



Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Hello Argyle Families,

It's hard to believe that we find ourselves one month out to the end of the school year. There are many upcoming end of year celebrations and events and it is wonderful to see the students starting to showcase their hard work from the year. We look forward to some warmer weather next week and seeing some of you at events at our upcoming concerts and events.

In this newsletter, you will find information on the following:

1. Spring athletic update
2. Athletic awards
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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 Stewart, Vice Principal



## 1. Spring Athletics Update

Argyle has enjoyed a full Spring season of athletics for the first time in 3 years this year due to the pandemic. Argyle ran 10 sports teams and one club as participation in sport exploded.

The Girls Rugby team recently won the North Shore/Zone Championships and are on their way to the Provincial Championships next week. Also heading to Provincials are the SR Girls Soccer, Track and Field, & Mountain Biking teams. Our JR & SR Ultimate teams have also entered provincial tournaments to cap off their seasons. Congratulations to Argyle's two cheer teams who finished their season with a win at the BC Sport Cheer Championships and a berth to the world championships in Florida next year. Shout outs to our two JR Girls Soccer teams, our SR Boys Rugby team, our Golf team, and our Bantam Football team for their competitive seasons. We would also like to recognize the Badminton club, which saw huge attendance numbers resulting in the club splitting into JR and SR practices, with four sessions running per week.

Good luck to all our athletes heading to Provincials, and congratulations to every athlete that participated in athletics this Spring.



Championship banners at the entrance to the school



We are looking ahead to next Fall where we plan to run JR & SR Boys Soccer, JV and Varsity Football, JR & SR Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball 8-12, Swimming, Cross Country, & Bantam Rugby. If you are interested in coaching one of these teams, please reach out to Alex Kelsch at [akelsch@sd44.ca](mailto:akelsch@sd44.ca)

## 2. Argyle's Athletic Awards

Argyle's Athletic Awards will take place on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a BBQ at 5:00 PM put on by the Lynn Valley Lions (ticket needed). The presentation of awards begins at 6pm (no ticket needed; limited seating) in the multipurpose space and drama theatre at Argyle.

A list of award winners will be sent out to parents/guardians next week and will also be posted around the school.

Stay tuned for ticket sale info. All award winners have free entry but must pick up a ticket. Extra tickets are \$2. Dress is semi-formal.

## 3. Music Update

Argyle's music department has had a busy spring and is gearing up for the end of the school year.

The Argyle Chamber Choir recently performed at the virtual variety show Thursday Night Almost Live in support of Lions Gate Hospital on May 12. The event raised funds for the Medical Imaging department at LGH, and we're proud to support this important fundraiser.

The Chamber Choir also performed at the Gordon Smith Gallery on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This performance featured Argyle's Chamber Choir singing together with St Thomas More Collegiate's Chamber Choir in solidarity for Ukraine. The evening featured a diverse mix of songs from around the globe and home grown Canadian choral content.

Argyle's 40<sup>th</sup> annual Cabaret is tonight! The event is now sold out. Thank you to the AMA for organizing this spectacular event and to Mrs. Roberts, Ms. Chan, and Ms. Tsang for their tireless dedication to the music program.

On Monday, Chamber Choir and Senior band students are off to Camp Luther, Haztic Lake for an overnight retreat in preparation for the upcoming year end concert.

The year-end music concert will be held in the large gym on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend this wonderful evening of music featuring band, choir, and strings ensembles.



Today's dress rehearsal for Cabaret this evening.

#### **4. New Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement**

The information below was previously shared with grade 10 students and families but is important information for all students, particularly those in grades 8 & 9, to be aware of.

As part of the Province of British Columbia's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education has updated the BC Graduation Program requirements. Moving forward, the Ministry is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students in British Columbia. Under the new model, students who are currently in Grade 10 will be the first group to complete this updated course credit requirement by graduation.

The change requires that all students complete at least one 4-credit course with an indigenous focus prior to graduation. It does not change the number of credits required for graduation which remains at 80.

As this information was not available at the time of course selection, students in grade 10 were given the opportunity this week to plan for meeting this new graduation requirement now, as we know that the grade 11 and 12 course selection is critical for post-secondary institutions.



To ensure that Argyle's current grade 10 students will meet the new graduation requirement, Argyle will be running a Social Studies and two English courses next year that each meet this requirement.

The three course options being offered at Argyle next year are:

- [BC First Peoples 12](#)
- English First Peoples 11- [Literary Studies & Writing](#)
- English First Peoples 11: [Literary Studies and New Media](#)

It is important to note that English First Peoples 11 meets the Language Arts 11 (English 11) requirement for graduation. In addition, the BC First Peoples 12 course meets the Social Studies 11/12 requirement for graduation.

Grade 10 students attended a brief assembly on Thursday and completed a Teams form to indicate which course(s) they wish to take.

The new 4-credit graduation requirement will provide all BC students with the necessary time and opportunity to develop deeper understandings of the experiences, cultures, and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada, in support of the K-12 mandate to develop Educated Citizens.

For more information on the new Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement please refer to the BC Ministry of Education document [Indigenous-Focused Grad Requirement Overview](#). For further details please see the May 24<sup>th</sup> letter sent to grade 10 families posted [HERE](#)

## 5. Ministry Graduation Assessments

All students must complete three Graduation Assessments in order to meet ministry requirements for the Dogwood Diploma. Starting in 2022/2023, French Immersion students will additionally need to write the French Literacy 12 assessment. These assessments are scheduled throughout the year to ensure that students will have met requirements by June of their graduating year.

The next assessment session is this June (13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>) with the following assessments being written:

- Numeracy 10 (NME10)
  - o all current grade 10 students,
  - o any grade 12 students who have not written this assessment (confirm with Mr. Crowley)



- Literacy 12 (LTE12)
  - any grade 12 students who missed the April sitting (confirm with Mr. Crowley)
- Literacy 10 (LTE10)
  - any grade 12 students who have not yet written this assessment,
  - grade 11 students who missed writing in either the November or April sittings (confirm with Ms. Sigurdsson)

The list of students writing at each date and time is posted on office windows.

For more information on the Numeracy assessment, including sample assessments, please see:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

It is recommended that students complete the sample assessments found on the website in preparation for the assessment.

## 6. Year End Procedures

- Students who have a locker need to clean out their locker and return the lock to the office by the last day of classes (June 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- All Argyle resources are to be returned to the library drop box unless otherwise indicated by teachers.

## 7. School Fee Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has cleared their child's account on School Cash Online. If you have not 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.

School Cash Online: <https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>

School fees must be cleared prior to picking up yearbooks on June 29<sup>th</sup>. For grade 12's fees must be cleared prior to picking up grad caps & gowns on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Financial assistance is available for families in need. Please contact your child's grade administrator for details (gr. 8 & 10 – Mme Stewart; gr. 9 & 11 – Mr. Crowley; gr. 12 – Ms. Jonat).



## 8. Grad Updates

Grad 2022 t-shirts are available for purchase through School Cash Online. T-shirts are \$25 and all proceeds go to Grad Council for a grad legacy gift for Argyle. Purchase deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The graduation banquet is a week from today. Doors open at 5:45pm. All students and guests are required to pass a security check. Students will then have a photo taken by GradsBC in their formal wear. GradsBC will take a grad group photo in the lobby at 6:45pm. The formal portion of the evening will begin at 7pm. Grads and guests are reminded that this is a dry event for everyone. Anyone under the influence will not be permitted and no refund will be provided. Most grads have selected their seats but if you have yet to do so grads need to bring their receipt to Ms. England's room (158) and choose their seats on Monday.

## 9. Student Council

Student Council is looking for grade representatives for next year. Interested students in grades 8 to 11 can stop by room 201 to see Mrs. Avefjall to pick up an application and/or ask any questions. Applications are due by Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. Family Portrait Fundraiser at Dundarave Park

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 3:00pm-7:30pm**

As a special event, GradsBC will be offering outdoor family portraits at the picturesque Dundarave Park in West Vancouver. These 10-minute sessions will provide you with a rare opportunity to receive 6-10 professionally orchestrated family portrait poses in a location that offers a beach setting and other beautiful landscape options.

For just \$35.00 your family will receive a full sitting with multiple poses and an 8x10 portrait from the proof of your choice (Valued at \$150!) \$20 of this fee goes directly back to your school as a fundraiser! This is our way of giving back and working with your school community to offer affordable keepsakes as a thank you for your business from grad and school photo programs that you participated in this past year.

**\*Limited Space Available. In the past these events have sold out in one week! Book Now:**

<https://gradsbc.as.me/?calendarID=6864962>

Questions? Please call the GradsBC office: 604-461-3722 or [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)



## 11. Summer Learning is Open for Registration

Summer is both a time for rest and recharge but also an opportunity for learning. The North Vancouver School District offers a wide variety of courses to students including Full Credit courses and also foundational studies to help students improve their basic numeracy and literacy skills. Check out the offerings at the Summer Learning website [here](#)

## 12. Upcoming Dates

Thurs. June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gr 12 French Immersion breakfast (multipurpose 8 to 9:15am) "Socks & Sandals" theme day
Fri. June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School based professional day (classes not in session) Grad banquet (ticket required) at Westin Bayshore, doors 5:45pm
Wed. June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics awards celebration & BBQ, 5pm – multipurpose area
June 13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry graduation assessments
Mon. June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) presentations in library, 3:30pm
Wed. June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yearend music concert – large gym
Fri. June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Period 6 – second half – grad rehearsal, cap & gown distribution
Tues. June 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Indigenous Peoples' Day School Awards – gr. 11 assembly, 9:30am to 10:30am School Awards – gr. 10 assembly, 12:45pm to 1:45pm
Wed. June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Awards – gr. 9 assembly, 9:30am to 10:30am School Awards – gr. 8 assembly, 12:45pm to 1:45pm Yearend food truck festival, carnival – afterschool in parking lot Last day of semester 2 classes (3pm dismissal)
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	Review & Completion days
Mon. June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grad ceremony, 7pm to 10pm, Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver
Tues. June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Final report cards published
Wed. June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Yearbook distribution
Thurs. June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Admin Day (staff only)