



October 28th, 2022

Hello Argyle Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been great to see so many parents in the school this year be it at the recent parent teacher interviews, the jazz music café, or cheering on Argyle's athletic teams.

Argyle also hosted a successful BC Post-Secondary Fair earlier this week that saw 14 PSI's give information sessions in classrooms, and answer questions at the fair in the multipurpose room. Grade 11 & 12's are encouraged to keep an eye on the grad calendar posted [HERE](#) for upcoming visits from PSI's.

The music department had their first concert of the year yesterday. The junior jazz band, senior jazz band, and chamber strings each performed a few numbers. Everyone did very well! It was impressive to see how much they have accomplished in two months.

There are many important informational items in the pages that follow, and we ask you to take some time to read through them and share them with your child.

In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. School start time
2. Absences
3. Halloween - safety & costumes
4. Ministry graduation assessments
5. AP (Advanced Placement) exams
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Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Jonat', followed by a stylized flourish.

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Ames, Vice Principal

1. School Start Time

This is a reminder for all families that flex time runs 8:30-9:12am and **class starts promptly at 9:12am**. We are seeing an increasing number of students arriving after 9:12am which creates disruption to classes. **Students should be aiming to arrive at school by 9am if they are not at flex time**. We are pleased to see a growing number of students making use of flex time to work independently, with others, or to get help from their teachers.

2. Absences

Absences, late arrivals, or early departures can be reported to argyle@sd44.ca Please include the word "Absence" in the subject line to ensure the message is routed correctly.

3. Halloween – Costumes & Safety

Students are welcome to wear a Halloween costume to school on Monday, October 31st. As shared in the Superintendent's October 18th 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. 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 Monday and appreciate your cooperation.

Argyle's Theatre Company & Production class remade this iconic Ghostbusters 4min scene to promote the annual Halloween costume contest on Monday.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DmFrBJ4tWA>

4. Ministry Graduation Assessments

All grade 11 students are writing the Literacy 10 assessment next week. Schedules were sent to students and have been posted around the school. Students writing the AM assessment need to arrive by 8am. Students writing the PM assessment need to be at the library by 12pm for a 12:15pm start. The exam is designed to be completed in 2 hours, however all students have up to 3 hours to complete it. This assessment is required to graduate. There are also a handful of grade 12 students writing who missed writing the literacy 10 assessment in previous years.

More information about the assessment, including practice exams, can be found [HERE](#).

5. Advanced Placement (AP) Exams



Students are reminded to confirm their AP Exams by Friday, November 4th. Students currently in AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2 and AP Calculus must message Mr. Crowley via Teams if they are NOT writing the AP exam. Students in Français Langue 12 who wish to write AP French Language and Culture exam need to see Mr. Crowley by Nov. 4th.

6. Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

Gr. 9 [Take Our Kids to Work Day](#) is an annual Canada wide event on Wednesday, November 2nd. This is Canada's longest-running career exploration event. This is an opportunity where parents/guardians are encouraged to arrange a one-day job shadow of a workday for their Grade 9 child. Parents/guardians would have received a letter from Mr. Duffy with more details about this day. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Duffy at rduffy@sd44.ca



This initiative was designed by the Learning Partnership (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 9 students will not be at school. Teachers will be focusing on review and/or enrichment activities that day instead of new material.

7. Remembrance Day Ceremony

Argyle student will be participating in a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th. The ceremony will be in the gyms.

This year marks 101 years after the Poppy became Canada's symbol of Remembrance. Students will receive a poppy in their class on Nov. 10th. Students are encouraged to bring a donation on Nov. 10th to support the [National Poppy Campaign](#). All donations received will go directly to the Royal Canadian Legion to support Veterans and their families.

8. SEE Presentations for All Grade 9's and 10's

All Grade 9's and 10's in North Vancouver are participating in a presentation called **Cybersafe from Exploitation through a group called Sexual Exploitation Education (SEE)**. Cybersafe from Exploitation is an interactive student presentation that equips teens to be able to keep themselves safe from all forms of online sexual exploitation. SEE will address concepts such as digital consent, healthy boundaries, grooming warning signs, and current exploitation trends through games, activities, and multimedia. The SEE presenter will stay on site during a lunch break to be available for questions, or concerns from students or staff. Argyle's presentations are running on Monday, November 21st in Period 2 for grade 10's and Period 3 for grade 9's in the gym.

There will also be 1 or 2 parent presentations planned through Zoom in the evenings – when we know more, we will send out information to our parent community.



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Cybersafe and Sexual Exploitation

Cybersafe from Exploitation is an interactive student presentation that equips teens in being able to keep themselves safe from all forms of online sexual exploitation. Concepts such as digital consent, healthy boundaries, grooming warning signs, and current exploitation trends are taught through games, activities, and multimedia. For more information, visit our website at www.sexualexploitationeducation.com

Sexual Exploitation

A minor engaging in exchanging a sexual act, most often times, in order to get a "need" met. By law, it is illegal for a minor to exchange a sexual act for material or emotional needs. And no matter what, is never their fault.

Forms of online sexual exploitation

- Sextortion
- Sexting pressures
- Sugar baby behaviours
- Predator online luring and grooming
- Self initiated exploitation online
- The facilitation of selling sexual acts for money (human trafficking)

Sextortion

A form of sexual exploitation that is digital blackmail. It involves an individual coercing a minor for nudes and then using that to threaten them for money or for more child sexual abuse materials.

Sextortion Facts

- There has been an 89% increase of male teens being sextorted in Canada
- The average age of target is 14-17 years old
- Sextortion rates have tripled every year since the pandemic



9. Athletics

The winter sports season is starting. Argyle offers the following winter sports:

- Basketball
- Cheer (in progress)
- Gymnastics
- Ski & Snowboard
- Wrestling

These sports are open to all students in grade 8 to 12. Students should check the Athletics bulletin board in the flex space on the 2nd floor for QR code sign ups and information. Be sure to listen to the Daily Announcements which are also posted [HERE](#). The link to Daily Announcements is on the right hand side of Argyle's homepage under Quick Links.

The weekly facility schedule is posted on the Argyle website [here](#). The schedule also indicates many of the games and their locations; we welcome fans to come out and cheer on their fellow Pipers!

Good luck to the Fall teams as they compete in playoffs and Zone Championships. Two Argyle teams have qualified for Provincials so far. The Sr Girls Field Hockey team and several members of the Cross Country team are off to Victoria next week for Provincials.

Argyle's athletes of the week - Every Athlete of the Week is recognized for their performance during games and practices, showing exceptional sportsmanship to teammates, coaches, and opponents, and maintaining a strong academic standing with the school.

Last week's Athlete of the Week was Nathan Dean! Nathan is a grade 12 on the Senior Varsity Football team. In a recent game, Nathan punted the ball like a superstar, rushed for over 50 yards, made seven tackles on defense, and blocked the game-tying field goal with two minutes left in the game. Nathan was a key to the Piper's victory.

This week's Athlete of the Week is Caden Ruby! Caden is a grade 11 on the Senior Boys Soccer team. In his last game, Caden scored two goals and assisted two goals, leading the Argyle Senior Boys' soccer team to 4 – 1 victory over West Van on Tuesday. The match was a battle between the two best teams on the North Shore and the victory won Argyle the AAA League banner. Caden has scored 14 goals and assisted 12 others. He is an extremely skillful player, with quick feet and a quick first step.



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10. Cheer Team Fundraiser

ARGYLE CHEER RECYCLING FUNDRAISER



Please help us raise funds for the **Argyle Cheer** Program and to help with the cost of the trip to the World Championships in February, 2023.

Argyle Cheer has set up an account at [Return-It Express](#) so that returnables can easily be dropped off. This requires **NO SORTING!!** It couldn't be easier!

Recyclable bottles, cans and containers can be returned one of two ways. Drop off any returnables to a volunteer family and they will be taken to the Return-It depot for you. Alternatively, you can place your returnables in a **clear** plastic bag, place a label on it and drop it at one of the two **Return-It Express depots** in North Vancouver- in the **Superstore parking lot** or at the **North Vancouver recycling depot on Riverside Drive**. Labels for the Argyle Cheer account can be printed at the depot by entering the following phone number: **604-880-2864**

This fundraiser will be running continuously through the 2022/2023 school year, so please be sure to collect and spread the word to family, friends and neighbours!

If it is more convenient for you to drop off your recyclables closer to home, please bring them to **1480 Kilmer Road** or **434 E.St. James Road**. If you need to contact someone for drop off, pick up or any questions, please call **Cricket Reid** at **(604)880-2864**

11. Safety Reminders

A. Pick-up & Drop off Safety

There is a limited amount of space in the pick-up and drop-off area at Argyle. Please consider arranging a spot to meet your child a block or two away from the school, or a few minutes after 3pm. If you must come into the school lot:

- Drive with extra caution. 15km/hr max in the parking lot.
- Do NOT block the driveway entrance/exit or parking lanes. This includes not stopping on the curve between Frederick Road and the start of the pick-up/drop off zone.
- If the pick-up/ drop off area is full, please do NOT park elsewhere on school grounds. These spots are needed for coaches and visitors arriving at the school for games, practices, and after school meetings. It also creates additional traffic in the parking lot with many cars backing in and out.
- We have many students who walk or roll to school. Use extra caution at crosswalks and intersections.
- Please do NOT park in the cul-de-sac on Argyle Road. This is a no stopping zone, an exit from the school, and there are a lot of pedestrians.

B. Pedestrian safety

Students are encouraged to walk or roll to school. As the days get darker it is important for pedestrians to also exercise extra caution. Consider attaching reflectors or lights to your child's backpack, or to wear. Wear bright colours. Remind your child to use sidewalks, to look both ways, make eye contact with drivers and to only cross at crosswalks or intersections. Putting the phone away and having at least one ear free from an earbud while traveling also helps students be more aware of their surroundings.





12. Student and Family Affordability Fund

Through the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) (SFAF), the school district is supporting students and their families who are feeling financially challenged due to the rising costs of living. To request financial support *at any time throughout the 2022-2023 school year* for expenses such as:

- School fees
- School/course supplies
- Clothing/footwear
- Basic necessities
- Athletic wear (for school athletics)
- Family food security (groceries)
- One-day field trips (multi-day trips are not covered)

please complete the form(s) available on the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) web page and submit the form(s) in confidence to Ms. Jonat (kjonat@sd44.ca or drop off in the office).

Should you have any questions or need support completing the form(s), please reach out to any of the school admin. A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) web page is also available. Please note this fund does not cover Academy program fees, household utilities, gas, community sports, or rent. A limited number of bursaries are available for academies. A limited number of bursaries is available for each academy. Visit the [Academies](#) web page for a link to each academy's program information.

13. NVSD Intellectual Disability and Autism Advisory Sub-Committee

The Intellectual Disability and Autism Advisory Sub-Committee is a sub-committee of the school district's Inclusion Committee and was created in 2022. The sub-committee will provide neurodivergent students an opportunity to share their experiences and perspectives and provide advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with autism and/or intellectual disabilities to ensure support for their education and school journey.

Participation is open to students in Grades 8-12 with intellectual disabilities or students who identify as having an intellectual disability, as well as autistic students. All students have the option to attend meetings with the support of a parent/guardian, sibling, peer or support person.



The sub-committee will meet at least three times per year, with meetings taking place after school. If you would like to participate on this sub-committee for the 2022-2023 school year, please request an Expression of Interest form from inclusiveducation@sd44.ca. The number of sub-committee participants will depend on the number of applicants. Please forward Expressions of Interest by November 15th, 2022.

Upcoming Dates

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday Nov. 5th.

Oct 31 st to Nov. 2 nd	Grad Assessments – grade 11's writing literacy 10 (+ gr 12 "catch-ups")
Mon. Oct 31 st	Halloween costume contest at lunch in gym
Nov 1 st to 3 rd	Grad portraits – in multipurpose space afterschool & evening
Wed. Nov 2 nd	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
Sun. Nov. 6 th	Daylight savings time ends (clocks fall back 1hr)
Thurs. Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day ceremony
Fri. Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day (school closed)
Mon. Nov. 14 th	School based professional day (classes not in session)
Wed. Nov. 16 th	PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting, 7pm, Argyle library

Argyle's Twitter <https://twitter.com/argyleschool>

Argyle's website <https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Pages/default.aspx>