



September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Hello Argyle Families!

What an amazing two weeks it has been. Last week the entire school participated in the Terry Fox Run and a school-wide BBQ. Thank you to everyone who donated in support of the Terry Fox Foundation, and to the Lynn Valley Lions and Argyle's Leadership students for putting on the BBQ. The afternoon saw our 280 grade 8's participating in a goose chase scavenger hunt activity throughout the school to learn more about their new school community.

This week grade 8's attended an overnight retreat at the NVSD Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale. The focus of the trip was on building community and connection in the grade 8 class and the Argyle community. Activities ranged from cooperative games to a Cheakamus Amazing Race style challenge, to activities in the forest, cedar weaving, and time in the Longhouse. Thank you to all the senior student leaders, staff, and grade 8 families for supporting this experience.

Today, Argyle held its first full school assembly in our gyms to honour tomorrow's National Truth and Reconciliation Day. The choir performed two pieces, and several students and staff shared about what Orange Shirt Day means to them. We also had the honour of listening to the Executive Director of the Indian Residential Schools Society, Ms. Angela White. We are proud of our student body for their outstanding focus and attention during today's assembly. We encourage everyone to continue their own learning journey about Truth and Reconciliation tomorrow.

Next week, there are no classes on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Curriculum Implementation Day (CID). Argyle is the host site for CID for all staff from across the NVSD. We are encouraging staff to carpool, bike or walk, or take the shuttle bus that will be running from Sutherland to Argyle. We do anticipate some increased traffic around Argyle and apologize for any inconvenience this causes.



In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. School photos
2. Language challenge exams
3. Argyle Music Association (AMA) fundraiser
4. Post-secondary visits
5. Student opportunities
6. Upcoming Dates

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)

Laura Ames, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)

## 1. School Photos

School photos by GradsBC can be viewed and ordered online at [www.gradsbc.com](http://www.gradsbc.com).

There are two ways to access school photos:

Scan the QR code on the back of the form students brought home for a direct link to your child's gallery.

OR

Enter your gallery online code: Student ID Number + 2-digit birth date.

Example:

- If your student number is 98006 and you were born on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, online code: 9800603
- If you were born on July 15th the online code would be 9800615

If you have any questions about school photo access or ordering, please contact Grads BC's at: [info@gradsbc.com](mailto:info@gradsbc.com)



## 2. Language Challenge Exams

Are you in grades 10, 11, or 12 and are fully proficient in another language?

Every year the NVSD offers students the opportunity to write a language challenge exam. This is done through a Coast Metro Consortium of 11 school districts which oversees the language challenge process. These exams are written in the Delta School District on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The following challenge exams are being offered:

- French 11, 12
- Korean 11, 12
- Japanese 11, 12
- Mandarin 11, 12 (simplified & traditional)
- Punjabi 11, 12
- Spanish 11, 12

**The deadline to apply to the grade counsellor is October 20<sup>th</sup>.** Counsellors will then review applications prior to submitting them to the school district. **Applications and more detailed information including exam specifications can be found [HERE](#).**

All universities in Canada accept Language Challenge exam marks. UBC accepts Challenge credits for pre-requisite requirements for courses and second-language requirements but does not accept Challenge marks as part of the GPA calculation for admission. It is highly recommended that you check with your intended university for their admissions requirements.

The exams include audio, reading, writing and oral components. Sample exams for the reading component are available at the bottom of the page linked above.

### 3. Argyle Music Association (AMA) Fundraiser

The samosa fundraiser is open for orders!



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25% of the profit goes into student personal accounts (to cover future music trip expenses) or the Argyle Music department.

**ORDER ONLINE BY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Drive thru pick up at Argyle Secondary: Friday, October 28 from 3:30 to 5:30pm

For more details go to <https://www.argylemusic.ca/argyle-music-fund-raising/>

The Argyle Music Association is excited to bring you a tasty opportunity to experience BC's best samosas and much more! 25% of the profit goes into students' personal accounts, to go to cover future music trip expenses.



### Available:

NEW: Quinoa Burgers, Yam Pakoras, Falafel Bites & Movie Theatre Popcorn at home!

### RETURNING:

- butter chicken samosa
- famous chicken or potato/pea samosas
- veggie pakoras + channa masala
- chicken strips, chicken cordon bleu
- butter chicken sauce packs with Basmati rice
- authentic chai spices + much more!

## 4. Post-Secondary Visits

Many post-secondary institutions will be making stops at Argyle to meet with students interested in hearing about their programs, campus life, and admissions process. While these events are geared towards grade 12 students, they are open to students in any grade. We strongly recommend grade 11's consider stopping in at one or two to begin learning about post-secondary options.

All are held in room 154 except for the October 25<sup>th</sup> event:

- September 29 - University of Victoria
- October 6<sup>th</sup> - Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- October 14<sup>th</sup> - Simon Fraser University
- October 25<sup>th</sup> - **Post Secondary Institutes of BC Event at Argyle 3:15 until 5:00 pm (in many rooms around Argyle)**
- November 3 - Sauder School of Business (University of British Columbia)
- November 9 - Dalhousie University
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - Queens University Baden College
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - University of Alberta
- November 24<sup>th</sup> - University of Calgary
- November 25<sup>th</sup> - Thompson Rivers University



## 5. Student Opportunities

### **Skills Trade Fair – October 18, 10am to 2pm**

The NVSD is partnering with Seaspan and The Washington Kids Foundation in hosting a Skills Trade Fair. The main purpose of the fair is to introduce students in Grades 10-12 to the variety of jobs that can be obtained in the trades. There will be options for students to gain volunteer or employment from the businesses and meet people who are advocates for the trades. Students. If interested in attending please drop by the Careers Office, Room 177. The fair will take place at the Washington Kids Foundation (108B-245 Fell Avenue, North Vancouver)

### **North Vancouver District Public Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

Are you a bit of a book nerd? Do you want to have a say in library programs and teen book displays? The Teen Advisory Group meets monthly to give input on library programs, spaces, and activities, and it counts towards your volunteer hours! TAG is for teens grades 8-12. **Registration required.** Register online or email Jessie at [hawkesj@nvdpl.ca](mailto:hawkesj@nvdpl.ca) for more information. Visit the library's website to see the monthly meeting dates: [Teen Advisory Group \(TAG\) | North Vancouver District Public Library \(nvdpl.ca\)](#)

### **BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee**

The BC RCMP Youth Advisory Committee brings together up to 30 youth aged 14 to 18 from across British Columbia to discuss important issues that they face in their respective communities. The purpose of the BC RCMP Advisory Committee is to represent the youth voice within the RCMP and to gain insight on how the RCMP can deliver effective youth strategies and initiatives.

For their participation, youth will:

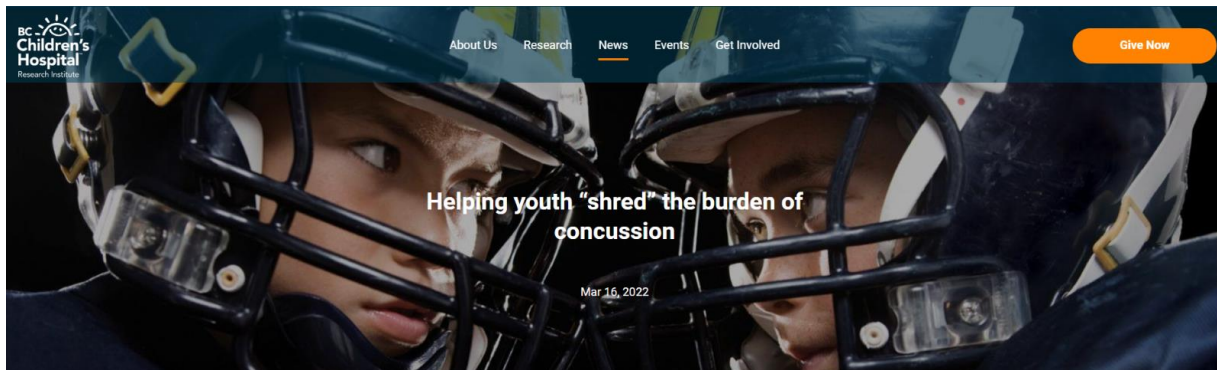
- Be eligible for a letter of reference
- Connect with other youth across BC
- Play a vital role in the shaping of how the RCMP supports youth

Youth can email [yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) for an application. Completed applications must be returned by **October 31, 2022**.



## 6. SHRed Concussion Project

### Argyle Shows Leadership with SHRed Concussions Project



BC Children's Hospital researchers, in partnership with the NVSD, are recruiting athletes (13-17 years of age) for [SHRed Concussions](#), a Canada-wide research project funded by the NFL's Scientific Advisory Board to help improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment of concussions in youth sport.

Concussions are complex, costly injuries that youth are at greater risk for than the general population. We know young brains take longer to heal, so in reaching our goal of implementing best practice to properly recognize, respond to and prevent concussion, we have partnered with [SHRed Concussions](#). This fall, our Argyle Football, Soccer, Cheer and Volleyball teams are our targets. Our participation in this project is a way to provide our student athletes with expert and expedited care, through BC Children's Hospital, in the event of an injury.

For more information on the [SHRed Concussions](#) project, including how to be involved, please contact:

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## 7. Upcoming Dates

Friday, Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	National Truth & Reconciliation Day (school closed)
Wednesday, Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Implementation Day (no classes)
Friday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 “wheel” rotation 1 ends
Monday, Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving (school closed)
Tuesday, Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8 “wheel” rotation 2 starts Fall sports team photos (bring uniform; at lunch in gym) School photo retakes
Wednesday, Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	PAC meeting, 7pm, Argyle Library

Terry Fox Run



Grade 8 Retreat (Group A)

