

Friday, March 31st, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful Spring Break and are recharged for the final stretch of the school year.

At the start of spring break, Argyle's gymnastics team and the senior boys basketball team were competing in Provincial Championships. The gymnastics team are Provincial Champions winning the girls, boys, and overall title! The senior boys basketball team played highly competitive matches finishing 7th in B.C. Congratulations to all winter sports team athletes on their seasons.

Over Spring Break, members of Argyle's senior boys soccer team traveled to Hawaii where they competed against several Hawaiian teams including the current State Champions. They had a very busy itinerary filled with training, competition and numerous sightseeing and cultural activities.

We are thrilled to report that Argyle's gyms were finished over the break and reopened this week. Construction of the artificial turf field and sport court also commenced over spring break. Both of the exterior facilities are scheduled to open in September 2023.

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Please take some time to read the important updates below on:

- 1. Course Verification Process
- 2. Presentation for Grade 9 Students
- 3. Graduation Assessments Literacy 10
- 4. Spring Athletic Team Photos
- 5. Grad Gown Order
- 6. Argyle PAC Samosa Fundraiser
- 7. Upcoming Dates
- 8. Student Opportunities

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9. Argyle Highlights (photos)

Warm regards,

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Ames, Vice Principal



1. Course Verification Process - Current Grade 8 to 11 Students

Please ensure you check with your student(s) their course requests for the 2023-2024 school year. Instructions on how to do this were emailed to parents/guardians and students earlier today.

If any changes need to be made to course requests, please contact your student's counsellor directly by Friday, April 14th.

- Current Gr. 8's Ms. Peers <u>ipeers@sd44.ca</u>
- Current Gr. 9's Ms. Malone emalone@sd44.ca
- Current Gr. 10's Ms. Dashkevich vdashkevich@sd44.ca
- Current Gr. 11's Ms. White swhite@sd44.ca

Students who are requesting a study block should have submitted their applications already; see your counsellor if you have not already done so.

PEAK program applications also need to be submitted ASAP. Students who are currently in the PEAK program are also required to re-submit their application every year. The full package of materials is located on our website under <u>Student > Student programming</u>. Start your application with the application cover letter <u>here</u>. Students must also submit a student profile and coach's recommendation letters which are also found on our website or <u>here</u>.

2. Presentation for Grade 9 Students

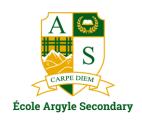
We are hosting the **Green Thumb Theatre Group**: **FOR NOW!** Presentation on Wednesday, April 12th. This will start early during Flex Time; Students are asked to arrive at School at **8:35am** for attendance. The presentation runs from 8:45-9:55, students will then make their way to their Period 7 class.

For information about the play FOR NOW click <u>here</u>. Topics explored in the play include healthy relationships, social justice, personal politics, gender identify, LGBTQIA2S+ and discrimination.

3. Graduation Assessments - Literacy 10

The Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment is scheduled for April 24th through April 27th. All current grade 10's have been scheduled to write; it is essential that students check the lists posted on the office windows for the date and time of their Assessment. Students who are not planning to graduate from a BC High School are not required to write and should send Mr. Crowley an MS Teams chat message to be taken off the list.

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Grade 11 or 12 students needing to write the Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment or Grade 12's needing to write the Numeracy 10 have been scheduled to write during this session as well. Check the lists posted on the office and if you are not listed, please see your counsellor immediately to be registered.

4. Spring Athletic Team Photos

On Tuesday, April 4th Grads BC will be taking photos of our spring sports teams. Students need to change into their uniforms and assemble in the large gym as quickly as possible for their sports team photo. These photos go in the yearbook and will be available for purchase.

5. Grad Gown Order

A reminder to grads to submit their orders for a graduation gown by April 6th. This <u>form</u> is to be completed by grade 12 students only. Students must order a gown to attend the ceremony. Information was sent to grads and parents/guardians earlier this week. Over 150 still need to complete the form!

6. Argyle PAC Samosa Fundraiser

Argyle PAC will be holding another fabulous Samosa Fundraiser this spring! It's time again to stock up on all your favorite items, plus try some new items: mini samosas, quinoa burger patties, falafel bites, pakoras, curries, rice, movie theatre popcorn and more.

Ordering will open April 10th and close April 30th. Drive-through pickup at Argyle on Friday, May 12th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

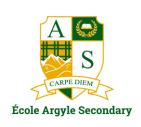
Here is the link to the Argyle page: samosafundraiser.com/argyle

Your purchase helps to support Argyle PAC initiatives for the 2022/23 and the 2023/24 school years. Thank you!

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7. Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 3rd French theatre performance for gr. 11 & 12 FI students, period 8

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Tuesday, April 4th Spring team photos at lunch in the gym

Friday, April 7th Good Friday (school closed)
Monday, April 10th Easter Monday (school closed)

Wednesday, April 12th 8:35am grade 9 presentation during flex in gym

Wednesday, April 12th PAC meeting, 7:00pm, Argyle library

Friday, April 14th ICBC road safety presentation for senior students

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8. Student Opportunities:

A. Vancouver Coastal Health: Health Care Career Open House - April 24th

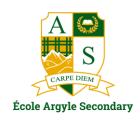
Are you driven by a desire to help? Get a career in health care! Vancouver Coastal Health in partnership with local post-secondary schools presents and Open House for you to learn more! Hear from health care professionals, take a tour of the simulation lab and meet representatives from healthcare programs.

When: Monday, April 24th Time: 1:30 - 5:30pm

Where: Paetzold Health Education Centre at Vancouver General Hospital. Click HERE for a map.



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B. Highlands Challenger Baseball: Volunteers Needed!

The Highlands Little League Challenger Baseball Division is seeking volunteers 13 years or older to help fill the role of "Buddy" for the upcoming 2023 season. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone seeking a fun, rewarding experience working with youth and adults with disabilities, in an outdoor sports setting.

The 2023 Challenger season will run from Saturday, April 15th to Saturday, June 17th. To get involved, please contact Highlands Buddy Coordinator, Sophie Mariano at challengerbuddies@gmail.com.

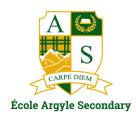


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9. Argyle Highlights

Argyle's gyms – refinished and reopened!



Argyle's senior boys soccer had a very successful spring break trip to Hawaii. The team is pictured below with the U18 Hawaii Rush team.



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Studio Arts 3D 10/11/12 students – Narrative silhouettes: students created paper silhouettes with a narrative from various sources (historical or current events, issues, songs, films, poems)

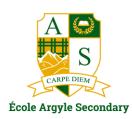


Argyle's gymnastics team won the provincial championships on the first Saturday of spring break.

Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches!



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This week Ms. Reid's Earth Science 11 students taught a hands-on lesson on how to identify minerals to Lynn Valley Kindergarten students. There were lots of curious questions, laughter, and energy in the room!



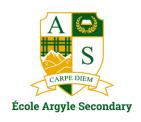


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The Student Council organized a "Feel Good Friday" to wrap up the first week back handing out cookies/juice/hot chocolate to students as they arrived this morning.



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