

# HOME OF THE PIPERS

## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Argyle Drama presents *The Wrong Show*

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## Principal's Update

Dear Argyle families,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the beginning of June! With only 10 days of class left in the school, things are winding down in classes and extra-curricular activities at Argyle. Above all, this is a time of celebration of an incredible year of learning at the school and a time of transition for our graduates as they prepare for life beyond high school.

Read below for important updates about upcoming changes in 2025-26 and some exciting things that have been happening in May. We will publish one more newsletter in the last week of June with highlights from June and updates heading into summer break.

Sincerely,



Laura Ames, Principal  
Tim Ireland, Vice Principal  
Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

<b>June 6th</b>	Provincial Assessment catch-ups
<b>June 9-13th</b>	Pride Week
<b>June 10th</b>	Band Concert 7:00pm at Argyle
<b>June 17-20th</b>	Indigenous Peoples Week
<b>June 17th</b>	Athletic Awards (evening)
<b>June 19th</b>	School Awards (evening)
<b>June 20th</b>	Last day of classes for all students, Summer Send-Off BBQ
<b>June 23rd</b>	Review, Completion and Enrichment – students invited by teachers
<b>June 24th</b>	Review, Completion and Enrichment – students invited by teachers
<b>June 25th</b>	Report Cards Published
<b>June 26th</b>	Yearbook pickup (schedule TBD)

## Note: June 20<sup>th</sup> Adjusted Schedule

To facilitate the Summer Send-Off BBQ, we will be adjusting our schedule on the last day of classes, Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for the day will be:

<b>8:30am</b>	Period 6
<b>9:40am</b>	Transition
<b>9:49am</b>	Period 7
<b>11:00am</b>	Transition
<b>11:10am</b>	Period 5
<b>12:20pm</b>	Flex
<b>1:00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:50pm</b>	Period 8
<b>3:00pm</b>	Dismissal

## School Information

<b>Argyle Contact Info</b>	<a href="#">Contact Info &amp; Map - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Daily Schedules &amp; Block Rotation</b>	<a href="#">Daily Schedules - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Full Year Calendar</b>	<a href="#">Calendars - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Reporting Attendance</b>	<a href="#">Attendance - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Argyle Policies</b>	<a href="#">School Policies - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Daily Announcements</b>	<a href="#">Daily Announcements - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Staff Contact Information</b>	<a href="#">Staff Contacts and Links - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>

## Bell Schedule for 2025-26

The updated bell schedule for 2025-26 school year has been posted [here](#). There are no changes to the daily schedule (class times) from this year.

## Homeroom Model 2025-26

Included in the daily schedule is an adjusted schedule for homerooms. Next year, we will be piloting a homeroom model during flex time on alternating Fridays. Homerooms will be mandatory for all students and will replace flex time on designated homeroom days. This will be a time when teachers will focus on universal lessons for students focused on our [school goals](#), including : mental health literacy, equity, diversity, inclusion, and executive functioning. The adjusted schedule on homeroom days will be:

<b>8:30am</b>	Period 3 or 6
<b>9:40am</b>	Flex time
<b>9:49am</b>	Homeroom
<b>10:20am</b>	Period 1 or 7 and return to normal schedule

## X-Block Courses for 2025-26

This school year, we introduced x-block classes as a way to help with space constraints. While Argyle continues to grow, we are working carefully on our organization for next year and will be running minimal X-block classes.

**The following X-block classes are scheduled to run in 2025-26:**

- Jr and Sr. Jazz Band
- Vocal Jazz 8-12
- Strings 8-12
- Drama Theatre and Company 8-12

Students who selected X-block classes during course registration have been enrolled in their alternate course selections, or the equivalent in-timetable course.

## Calendar 2025-26

The calendar of key school dates for 2025-26 is published [here](#). The up-to-date daily calendar showing school events will be available to students and families in September as part of the agenda and online.

## Course Changes and Drops for 2025-26

As part of our efforts to maximize classroom space in the school, our ability to accommodate course drops and course changes in the Fall will be limited. Except in very exceptional situations, students will be expected to take a minimum course load, outlined below. This has been communicated to students throughout the course selection process.

<b>Grade 8</b>	Minimum 8 courses
<b>Grade 9</b>	Minimum 8 courses
<b>Grade 10</b>	Minimum 8 courses
<b>Grade 11</b>	Minimum 7 courses + CLC 12 A (two credits – blended online model)
<b>Grade 12</b>	Minimum 6 courses + CLC 12 (four credits – blended online model)

## Careers Curriculum Changes in 2025-26

In 2025-26 we will be introducing a new Career Education organization. This redesign has been done to better utilise Careers courses through grades 8-12 to prepare students for their transition out of grade 12. This reorganization has previously been shared with parents and students through the course selection process.

<b>Grade 8</b>	<a href="#">Career Education 8</a> offered embedded in electives rotation **starting 2025-26
<b>Grade 9</b>	<a href="#">Career Education 9</a> offered online via Teams (existing model)
<b>Grade 10</b>	<a href="#">Career Life Education 10</a> – 4 credit Graduation requirement Offered in blended online format with mandatory biweekly attendance in flex time OR Offered face to face in timetable
<b>Grade 11</b>	<a href="#">Career Life Connections 12 A</a> – 2 credit Graduation requirement ** starting 2025-26 Two credit course offered in blended online model through Teams with mandatory biweekly attendance in flex time
<b>Grade 12</b>	<a href="#">Career Life Connections 12B</a> – 2 credit Graduation requirement **starting 2026-27 Two credit course offered in blended online model through Teams with mandatory biweekly attendance in flex time <i>Note – grade 12 students in 2025-26 will complete the complete Career Life Education 12 4-credit course in a blended online model</i>

The table above shows the Career Life Connections 12 course split into two two-credit courses over grade 11 and 12, rather than our current model of one 4-credit course offered in grade 12.

- Career Life Connections A (grade 11) will focus on post-secondary research, course planning, and preparation for applications to post-secondary.
- Career Life Connections B (Grade 12) will be rolled out in 2026-27 and will focus on post-secondary transition and a capstone project all students must complete.

## Argyle Breakfast Program

The school district is able to offer the breakfast program through targeted funding provided by the provincial government to assure food access for students. Every morning, students have access to bagels with toppings and fresh fruit in room 182.

Multiple families have reached out to ask how they can contribute to the food access program. They have voiced their appreciation for the program as their student benefits from the program. The program can expand with donations from the community.

If you would like to make a donation to this program through School Cash Online (SCO):

- click on the [North Vancouver School District SCO Donation link](#)
- enter your donation dollar amount
- type **Breakfast-Secondary** in the Message box
- A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout

Donations will be used to expand breakfast offerings, and will be designated for the program, not used for other programs or services offered by the school district.

## School Updates & Upcoming Events





### Student Council Summer Send-Off BBQ

Student Council is excited to host a **Summer Send-Off BBQ** on **Friday, June 20th, 2025**, during lunch! **Tickets are now available for purchase on School Cash Online** and will include your student's choice of a hot dog lunch (hot dog, chips, and a drink). Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available to ensure everyone can participate.

**Ticket sales close on Friday, June 13th**, so be sure to purchase before the deadline! This is a fun way to celebrate the end of the school year, and we hope all students can join in. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [savefjall@sd44.ca](mailto:savefjall@sd44.ca)

### Pride Week

Argyle is excited to celebrate Pride Week June 9-13<sup>th</sup>:

-  Monday - Pride craft sale at lunch
-  Tuesday - Feeder school visits for chalk mural at lunch and games in period 8
-  Wednesday - RAINBOW DAY
-  Thursday – Book talks in the library

## Piper Pride - What's happening around the school?

### The Wrong Show

Drama students (pictured on the cover) put on a phenomenal production The Wrong Show in early May, written by Artist in Residence Andy Thompson.

### Cabaret

Congratulations to Argyle Music on a pop-filled Cabaret night! This is an annual fundraiser at Argyle, 2025 marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> Cabaret. A big thank you to the Argyle Music Association for their work putting on this event and to music teachers Mr. Will Clements and Mr. Andrew Smith. Pictured here, grade 12 students from vocal jazz perform a dazzling final number.





## Athletics Updates



### Tennis

Congratulations to the Argyle Girls Tennis Team for an extraordinary season culminating in a provincial bronze medal!

### Ultimate

The Senior Ultimate Team had an outstanding end to the season at the BC Ultimate Invitational and took home the bronze medal. Congratulations to all for an amazing season of play!



### Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Soccer Team for their bronze medal win at the AAA Provincial Championship!

## Physics Club

Congratulations to Argyle's Physics Club, led by Mr. Johnson, who competed in the Physics Olympics at UBC in May. Argyle placed on the honor roll and had their best showing in 10 years!

## Field Trips

### Outdoor Education Kayak Trip



Students in Mr. Soper and Mr. Mah's Outdoor Education 11-12 classes participated in a kayak trip to Granite Falls, Indian Arm in late May.

### Law 12 Mock Trials

Students in Mr. Pearce and Ms. Klein's Law 12 classes are participating in field trips to provincial and municipal courts, where they re-enact mock trials.



### Leadership 11 Camping

Students in Mr. Lockless and Ms. Robinson's Leadership 11 classes participated in a camping trip to Alice Lake for three action-packed days focused on team building and leadership skill-building.



## French Immersion Breakfast

Merci to Canadian Parents for French for putting on Argyle's fourth annual French Immersion breakfast to celebrate graduating students in the French Immersion Program.



## Parent Information

### Mental Health and Substance Use

See [here](#) for an updated resource from the Ministry of Education and Childcare about supporting students with mental health and substance use.

### International Program – Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We still have several secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.