



# HOME OF THE PIPERS

## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*Congratulations to the cast and crew of Mad as a Hatter!*

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## Principal's Update

Dear Argyle families,

The last month has been a time to celebrate the outstanding learning and achievements of students across the school – be it in classes, arts programs, or athletics. Students in music, drama, DMA, and athletics have seen great success in a number of events throughout a bustling December.

As the first part of the 2025-26 school year draws to a close, we would like to thank the entire Argyle community for your support of the school: through daily homework routines, supporting events, driving to practices, and volunteering at the school, your contributions to Argyle make this the wonderful school community it is.

We hope winter break will be a time to recharge, connect with family and friends, and enjoy the holidays. We look forward to seeing what 2026 will bring at Argyle.

See you in the new year!

Sincerely,



Laura Ames, Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

Shahrazad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

<b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Homeroom Schedule – classes start 8:30am
<b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Indigenous Celebration
<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 9 Immunizations
<b>January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Literacy 10 Assessment – no scheduled classes for Grade 10 students
<b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Numeracy 10 Assessment – no scheduled classes for Grade 10 students
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Professional Development Day
<b>January 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Jr. Band Concert (evening)
<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Argyle PAC Meeting 7:00pm library
<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Grad Semi-Formal (open to Grade 12 students only)
<b>January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Homeroom Schedule – classes start 8:30am
<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Literacy 12 Assessment – no scheduled classes for Grade 12 students
<b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Yearbook Purchase Deadline

## 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>

### Photo Consent & Yearbook

A reminder that all families received an email from the NVSD in early September with instructions on completing the three online forms through School Cash Online, including photo consent. If this form is not signed, students will not be included in the yearbook. Yearbook proofs will be posted on the office walls in the coming weeks for students to verify if their photo is included.

If you have not yet done so, please fill these out as soon as possible. These forms do not require any payment. [School Cash Online](#) is simply the platform the school district uses to collect this information. See these [instructions](#) on how to create a School Cash Online account.

## School Updates & Upcoming Events

### Cheakamus Training

There is still space in Cheakamus Leaders training. Interested students in Grade 10-12 students can apply for the February 6-8<sup>th</sup> training. [More info here.](#)

### Literacy 12 Assessment

Literacy 12 assessment will be offered on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no scheduled classes for grade 12 students on this day. The schedule will be shared with all students in the first week of January. Students will need to attend either a morning or afternoon assessment. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate schedule requests. Students who are not able to write the assessment in January will be able to re-write it in April or in June.

### Yearbook Purchase Deadline

The final deadline to purchase yearbooks is coming up on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We do not order extra yearbooks, so if you miss this deadline, you will miss the yearbook! Purchase yours on school cash online today.

## Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 Assessment

Literacy 10 assessment will be offered on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and Numeracy 10 will be offered on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be no scheduled classes for grade 10 students on these days. The schedule for assessments is below and has been shared with students on Teams. Students will need to attend either a morning or afternoon assessment. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we cannot accommodate schedule requests. Students who cannot write the assessment in January will be able to re-write it in April or in June. **Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 are graduation requirements.**

Grade 11 and 12 students who have not yet written these assessments will be contacted individually to write them in April.

January 15 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy 10		
Room	8:45-11:45am	12:00-3:00pm
Library	A-Cur	Ko - Pre
208	Cut - Gaga	Pro - Sno
137	Gagn – Hen	Sol - Vic
143	Hew- Kl	Vir - Z

January 16 <sup>th</sup> – Numeracy 10		
Room	8:45-11:45am	12:00-3:00pm
Library	Kos-Pre	A-Cur
208	Pro - Sno	Cut - Gaga
137	Sol - Vic	Gagn - Hend
143	Vir – Z	Hew - Kla

## Secondary Enhanced Programs Night

# Secondary Enhanced Programs and Academies Open House

Students in Grades 7 to 11 and families across the North Shore are invited to learn about our programs and academies.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 6 p.m - 8 p.m.

**Location:** Carson Graham Secondary  
2145 Jones Avenue, North Vancouver



### Programs and academies offered for the 2026/27 school year:

#### Programs

International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme  
North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL)  
Summer Learning  
Young Entrepreneurship and Leadership Launchpad (YELL)

#### Academies

Artists for Kids Studio Art, Basketball, Dance, Digital Media, Digital Media Lite, Field Hockey, Hockey Skills, Rowing, Soccer, and Volleyball



**Sign up to attend**  
(optional)



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   [@nvsvd44](https://www.instagram.com/nvsvd44)

  
**North Vancouver  
School District**  
the natural place to learn



## Piper Pride – What's happening at Argyle?

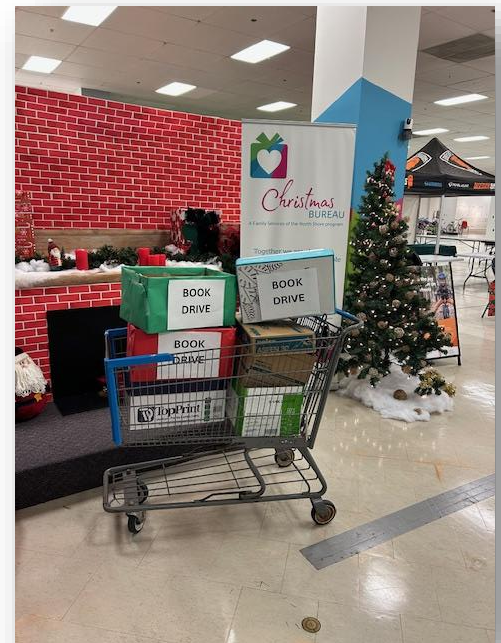
### Giving Back to the Community



Ms. Baker's Leadership 11 class sorting food donations at the Harvest Project.



Dropping off book donations from the library's December book drive at the Christmas Bureau – thank you for your donations!



Mr. Lockless' Leadership 11 students drop off toy donations to the NS Family Services Toy Drive.



## Athletics Update

Congratulations to the Bantam boys rugby team who won the North Shore championships in November!

Winter sports, including wrestling, basketball, gymnastics, and cheer are in full swing. Many Argyle basketball teams have played in tournaments in the last few weeks. Go pipers!

Argyle will be hosting many home games and meets in the new year, [check out our home game schedule here!](#)



*Sr. Girls Basketball wins Tsumaura Tournament Dec 15, 2025*



## Mad As a Hatter

(cover picture) Argyle drama put on their first production of the year in early December. Mad As a Hatter was written by Grade 12 student Ash Gurd and featured a cast and crew of 70 students! Congratulations to the whole drama program on another phenomenal, sold-out show. Thank you to Mr. Featherstone for his leadership in drama.

## Tech Club in Vancouver

The Tech Club, the crew behind most events at Argyle, went on a field trip on December 18<sup>th</sup> to visit the Cultch's three venues and view a show. Thank you to club sponsor Andy Thompson for this great experience!



## Winter Music Concert



Argyle's music department put on a beautiful winter concert on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew Wesley's Church in Vancouver. Congratulations to all musicians on another year of a beautiful Argyle tradition.

## Parent Resources

### Mental Health in the Holiday Season

The holiday season can be both joyful and challenging, especially for mental well-being. [See this guide](#) to help navigate the holiday season while prioritizing mental health and [this guide](#) to self-care in the holidays.



North Vancouver

# RCMP

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE



## E-Scooter Safety Violations



More than one rider ✗

\$109 fine

Riding without helmet ✗

\$29 fine



Must be 16 or older to ride ✗

\$109 fine

Riding dangerously ✗

\$109 fine

Riding on sidewalk ✗

\$109 fine

Exceeding speed limit ✗

\$138-\$368 fine









Scan here for more e-scooter rules and safety info

## PAC Updates & Fundraising

**The next Argyle PAC meeting will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Argyle library.**

Please join us for a discussion on cell phone use in classrooms and the implementation of the PDD policy at Argyle. This meeting is a great opportunity for parent questions and feedback.

Our annual Cheque Drive is now underway, and donations made now can be claimed on this year's tax return. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 for Student Scholarships and \$1,500 for a Teacher Appreciation Event. Families are encouraged to contribute any amount they can to support these initiatives.

How to contribute:

- **Online:** Donate through [SchoolCash Online](#) by signing in and selecting Make a Donation. Choose "Argyle PAC" under Fund Destination. A tax receipt will be emailed automatically.
- **Cheque:** Make cheques payable to Argyle PAC and drop them off at the school office. (Tax receipts are not issued for cheque donations.)

Thank you for supporting our students and staff—every contribution makes a difference!

### Argyle Rugby Fundraising

Consider dropping your bottles off in support of Argyle Rugby's Spring tour in Argentina!



**ARGYLE VARSITY RUGBY  
ARGENTINA TOUR  
BOTTLE DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD  
1 – 4 PM**

Please save your holiday refundables  
and leave bags outside your door.

**Thank you for your support!**

#### Argyle Varsity Rugby Argentina Tour Fundraiser



To continue to support the Argentina 2026 trip, simply take your bottles and cans in a clear plastic bag and print a label with our rugby account. Put the sticker on the bag, scan the bag, and all proceeds will go to the Varsity Rugby Tour!

**Account Name :** Argyle Rugby  
**Account Number:** 604-442-2741

*Thank you for your support!*  
Argyle Varsity Rugby