



Friday, October 8th, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

On September 29th we had our first National Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day virtual assembly. The Argyle choir sang the Coast Salish anthem and the Secwepmc Honour Song from the Tk'emlúps Nation. The assembly also involved several student speakers and a video about the St. Paul's Residential School that was here in North Vancouver.

Since our last newsletter we have tallied the money raised from the Terry Fox Run. We are pleased to share that we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$2500. We did it! Thank you for your support.

Last week Student Council organized a Club Fair at lunch for students to find out more about the different student clubs at Argyle. Students interested in getting involved with a club can check out the offerings [here](#), or in the display cabinet outside the library.

This newsletter contains information on many topics including:

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We wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving long weekend.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Stewart, Vice Principal

Official Argyle Opening & Unveiling of Welcome Figure

Next Wednesday morning is the official opening of Argyle and the unveiling of the Welcome Figure. The event will be live streamed for classes. The event will also be recorded and posted to the School District website at a later date. Due to COVID, the event is not open to the public.

Parking will be impacted and extremely limited on Wednesday morning as we have a number of guests attending the event. There will be no on-site student parking on Wednesday morning except for staff and participants in the ceremony. As well, the regular drop-off zone will not be available as it will be used as parking. Where possible we recommend dropping your child off on a perimeter street and have them walk into the school. Exit from the driveway may be delayed.

Additionally, students arriving after the start of class will not be able to enter through the main entrance and will be directed to enter through a learning community entrance.



Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI)

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, October 20th in person at Argyle from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. Appointments are 5 minutes in length. Information on how to sign up for appointments will be emailed on Tuesday, October 12th. Sign-up begins at 6pm on Wednesday, October 13th and closes at 10pm on Sunday, October 17th. All visitors are required to complete a daily health check and wear a mask. Handwashing stations and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school.

Masks

We need your help! Please ensure your child has 1 or 2 masks when they come to school. We are handing out over 250 masks a week to students who forget to bring one. **Please help us by sending your child with a mask every day.**

Daily Health Check and Staying Home When Sick

To reduce the likelihood of coming to a school or school district site when ill, all students, staff and other adults (e.g., visitors) are reminded of their responsibility to complete a [daily health check](#) prior to entering the building.

There are a variety of tools available to help you complete a daily health check:

Families and students can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#).

- Staff and other adults can refer to the BCCDC's [When to test for COVID-19](#) document.
- Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#), call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.

In addition, students, staff or other adults **must** stay home when ill or when required by public health to self-isolate.

Traffic Safety

Please help us ensure students' safety by slowing down in the parking lot & taking extra caution when entering and exiting the driveway. We encourage families to do pick up / drop off on a perimeter street and have them walk into the school to reduce congestion and enhance student safety.



Fall Team Photos – FRIDAY, October 15th

Fall team photos will be taken on Friday October 15th at lunch. The photos will be taken by GradsBC, who also do our student and grad photos.

The photos will be tentatively scheduled for the **Large Gym**, but if possible we will move outside. **IF we are inside, all students will need to wear masks. Students need to wear their jersey** so that we can get team photos taken quickly and efficiently.

Spectators at Athletic Games

Spectators are now permitted at indoor athletic games. We appreciate your patience as we slowly re-introduced athletics. Protocols are as follows:

- All visitors to our school must wear a mask at all times
- A Daily Health Check must be completed prior to arrival; if you have any flu-like symptoms we respectfully ask you not to enter the building.
- With the exception of the gymnasium and hallways leading to the gym, all areas of the school are closed to visitors.
- Space in the gym is limited; please use space accordingly and when the bleachers are down, spread out as much as possible
- Please do not let children wander around the school; they must stay with their parents at all times.
- A QR code will be created in the near future; for now, spectators do not need to sign in but we will provide an update when the sign-in system is ready.

We appreciate your assistance. With your help, we will be able to continue to have sports this year.

Graduation Assessments

Students are required to write the following assessments prior to graduation:

- Grade 10 Literacy assessment
 - November for Grade 11's and 12's who have not yet written the assessment
 - January for current grade 10's



- Grade 10 Numeracy assessment
 - April
- Grade 12 Literacy assessment
 - June
- Grade 12 French Literacy assessment (French Immersion students)
 - June

These assessments are scored on a 4-point proficiency scale and appear on a student's transcript. Students will be scheduled to write these exams. Students wishing to rewrite an assessment need to contact Mr. Crowley.

Literacy 10 Graduation Assessments – November

All grade 11 and 12 students who have not yet written the Literacy 10 assessment will be scheduled to write the Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment in early November. Information about the exam including sample assessments and the schedule will be communicated to grade 10 students, parents & guardians soon.

Language Challenge Exams

Students in the Coast Metro area interested in writing a Language Challenge Exam in January 2022 need to register by November 5th. Exams will take place on January 29th and 30th in Delta.

The purpose of Challenge is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere. Students who request the opportunity to challenge a course must be able to give strong and compelling evidence that they will succeed in the challenge and that it is in their best interests. A successful challenge results in a student receiving credit for the appropriate content as well as a school mark.

It is a strong recommendation, given the mature level of understanding required in the challenge activities, that students challenge the grade 11 course while they are in grade



10 and not before. Students would ordinarily be in at least grade 11 when they apply to challenge a grade 12 course.

More information about language challenge exams, including the application & fees, can be found here:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

And on our website here:

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Students/Exam%20Information/Documents/Challenge%20Exams.pdf>

Courses available for language challenge include:

- French 11/12
- Japanese 11/12
- Korean 11/12
- Mandarin 11/12
- Punjabi 11/12
- Spanish 11/12

NVSD Anti-Racism Committee Survey

The North Vancouver School District's Anti-Racism Steering Committee is inviting staff, students and families to complete a confidential, anonymous and voluntary online survey and share your thoughts and insights on opportunities, barriers and lived experiences within the school district. Your participation will support the school district's ongoing commitment to ensuring a welcoming, safe and inclusive culture for all school district community members. Click [HERE](#) to view a video message about the survey by student co-chairs Mabel Nahanee (Tesaxlewet) and Jessica Day.

The survey, accessible [HERE](#), will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday, October 22, 11:59 p.m.

Please note:

- ALL responses will remain 100% anonymous and confidential.
- The survey is being conducted by a 3rd party [Bakau Consulting](#).



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- Parents/guardians with elementary-aged children: we recommend you complete the survey together with your children and submit one response.
- Parents/guardians with secondary-aged children: secondary students may prefer to submit their own survey responses, separate from their parents/guardians.

If you have any questions about the survey or this process, please feel free to contact Bakau Consulting directly at feedback@bakauconsulting.com. On behalf of the North Vancouver School District, thank you for your participation

Learner's Link virtual conferences – every second Thursday at 5:00pm

[Learner's Link](#) is a student-led organization based out of Carson Graham. They provide the opportunity for students to learn about cutting-edge industries from successful businesses and technology leaders. The virtual conferences will be hosted through Microsoft Teams every second Thursday.

Some of their upcoming topics include:

- Quantum Computing
- Blockchain
- Artificial Intelligence
- Virtual reality
- Cyber Security
- And more...

To register for free visit their website here: www.learnerslink.org

Upcoming Dates

Monday, Oct. 11 th	Thanksgiving (school closed)
October 12 th to 15 th	Grad Photos (*Nov. 3 rd added as an additional day)
Tuesday, Oct. 12 th	Information about PTIs emailed to parents/guardians
Wednesday, Oct. 13 th	PAC meeting, 7pm on Zoom PTI sign up begins at 6pm
Friday, Oct. 15 th	Fall Sports Team Photos, Lunch, Gym (wear uniform)
Monday, Oct. 18 th	Grad Buddy Photos (sign-up required)



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Wednesday, Oct. 20 th	Parent Teacher Interviews, 2pm to 4pm, 6pm to 8pm Early dismissal at 1:15pm (Oct. 20)
Thursday, Oct. 21 st	Grade 8 rotation 1 ends (rotation 2 starts Monday) Early dismissal at 1:15pm (Oct. 21)
Friday, October 22 nd	Professional development day (district-wide)