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ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Outdoor Education 11 Students Winter Camping at Mount Seymour

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Principal's Update

Dear Argyle families,

Argyle has had a busy start to 2026; take a read through this month's newsletter for lots of updates about courses, athletics, drama , music and more.

February marks the start of course programming season, where students need to select their courses for the 2026-27 school year. Student course selection is the first step in our process of staffing and building the school timetable for next year. Please have conversations with your students at home, and, especially for senior students, please start researching courses students need to prepare for post-secondary. We rely on your help to make sure students make informed and accurate course choices now to avoid changes in September, which can be hard or impossible to accommodate. There is more information included in this newsletter as well as the recent course programming letter about supports for course programming, researching post-secondary institutions and resources for parents and students.

We hope to see you in the school in some of the many events coming up through February.

Sincerely,



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

Upcoming School Dates

February 3-5th	Junior Drama Show
Thursday, February 5th	Grade 8 Course Programming Assembly 8:30am
Friday, February 6th	Homeroom Schedule – Course programming presentations Senior Girls Basketball – Seniors Night
Tuesday, February 10th	Course Programming Presentations for Parents/ Guardians
Friday, February 13th	Professional Development Day – No Classes
Monday, February 16th	Family Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, February 18th	PAC Meeting in Argyle Library 7:00pm
Friday, February 20th	Indigenous Celebration Day
Wednesday, February 25th	Pink Shirt Day; Staff Collaboration – Late Start
Friday, February 27th	Review and Completion Day – No Classes

School Information

Argyle Contact Info	Contact Info & Map - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Daily Schedules & Block Rotation	Daily Schedules - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Full Year Calendar	Calendars - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Reporting Attendance	Attendance - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Argyle Policies	School Policies - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Daily Announcements	Daily Announcements - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Staff Contact Information	Staff Contacts and Links - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)

New: “All Grades Team” for Students

All Argyle students have just been added to a new “all grades” team. We will use this team to post information on athletics and clubs sign-up information, elective course offerings for 2026-27, daily announcements and important school-wide updates. Anything that is posted on the school TVs or on the announcements will also be posted to Teams.

New: 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.

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.

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

Course Programming 2026-27

In February, students will need to select their courses for the 2026-2027 school year. Please work with your students to make wise choices now. We use the choices students make in February to staff the school and build the whole timetable. Argyle is very full and we may not be able to accommodate course selection changes made after February. **Please see the Course Programming Update sent January 20th for important course programming information.** All our course programming information is available on our website [here](#).

Course Programming Information Events for Students

Grade counsellors will share key information about course selection, graduation requirements and elective choices.

For current grade 8 students:

- February 5th 8:30am – Mandatory assembly for all grade 8 students. Arrive before 8:30am for 8:30am start. Attendance is mandatory.
- February 6th – Homeroom – students will have a chance to ask questions and explore the Argyle website to learn about course programming information.

For current grade 9-11 students:

- February 6th – Course programming presentations in homeroom classes. Attendance is mandatory.

Course Programming Information Events for Parents / Guardians

- Parents / guardians of **current grade 8 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 6:00pm
- Parents / guardians of **current grade 9 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 6:00pm
- Parents / guardians of **current grade 10 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 7:00pm
- Parents / guardians of **current grade 11 students**: Tuesday, February 10th 7:00pm

Minimum Course Requirements

Next year, all Argyle students will be expected to take a minimum course load to retain full time student status. This minimum course loads are required for: Argyle scholarships, all Argyle awards and participation in Argyle Athletics.

Grade	Minimum Courses	Maximum Courses w/out Admin Approval
8	8	9
9	8	9
10	8	9
11	7 + CLC12 - 2 credits	8+CLC12 - 2 credits
12	6 + CLC12 - 2 credits	7+CLC12 - 2 credits



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Career Life Education Update 2026-27

All Career Life Education 10 courses will be offered in a hybrid model: 50% instruction face to face and 50% instruction asynchronously through Teams. More information will be shared with grade 10 students and parents in the course programming presentations.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes

Interested in more academic challenge in grade 12? We are expanding our AP course offerings next year to include: AP Biology (12), AP Chemistry (12) and Life Sciences 11 AP Prep. Talk to your counsellor for more information.

Argyle Drama Junior Show

Argyle Drama's Grade 8 and 9 students have been hard at work preparing this year's production *Romeo, You Idiot*. [More information including tickets sales is available here](#).

Thank you to Ms. Owens, Mr. Featherstone and Andy Thompson for all their time and work supporting this play!





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Upcoming Basketball Games

Argyle is hosting many playoff basketball games in the next two weeks! See below for this week's schedule; up-to-date times and dates will be shared with the school as game times are confirmed.

Argyle Basketball Playoff Run

join the fun, show your support, be there live



Feb 2

NSSSAA Quarter Final – Jr Boys
@ 7:00pm

Feb 3

NSSSAA Semi Finals- Jr Girls
@ 5:30pm



Feb 4

NSSSAA Quarter Final – Bantam
Boys @ 4:00pm

&

NSSSAA Quarter Final – Juv
Boys @ 5:30pm



Feb 5

NSSSAA Final – Jr Girls @
5:30pm

&

NSSSAA Final – Sr Girls
@ 7:30pm

Piper Pride – What's happening at Argyle?

Games Club

Did you know you can play video games every lunch time? Thank you to the Argyle PAC for their support of this wonderful club! This year, the PAC purchased an additional display, which has allowed twice as many students to play at once.

Always staff supported and open to all students, students can drop by room 195 any day at lunch to check it out.





JABC

On December 15, four Argyle students participated in a ceremony in the longhouse at UBC. The ceremony, at which they pitched business plans to the “Bears Den”, marked the end of a nine-week Indigenous Entrepreneurship program run by JABC and UBC Sauder.

Art Metal Projects

Incredible work by Mr. Edgar’s art metal students, who decided to make an electric guitar using scrap metal parts. You can see spark plugs, broken wrenches, gear cogs, bike chains and more. Thank you to Mr. Edgar and Mr. Bankes for their guidance on student-led art metal projects.



English 8 Ink Talks

Ms. Owens’ grade 8 English class welcomed Ted Bishop, a celebrated Canadian author who's written a book called the Social Life of Ink to run “Ink Talks”. He offered students a little background on the history of ink, its place in our society, a hands-on ink making experience using gall nuts. Thank you Ted Bishop! This is part of a larger series of field trips Ms. Owens and Ms. Taylor’s grade 8 classes are making to the North Vancouver Archives.

January Professional Development Day

On January 19th, Argyle welcomed NVSD Teacher Leaders Emily McWilliams, Simon Worley and Alicia Francis who offered full staff workshops on: supporting literacy across the curriculum and the use of AI in classes.

The upcoming February Pro-D day is district-wide, and Argyle will be hosting an event for teachers across NVSD.



Model UN Club



The Model UN Club participated in the annual Vancouver Model UN student symposium in Vancouver in January.

Students meet other teams from around the province and recreate the UN, debating issues on current events and global affairs. Thank you to Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Boljuncic and Mme La Roche for supporting this trip!



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Social Studies 10 Victoria Field Trip

Students in Mr. Ramsay's and Mme La Roche's Social Studies 10 classes visited Victoria to tour the legislature and Royal BC Museum as a complement to Social Studies 10 units. Thank you to Ms. Lyons and Ms. Black who also helped chaperone this incredible trip.

Athletics Updates

The **Senior Girls basketball team** is currently ranked #1 in the province! They are heading into playoffs, with many upcoming home games. Come cheer on the Pipers!

The **Senior Boys basketball team** is currently ranked #5 in the province!

Congratulations to the **Argyle Gymnastics** team who won the Vancouver Sea to Sky Championships this past weekend!

Thank you to Mr. Rath for his support of this team.



The **Argyle Wrestling Team** travelled to Port Alberni this past weekend for an annual tournament. Seven Argyle students had podium finishes. Congratulations to the whole team!

Thank you to Mr. Kelsch for his support of this team.

Have you been to the gym lately? Thank you to the Argyle PAC for supporting our new wall and adding a lot more personality to our gym with a new wall banner, just in time for lots of upcoming home games.





Parent Resources

MyBlueprint & Education Planner BC

Every student has access to [MyBlueprint](#) through their SD44 account. MyBlueprint is a powerful tool to build resumes, research post-secondary institutions and more. Parents can create a free account linked to their students to help with post-secondary research. Information and instructions are [here](#).

[Education Planner BC](#) allows students to search for post-secondary programs and apply to most post-secondary institutions in BC.

Safer Schools Together Parent Resources

Interesting in learning more about how to support your youth with technology, phones, social media and more? [Check out the parent/ caregiver resources at Safer School Together for articles, trainings and more.](#)

PAC Updates & Community Information

PAC Update

Thank You for Supporting the PAC Cheque Drive

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed to our annual PAC Cheque Drive. We're grateful for your generosity and support. Thanks to the donations received to date, we have already raised enough funds to cover **one \$500 student scholarship** — a wonderful start! To reach our goal of funding **five scholarships** and to fully support our year-end initiatives, we still need additional contributions.

As a reminder, your donations directly support two important initiatives:

Student Scholarships

Each year, we fund five \$500 scholarships for graduating students. These awards recognize leadership, community involvement and academic effort — helping students as they take their next steps.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event

We also host a year-end Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event, fully funded by parents, to show our gratitude for the people who support our children every day.

How to Contribute:

- Donate online and select "**Argyle PAC**" under Fund Destination. A tax receipt will be emailed automatically when your donation is completed.
- Cheques made out to **Argyle PAC** can be dropped off at the school office. (Tax receipts are not issued for cheque contributions.)

Every contribution — no matter the amount — helps us get closer to our goal. Thank you for continuing to support our students and staff.



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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. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.