

# HOME OF THE PIPERS

## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Update

Dear Argyle families,

February has been a short but exciting month at Argyle full of student events, athletics competitions, hard work in classes, and lots of course planning for next year. Thank you to all the families who have come to the many events at Argyle over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to see you in the school.

Spring Break is just around the corner, and we can feel the excitement building as we enter the final stretch before a well-deserved break. With only two weeks to go, now is the perfect time to reflect on everything we've accomplished this term.

Read below for updates about the great work that has been happening at Argyle and what to expect in the next few weeks. Our next newsletter will be in the first week of April, just after Spring break.

Sincerely,

Laura Ames, Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

<b>Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Homeroom Schedule: Classes start 8:30am
<b>Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Term 2 Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published
<b>Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of classes before Spring Break
<b>Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Classes resume after Spring Break

## 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>

### Follow Us on Instagram!

Interested in more photos about what is going on around the school, reminders about school-wide events and more? Follow us on Instagram @argylesecondaryschool.

### Student Parking

This is a reminder for all students and families that there is no student parking permitted in the main Argyle parking lot. There are just enough stalls for Argyle staff and visitors. Students who drive to school need to follow parking signage with street parking in the community.

## School Updates & Upcoming Events

### Pipers Go International!

Argyle has two international student trips leaving over March break.

**Senior Boys Rugby** is headed to Argentina with 40 students on its first tour in a decade! Travelling March 12-23<sup>rd</sup>, the team will be playing 15 of Argentina's top high school rugby teams. This team has raised over \$45,000 towards the tour and would love your support to make it to \$50,000. See fundraising initiatives below. GO Pipers!

**The Boys Soccer Program** will be travelling to Costa Rica over spring break. Our students will be organizing a community service soccer camp for children in an underprivileged community in San Jose, exploring the Costa Rica rain forest and Arenal Volcano, learning about Costa Rica culture and enhancing our Spanish vocabulary. Our players will train and play at the stadiums of the top professional soccer clubs in Costa Rica.



## Ministry Assessments – Catch-ups

Argyle is offering catch-up assessments for Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 for grade 11 and 12 students on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. These assessments are required for graduation. Students who have not written the assessment have been contacted directly by Vice Principal Shahrzad Motagehdi. Please contact her directly [smodaghedi@sd44.ca](mailto:smodaghedi@sd44.ca) if you have any questions or believe your student is missing an assessment. Grade 10 students missing assessments will be contacted to write the assessments in June.

## Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is an annual survey that gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. This week, the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10-12.

**Parents of Grade 10-12 students are encouraged participate in this survey**, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. [Access the survey here.](#)

On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until May 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at [argyle@sd44.ca](mailto:argyle@sd44.ca)

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

### Course Programming

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for course programming events through February. Course selection for 2026-27 is now closed. Parents will be receiving an email with instructions to confirm their students’ course choices by March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Need more info? All our presentations and student information is available on our [website here](#).

## Athletics Updates

### Senior Girls Basketball

For the first time ever Argyle Senior Girls Basketball are Provincial Champions! Congratulations to all twenty players and head coach Anthony Beyrouti on a hard-fought season and Provincial Championship! The team was also featured on Global News on Friday night, check out the clip [here](#).

### Senior Boys Basketball

Sr. Boys basketball won the North Shore and Sea to Sky Championships and are playing in Provincials this week in Langley March 4-6<sup>th</sup>. They are entering the tournament ranked #3 in the province. [More info on tickets and game times here.](#)



### Argyle Gymnastics

The Gymnastics team has won their seventh straight championship at the BC Gymnastics Championships in February! Congratulations gymnasts and head coach Cath Dimmock.



### Wrestling

Argyle competed in the Provincial Wrestling Championships and grade 9 & 10 students placed third, receiving bronze medals in their weight class and events. Go Pipers!



## Junior & Juvenile Basketball

Argyle basketball teams had a wonderful season of play, bringing home multiple regional awards. Jr. Girls won the Sea to Sky Championships and came second in the Junior Provincial Invitational Tournament. Juvenile boys won the North Shore Championships. Congratulations Pipers!



A huge thank you to the **Lynn Valley Lions** for their generous support of Argyle with **\$16,000** in donations to Argyle Athletics: Football, Rugby, and Cheer.



And thank you to all the fans who came out to support so many exciting games making the 2025/26 season so memorable!

Rugby, Track and Field, Golf, Tennis, Ultimate, Girls Soccer, and Mountain Biking are all starting up! Stay tuned for exciting updates all these teams through the spring season of play!



## Pink Shirt Day

Students and staff put on a stunning show of pink on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual pink shirt day. [More info about pink shirt day here!](#)



## Outdoor Education 11

Mr. Mah and Mr. Soper's Outdoor Education class had another winter outing snowshoeing on Grouse Mountain in late February where they had plenty of snow to practice making snow shelters and caves.

## Romeo, You Idiot!

Argyle Junior Drama put on an outstanding and sold out show in early February. Led by Ms. Owens, grade 8 and 9 students had a blast headlining the comedic twist on Shakespeare's classic.



## Entrepreneurship and Marketing Class

Students in Ms. Almeida’s Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 have been working on creating and presenting their own service business ideas. Throughout this project, students explored what it takes to plan, promote, and operate a real-world service business, such as tutoring, babysitting, lawn care, or car washing. They developed business names and branding, identified their target market, created pricing strategies, and designed promotional plans using social media and other marketing tools. Students also analyzed competitors and completed a SWOT analysis to better understand their business’s strengths and areas for growth.

This project encouraged students to think like entrepreneurs while building valuable skills in creativity, problem solving, communication, and financial literacy. As part of their final presentations, students reflected on what they learned about running a business, the challenges entrepreneurs face, and how marketing and pricing decisions impact success.



## Parent Resources & Information

### Erase Report-It

Did something happen at school, and your student doesn’t know what to do? [Use this anonymous tool to report issues at school.](#) Reports are sent directly to the principal for follow-up.

### 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 have secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school terms beginning September 2026 and February 2027. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to the 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.

# Fundraisers

## Argyle Rugby



### Bottle Drive: BC Refund It Account

Account Name: Argyle Rugby

Account Number: 604-442-2741

Just take your bottles in clear plastic bags, attach a label with the account number and done!

### Flipgive Giftcards

Share this link with family and friends. Have an upcoming birthday or celebration? Buy clothes through FlipGive! All the brands are there! Need a gift card? It's on Flipgive! Grocery Shopping? Buy a gift card on Flipgive for your daily groceries! Heading to Walmart? Buy a gift card from Flipgive for your purchases!

## Argyle Music Association (AMA) Fundraisers

### Purdy's Easter Fundraiser

- Order by Sunday March 15
- Pickup at the school on Thursday April 2
- 25% of proceeds back to student accounts or the AMA

[Order here now!](#) Be sure to enter the name of the student(s) you would like to support on the order page!



### Growing Smiles Spring/Mother's Day Fundraiser



Order hanging baskets, veggies and herbs, geraniums, and more

- Order by Friday April 24
- Pick up at the school on Friday May 8
- 25% of proceeds back to student accounts or the AMA

[Order here now!](#) Be sure to enter the name of the student(s) you would like to support on the order page!

## Argyle Music Hoodies

These hoodies are a great way to show pride in our music program while supporting future opportunities for our students.

### Hoodie Details

- **Price: \$59.95**
- **All proceeds go directly toward supporting the Argyle Music Program**
- Purchases can be made for **students, friends, family members, and supporters**



### IMPORTANT ORDERING NOTE:

When completing your purchase, please be sure to enter the NAME OF THE MUSIC STUDENT who should pick up this order for you under the field labeled “WHO IS THIS FOR.” This is essential so we know who to distribute the hoodie to at school.

[Order here](#) by Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>