



October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

This week we had our first parent teacher interviews of the year. For many parents it was their first time in the new building. We hope you enjoyed it!

The official opening of Argyle and the unveiling of the Welcome Figure took place last week. We encourage you to check out this [North Shore News](#) about the unveiling.

In this newsletter you will find information on:

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Sincerely,

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Laura Stewart, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



## **1. Halloween – Costumes & Safety**

Students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. As shared in the Superintendent’s October 15<sup>th</sup> Halloween [Letter](#) to Parents/Guardians, students are reminded that costumes must be appropriate for school. Students must be easily recognizable and/or able to identify themselves to staff members when asked. Students are still required to wear non-medical face masks in all common areas with their costume. It is important that students choose costumes that uphold our values of diversity and inclusion and refrain from wearing any costumes that would be deemed offensive. Replica weapons of any sort are not allowed.

A reminder, firecrackers or fireworks are prohibited on school grounds at any time including before or after school hours.

We want to have a fun and safe Halloween dress-up day next Friday and appreciate your cooperation.

## **2. Masks**

Please ensure your child has a mask before leaving for school each day and an extra one in their backpack.

## **3. Graduation Assessment Update**

We have received information this week from some post-secondary institutions who have indicated that they will be considering the results of the Literacy 12 assessment for post-secondary admissions. We have moved the grade 12 literacy assessment from June to April to provide the best opportunity for success for our students. Grade 12’s will have the opportunity to re-write the assessment in June if they choose. This change has necessitated shifting the Numeracy 10 assessment for grade 10s from April to June.

Information specific to graduation assessments will be sent to students, parents/guardians well in advance of the assessment. The revised graduation assessment schedule for the 2021-2022 school year is:

November	Grade 11 students write Literacy 10 assessment (Gr. 11s did not write last year due to COVID)
January	Grade 10 students write Literacy 10 assessment



April	Grade 12 students write Literacy 12 assessment
June	Grade 10 students write Numeracy 10 assessment
June	Grade 12 French Immersion students complete French Literacy 12 assessment (oral & written components)

#### **4. Supplemental School Fees**

Supplemental school fees have now been added to student accounts for full year and semester 1 courses. Please login to your [School Cash Online](#) account to view and pay fees. You will receive an email from School Cash Online when a fee has been added to your School Cash Online account.

The student activity fee covers items including agenda books, school awards & recognition, student printing, special presentations (virtually), and support for extracurricular clubs and athletics. Supplemental course fees help cover costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities such as special events (e.g.: guest clinician or instructor), fieldtrips, and materials used in projects intended for students to take home.

While logged into the School Cash Online site we ask that you also ensure you have completed the school start-up forms.

For more information on school fees click [here](#). If you have questions about school fees please contact Administrative Assistant, Mr. Doug Peake at [dpeake@sd44.ca](mailto:dpeake@sd44.ca).

#### **5. Mid Semester Report Cards**

Report cards will be published to the MyEd parent portal on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians will receive an email from "SysAdmin" once the report card is published.

#### **6. Daily Tutorials**

Every morning from 8:30am to 9:11am is tutorial time. Students are encouraged to come to the school to get extra help from teachers, work on group projects, engage in self-study, workout, or get additional time in the art or digital media studio, or the shops.



## **7. Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day - November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day is an annual Canada wide event on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is Canada's longest-running career exploration event. This is an optional opportunity where parents/guardians are encouraged to arrange a one-day job shadow of a workday for their Grade 9 child.

This initiative was designed by the Learning Partnership ([www.thelearningpartnership.ca](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca)) and is supported by Argyle and the NVSD. The initiative is valuable for students to begin to think about careers, to better understand the work world, appreciate parents' careers and roles in supporting their families and to network. Parents should ensure the work placement is a meaningful and safe one for the student by vetting or researching the place of work or knowing the person who will be shadowed. Students not participating come to school and attend their classes. Past participation in this event has been very high and we anticipate most grade 9s students will not be at school. Teachers will be focusing on review and/or enrichment activities that day instead of new material.

Further information will be sent to parents/guardians of grade 9 students early next week.

## **8. Communications**

Below is a list of the different types of school communications from Argyle:

- Argyle Family Newsletters are sent every two weeks. These are also posted on our website [here](#).
- Communications specific to grades, event, programs, or groups of students will be sent by email to parents/guardians as needed.
- The [Argyle website](#) is updated regularly. Daily Announcements are posted on the right side of the page under Quick Links. We encourage you to bookmark the website.
- [Argyle's Twitter](#) account includes pictures and tweets about school activities.

## **9. Upcoming Dates**

Friday, Oct. 22	Professional Development Day (classes not in session)
Monday, Oct. 25	Grade 8 Explore Rotation 2 begins
Thursday, Oct. 28	Strings & Jazz Band Coffee House (ticket required from music program)
Friday, Oct. 29	Optional Halloween Dress up Day
Nov. 1 to 3	Literacy 10 Assessment for Grade 11 students (info emailed and posted for gr. 11s)
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
Nov. 3 & 5	Grad Photos