



Friday, November 25, 2022

Hello Argyle Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

This week students had a presentation about cyber safety, social media, and digital footprints. Learning to safely navigate the ever-changing digital world is a topic that we continually address. Presentations are tailored to each grade level. The presentations for grade 9 and 10 students were by Tiana Sharifi from Sexual Exploitation Education and the presentations for grades 8, 11 and 12 students were by Steven MacDonald from Safer Schools Together. These presentations were made possible thanks to Argyle's PAC, and a partnership between the RCMP and NVSD. For more information about the presentations please check out their websites:

- <https://sexualexploitationeducation.com/about-sexual-exploitation>
- <https://saferschoolstogether.com/digital-threat-services/student-presentations/>

Argyle's Senior Boys Soccer team is competing in the Provincial Championships Thursday to Saturday this week. This afternoon they won their semi-final match and are now in the Championship Final. We invite all Piper families to come and cheer on the team in the AAA Championship Provincial Final Saturday, November 26th at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West Field #3 at 11:30am. You can also watch the game live on BCSS tv. Go Pipers!!



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In today's newsletter, you will find information on:

1. Winter weather
2. Personal Education Number (PEN)
3. Post-secondary institutions selections (Grade 12 students)
4. Argyle library update
5. Drama winter festival
6. Argyle winter music concert
7. Digital media youth expo
8. Athletics update
9. January Graduation Assessment Reminders (Grade 12 students)
10. Upcoming dates

Warm regards,

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Ames, Vice Principal



1. Winter Weather

Please ensure your student has appropriate clothing and footwear for winter conditions and allow extra time to get to school. All NVSD schools will remain OPEN, if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6:30am and announced through the media, placed on the school district website and schools' websites, shared with parents/guardians via [School Messenger](#) (email and/or text) and emailed to staff. For more information, please visit the [Severe Weather Information](#) web page.

2. Personal Education Number (PEN)

Every student in B.C. is assigned a PEN. This 9-digit number is found below your child's name on every report card. As report cards were just published this week, we encourage you to locate your child's PEN and write it down in a safe place. The PEN is used for the Student Transcripts Service site to access and order transcripts, to view graduation assessment scores, and to select post-secondary institutions to send transcripts. It is also used by students to log in to the Ministry graduation assessments.

Official transcripts show completed courses in grades 10, 11, and 12. Courses in progress do not show on the Ministry transcript but will show on a student's Diploma Verification Report (DVR) which is a report within MyEd that students have access to. Grade 8 & 9 courses do not show on official transcripts.

3. Post-Secondary Institution Selections (Gr. 12)

This year's graduating students can now make their Post-Secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [Student Transcripts Service](#) (STS). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page.

Current students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10.00 each.



If a student's selected PSI is capable of receiving [ongoing electronic updates](#), the student should choose the second option to "Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates until the date specified below." To ensure there are no issues with their PSI application process, it is also recommended that they leave the authorization period set to the default date of one year.

Help Resources:

Detailed STS help videos and documentation are available at [Student Transcripts Service Help Documentation](#).

4. Argyle Library Update

It has been a busy fall in the library. We have done library orientations, celebrated important events, and of course shared our love of reading. We are looking forward to the upcoming book club winter movie night and are excited to be continuing our partnership with the District Public Libraries. If you have a student in grade 8 English this semester, we will be providing them with the opportunity to get a District Public Library card. We will do the same for grade 8's taking English in semester 2. We will also show them how to download the Libby app onto phones or devices so that they can access e-books in English and French and access audio books for free wherever they go. Our goal is to promote life-long literacy and help continue students' connection with important local institutions like the Public Library.

Thank you so much to all the families who used the Argyle library Indigo fundraiser over the years! We have been able to use the funds to purchase many things like the books in the photo below! The Indigo fundraiser is on pause while Indigo revisits the program but thank you so much for your contributions. We will let you know if/when the fundraiser is back on.



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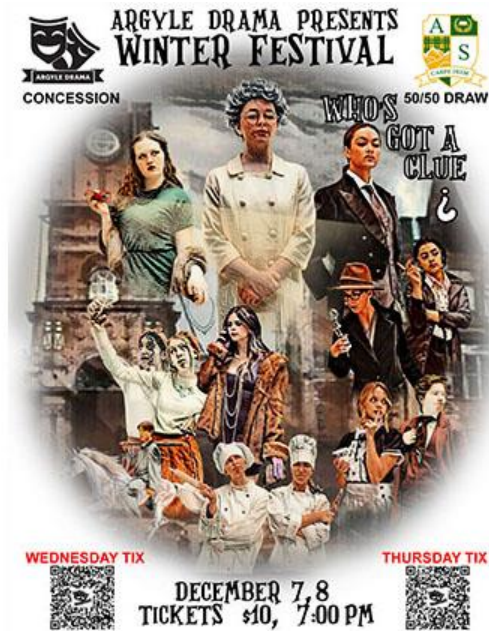


5. Drama Winter Festival

Argyle Drama has sold out their first two shows of their Winter Festival running December 7th and 8th. The show features monologues, lip-syncs, singing, and the Argyle Drama original whodunnit, Who's Got a Clue? An additional show on December 10th has been added with ticket sales opening next week. Additionally, we will be adding thirty seats to the shows on December 7th and 8th. Please check the Argyle [website](#) for details (the links will be live next week).



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6. Argyle Winter Music Concert

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30pm, St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church (1022 Nelson St, Vancouver).

Come hear the Senior Music Ensembles presenting festive music that will literally lift you out of your seats. The Senior Concert Band, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Senior Strings, and the Argyle Alumni Choir will entertain and engage you in a special night of seasonal music. There will be carol sing-alongs in the audience, including our special "12 Days of Christmas".

ADMISSION: suggested donation \$10-\$20 at the door





7. Digital Media Youth Expo



The [Digital Media Youth Expo](#) is hosted by the North Vancouver School District's Digital Media Academy (DMA). The Expo is a place to learn about the many educational and employment opportunities available in the Digital Media Industry. The Digital Media Youth Expo is where students, parents, teachers and the community can meet in person with representatives from many Lower Mainland post-secondary schools, local and global organizations, industry experts and studios involved in all aspects of digital media. Attending are representatives in visual effects, animation, film, sound, photography, web design, game design, virtual reality and more! DMA students will be available in our new DMA studio spaces to not only answer questions about the DMA and the program offerings but to showcase what projects they are working on, learning about, and inspired by! We look forward to welcoming you to the new Argyle school and our Youth EXPO event on December 10th!

8. Athletics

a. Fall update

- i. The fall season is coming to an end after a very busy September, through November. We had many teams and individuals qualify and play in the North Shore Championships, the Sea2Sky Championships and BC Championships this year. All our athletes should be congratulated on their dedication and success.



- ii. One final Fall team remains in action; the Senior Boys Soccer team, returns to the AAA Provincial Championships to hopefully do one better than their 2nd place finish in 2021. The highly ranked team was dominant in their first-round games to move through to Friday's Quarter and Semi-Final games where they again were victorious and will compete for the second year in a row for the cup tomorrow.

We invite all Piper families to come and cheer on the team in the Championship Provincial Final: Saturday, Nov 26th at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West Field #3 at 11:30am. You can also watch the game live on BCSS.tv.

b. Winter update

- i. All our basketball teams have been selected and are preparing for the start of the season; games officially start Monday November 28th with our Junior Boys Pipers hosting the first round of the Big-Ticket Tournament in our gym. Come see our Juniors as they take on Lord Byng at 3:15 at Argyle. Our Senior girls also play their first games in the Sr Girls Big Ticket in various locations around the lower Mainland. Meanwhile, our Wrestling, Gymnastics and Cheer teams are working hard as they get ready for their first competitions. Note, it is not too late to join Wrestling and Gymnastics; come try these sports and get involved in Argyle athletics. Finally, our Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding team will be having their organizational meeting for students and parents in December....stay tuned.
- ii. Our basketball games do not run without scorers and timers. If you want to support our Argyle teams (and get Paid!), see Mr. Pearce to find out more about being a scorer or timer.



- c. SHRed Concussion Research program
 - i. Mr. Crowley has been meeting with our basketball teams to provide information about an opportunity for our players to participate in a Concussion prevention and recovery research program provided by a partnership between NVSD44 and BC Children’s Hospital. Participation is entirely optional; parents who wish their students to be involved in the study can access information and informed consent forms from their child’s coach, or on the Argyle Website under “Programs and Services > [Athletics](#) > SHRed Concussion Research Study”. Completed forms need to be returned to Mr. Crowley in the office by December 9th.

9. January Graduation Assessment Reminder

The following assessments will be written in January and student lists will be posted throughout the school just prior to Winter Break

French Literacy 12 Assessment (LTF12)

All Semester 1 Français Langue 12 students

Oral component (approximately 20 minutes) in Room 227

Last name	Date	Time
A – Drew	Wednesday, January 18 th	8:00am – 8:20am
Ebrah – Leonard	Wednesday, January 18 th	8:35am – 8:55am
Lup – Popa	Thursday, January 19 th	8:00am – 8:20am
Rob – Z	Thursday, January 19 th	8:35am – 8:55am



Written component

Students	Date	Time
All Semester 1 Fral12	Wednesday, January 25 th	8:00am – 11:30am

English Literacy 12 (LTE12)

All current grade 12 students (lists to be posted in December)

Last Name	Date	Time
All grade 12 students	Monday, January 23 rd through Thursday, January 26 th	8:00am – 11:30am and 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Grade 12 students who are unable to write in January will be re-scheduled to write in the April assessment session. Any grade 12 students needing to 'catch-up' either their Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10 assessments will be scheduled into April and June sessions.

10. Upcoming Dates

- Sat., Nov. 26th Argyle Boys soccer provincial championship final - 11:30am – Burnaby Lakes Field #3
- Dec. 7th to 9th Drama Winter Festival
- Sat. Dec. 10th Digital Media Youth Expo
- Tues. Dec. 13th Sr. Music Concert, 7:30pm, St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
- Fri. Dec. 16th Santa's breakfast & early dismissal (details to come)