



Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

It is hard to believe Winter Break is upon us. It was exactly one year ago that we closed the doors of the old Argyle and moved into our beautiful new school.

We are proud of the diverse learning opportunities our students are engaged in both inside and outside their classrooms. It has been wonderful to have students back in the school full time this year. When we return from winter break we are into the final stretch of semester 1. Only nine classes of each period remain!

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Harvest Project Initiative. Harvest Project staff picked up the donation boxes this week and were very appreciative of the large volume of donations. Thank you to Ms. Wexler's Social Justice 12 classes for leading this important initiative. Thank you also to Student Council and sponsor teachers Ms. Avefjall and Mr. Boljuncic for organizing a fun week of holiday theme days and today's Santa's Breakfast. It was great to see so many students and staff take part in the dress-up days and attend breakfast.

As we come to the end of 2021, we want to take a moment to thank and acknowledge Argyle teacher Ms. Tricia Landry who is retiring today. Ms. Landry spent her entire career at Argyle. Over the years Ms. Landry taught English, drama, learning assistance, and Choices. Ms. Landry's deep commitment to inclusive education, social emotional learning and her genuine care of all students will be missed. We bid her a fond farewell as she steps into a new stage of her life. Congratulations and thank-you for your 31 years of service to Argyle, Ms. Landry!

We hope you can find time to take a much needed and well-deserved break over the Winter Holiday. Connect with the things that fill your bucket and bring you joy !

Wishing you and your family all the blessings of the holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy New Year!

Please see below for important reminders about:

1. Winter Break
2. School Start Time
3. COVID-19 Health & Safety Reminder



4. COVID-19 and International Travel Requirements
5. NVSD Chess Tournament
6. Upcoming Dates

Warm regards,

Kim Jonat, Principal  
John Crowley, Vice Principal  
Laura Stewart, Vice Principal

## Updates & Reminders

### 1. Winter Break

Argyle is closed between December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Argyle will re-open on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### 2. School Start Time

This is a reminder to all families that **classes start at 9:20am**. With the later start time this year and both tutorial and transition time ahead of 9:20, students should be able to, and **need to be in their classes ready to learn at 9:20am**. Those arriving after 9:20am are disrupting the learning environment for their classmates and teachers and are missing foundational learning materials and instructions for the class. The school is open and ready for students at 8:30am and we would love to see as many students as possible coming in to use the time to complete work, learn and get ready for the day. Daily tutorial time is from 8:30am to 9:11am.

### 3. COVID-19 Health & Safety Reminder

Thank you for your continued support, vigilance, and messaging around COVID-19 safety protocols. As case numbers are increasing and people are spending more time indoors with others over the holidays it is even more important to maintain good hand hygiene, keep gatherings small, and stay home when ill.



- The Daily Health Check is more important than ever. If feeling ill, do not come to school.
- Please remind your child to vigorously wash all parts of their hands for 20 seconds multiple times a day.
- Bring multiple, clean masks to school every day.

We need to stick together in following the COVID-19 safety protocols so that everyone can enjoy a safe and healthy holiday break and return to school in January.

#### **4. COVID-19 and International Travel Requirements**

As shared in the December 9<sup>th</sup> [Superintendent's Update](#):

If you plan to travel over the Winter Break, please take the time to carefully read resources prepared by the Government of Canada, including:

- Temporary border restrictions and measures to address the COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern [HERE](#).
- Requirements for fully vaccinated travelers and unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated children less than 12 years of age [HERE](#). This information is also available in multiple languages via PDF; click [HERE](#) for the English version.

As a reminder, students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada cannot attend school for a minimum 14 days after arrival. Check the Government of Canada resources listed above for information about travel, restrictions, testing and exemptions currently in place.

#### **5. North Vancouver School District Chess Championship**

After a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the North Vancouver School District Chess Championship returns on Friday, February 4, 2022. The tournament will be hosted at Carson Graham Secondary. Registration is open to all NVSD students, and all skill levels are welcome. There is both an elementary and secondary division for players to enter. While there is no fee to enter, pre-registration is required as there are a maximum number of participants in each division.

For information on COVID-19 health and safety measures that will be in effect click [HERE](#).

For more information about the tournament and to register click [HERE](#).



## 6. Upcoming Dates



Tuesday, January 4	School reopens for 2022
Thursday, January 13	Annual grade 9 immunization clinic
January 17 to 21	FRAL 12 – Ministry graduation assessment French oral
Wednesday, January 19	PAC meeting, 7pm, Zoom
Thursday, January 20	Semester 1 music concert
January 24 to 28	Ministry Graduation Assessments – info emailed in December
Tuesday, January 25	DMA Info Night (virtual)
Wednesday, January 26	Gr. 10-11 Parent night – post-secondary information (virtual)
January 27-28	Argyle Drama winter film festival
Thursday, January 27	Last day of semester 1 classes (periods 3 & 4)
Friday, January 28	Semester 1 review & completion day
Friday, January 28	Grade 12 Scholarship application due by 3pm
Saturday, January 29	DMA Youth Expo (virtual)
Monday, January 31	Semester 1 turnaround day
Tuesday, February 1	Semester 2 starts (periods 5 & 6)

