyle administrative team.

Thank you Ms. England and Mr. Crowley for all your years of service to students, staff and the school community. You will be missed!



I would also like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a number of staff next year including:

- Stina Avefjall (on leave), home economics teacher
- Claudia Cabezas, Educational assistant
- Diana Chan (on leave), band teacher
- Irene del Rosario, Educational assistant
- Ryan Duffy (on leave), physical & health education teacher
- Sam Lo, math teacher, moving to Sutherland as a counsellor
- Tanja Macek, art teacher
- Shawna Matheson, English teacher
- Grace Owens, English teacher

We will also see some new and returning faces at Argyle next year including:

- Kelly D'Aoust is joining us to teach in learning services.
- Kate Lane is returning to teach English.
- Victoria Waud is returning to teach home economics.
- Jia Yoo is returning to teach math.

A few vacancies remain to fill and I will update families with further staffing changes in the end of August back-to-school newsletter.

In this final newsletter you will find information on:

1. Next week
2. Final report cards
3. Yearbook pick up schedule
4. Resource return
5. School fees
6. 2023 Grad ceremony
7. 2024 Grad dates
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As summer approaches, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, enjoyable, and rejuvenating break. I look forward to reconvening on September 5th, ready to embark on another remarkable year together. And finally, congratulations and best wishes to all our 2023 graduates!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Jonat'.

Kim Jonat
Principal



1. Next Week

Monday & Tuesday – Review & Completion

Students with outstanding work to be completed need to attend on these days. Students needing to come in should schedule appointments with their teachers. Students who do not have outstanding work to complete do not need to attend on these days.

Wednesday – final report cards published

Thursday – yearbook pick up – see schedule below

Friday – Administrative Day (staff only)

2. Final Report Cards

Report cards will be published by end of day Wednesday, June 28th. You will receive an email when your student's report cards are available to view. Please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report card prior to July 30th as report cards disappear at year-end rollover. This final report card will contain all courses and marks for the year. Your child also has access to their report card through their MyEd account. If there are any questions or concerns about your child's report card please contact teachers by email directly prior to June 30th.

3. Yearbook Pick up Schedule

Below are a few reminders about yearbook pickup:

- School Cash Online must be cleared and all resources returned prior to coming to collect a yearbook (if one was ordered).
- Students unable to pick up their yearbook at their scheduled time may either have a parent/guardian collect it, or they can have another Argyle student pick it up with a signed written note or a Teams message from their friend.
- We are unable to give yearbooks to students that are not Argyle students.
- Yearbooks can also be picked up on Wednesday, July 5th or in September if you are away Thursday.
- If you missed the opportunity to purchase a yearbook there may be some available for purchase starting at 9:00a.m. on Friday, June 30th from the office. They are \$50.00 **cash only**; first come first served until we run out of books. Please bring exact change. We are unable to order additional yearbook copies.
- Grade 12's will also be picking up graduation photos that were part of their graduation package at the same time as their yearbook pick up.



Yearbook pick up schedule for Thursday, June 29th

TIME	GRADE
9:30am	8
10:00am	9
10:30am	10
11:00am	11
11:30am	12 Grad photos & yearbook
12:00 - 1:00pm	No pickup
1:00pm	All grades can pick up from main office

4. Resource Return

Textbooks and library books are now overdue. If your student has books outstanding, please return them to the Argyle Library book slot, not the classroom teacher. All textbooks and novels handed out are barcoded. The barcodes are scanned to sign in and out textbooks and library books, just like the local libraries.

If you have been assessed for items from past years, please return those directly to Mr. Peake in the office.

If you happen to find **any** other Argyle resources, uniforms, equipment, or books at your home please return them as next year's students need them.

5. School Fees

A final reminder to please ensure school fees are paid on [School Cash Online](#) prior to the end of the school year next week. Fees must be cleared prior to yearbook pick up.



6. 2023 Grad Ceremony

Argyle's 2023 graduation ceremony is on Sunday, June 25th at 11:00a.m. at the Orpheum Theatre. **Grads must arrive by 10:00a.m.** at the Granville Street entrance wearing their cap, vee-stole and gown. Doors for guests open at 10:00a.m. and the theatre seating opens at 10:30a.m. Guests enter through the Smythe Street entrance.

This is a ticketed event. All guests are required to have a ticket. Grads do not need a ticket; their ticket is wearing their cap, gown and vee-stole. Immediately after the ceremony grads will need to return their gown and vee-stole. Please ensure photos are taken prior to the ceremony. Grads keep their graduation caps.



7. 2024 Grad Dates – Current Grade 11 students

We will give next year's grade 12 families a full run down and a handout of all the key grad dates next September however we want to make sure you have these two key dates now:

- (a) 2024 Graduation Ceremony – Monday, June 24th, 7:00p.m., Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver
- (b) 2024 Graduation Banquet (Prom)– Saturday, June 8th, 5:45p.m., Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver

8. Argyle Summer Office Hours

Argyle's main office will be open on the following dates:

- July 4th to July 7th 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
- August 28th to September 1st 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
- July 10th to August 25th Closed

North Vancouver Summer Learning is taking place at Argyle Secondary this summer. The NVSL office is in the Argyle Library.



9. 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Argyle's approved calendar for the 2023-2024 school year can be found here: [CALENDAR](#). The detailed monthly calendar will be sent to families and posted in August.

Next year's weekly daily block rotation schedule is posted on the Argyle website [here](#). Like this year, we will be on a 4 block per day semester system with "flexible learning time" or "flex" time at the start of each day.

Students will receive their timetables on the **first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**. Information about the first day of school and school start-up information will be emailed home and posted on our website during the last week of August prior to the Labour Day holiday weekend.

10. Student Opportunities

A) [Teen Summer Reading Club](#) - June 18th –September 6th

This summer you can go undercover in a good book during our Summer Reading Club, from June 18-September 6! Complete as many challenges as you can and win prizes as you go.

How it works:

1. Pick up a Teen Summer Reading Club pamphlet at the Lynn Valley Library (or any District of NV public library).
2. Complete challenges throughout the summer!
3. Each time you complete a challenge, visit the library to get a small prize and to submit your name to a weekly raffle for gift cards.
4. When you finish all nine challenges, email TAG@nvdpl.ca and get a book prize!

You can claim your prizes in person at a library information desk anytime from July 3rd until September 5th.

B) [Teen Summer Writing Contest: More Than Meets the Eye](#)

Calling all young authors! We are looking for teen writers to wow us with stories of deception and hidden depths! Finalists will receive a gift card and have their submissions added to the library's permanent collection!



Submission Deadline: The contest will be accepting submissions from June 18th through to September 6th. All submissions are to be emailed to TAG@nvdpl.ca by midnight on September 6th at the latest. Click the link above for contest details.

C) Youth Volunteer Opportunities - [Youth Directory 2023](#)

If you are 12–19 years old and are looking for a volunteer opportunity, North Shore Community Resources (NSCR) Youth Volunteer Directory is the resource for you!

Volunteering when you are young is a great way to gain skills, experience and new social connections that help you and the community. NSCR's Youth Volunteer Directory has opportunities for youth of all ages. This directory is updated annually so whether your interests are animals and the environment, arts and culture, seniors or sports, we likely have a volunteer opportunity for you.

D) Foundry's Art Workshop

Foundry presents a willow weaving and public art installation workshop at Grand Blvd for youth (age 12-24) on Thursday, July 6th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. To register or find out more information, contact darius.lyon@vch.ca.

E) Youth Room Night

Foundry is hosting weekly youth groups starting Monday, June 26th from 5:00p.m.-7:30p.m. Games and refreshments will be offered. To register or find out more information, contact darius.lyon@vch.ca.

F) [Reuse It & Upcycle Fair](#)

Urban Repurpose is hosting an upcycling fair, art show and market on Sunday, July 9th from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. To find out more information, click the link above.



G) [NSWC Fearless Girls' Empowerment Camp](#)

North Shore Women's Centre presents a free feminist summer camp for self-identified girls and gender diverse youth (age 10-17). One-week sessions take place from Monday, July 10th -Friday, August 25th. For more information or to register click the link above.

H) [City Park Stewards](#)

The City of North Vancouver's Park Stewards program is seeking volunteers for an invasive pull at Lynnmouth Park from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, July 15. Register [HERE](#).

I) [SHAD Valley](#)

Congratulations to **grade 10 students Ella Waite, Jason Deng, and Keaton Johnson** on being selected to attend Shad this summer.

Applications for this summer are closed, but this program opens for applications in September for Summer 2024. Interested students going into grades 10 or 11 are encouraged to browse the Shad website this summer.

Five students from the NVSD earned a place at Shad among 1,300 other highly motivated Grade 10 and 11 students to participate in a **month-long STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and entrepreneurship program** at one of [22 Canadian universities](#). Shad has a [substantial financial assistance fund](#).

Students are selected from *thousands* of applicants to participate in this amazing opportunity to prepare for post-secondary, participate in university level lectures and labs, hear from professional keynote speakers and connect with peers from across Canada.

J) [Youth Advisory Council \(YAC\) for the Youth Development Instrument \(YDI\)](#)

Are you passionate about improving youth well-being? Do you want to have your voice heard about issues affecting youth? If yes, please read on!

This winter all grade 11 students completed the [Youth Development Instrument](#) questionnaire, and all grade 8 students completed the Middle Years Development Instrument. The information from these questionnaires helps schools and communities learn about how youth are doing, including areas of strength and areas of growth. This year over 14,000 students took the YDI. The YDI was developed by a team of researchers from SFU, the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC, and the BC Centre for Disease Control.



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The [Youth Advisory Council](#) is a group of high school aged (15-18 years) youth who provide youth perspectives for the YDI project, including design of YDI survey and how results are shared with others and put into action. YAC members meet virtually with the YDI research team 5-6 times during the school year and are provided honorarium for their work.

YDI is looking specifically for youth representation from our region.

Application form: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ymN8zw0uPoU45w

