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ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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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 three weeks 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 some exciting things that have been happening in May and what is to come in June. We will publish one more newsletter in the last week of June with highlights from end of year events and updates heading into summer break.

Sincerely,



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

Upcoming School Dates

June 1-5th	Pride Week
June 2nd	Graduation Ceremony
June 9th	Français Langue 12 – Provincial Assessment (written)
June 9th	Final Band Concert @ Argyle Secondary
June 10th	Final Choir Concert @ Highlands United Church
June 11th	Athletic Awards (evening)
June 11th	Indigenous Celebration Day
June 11-12th	Français Langue 12 – Provincial Assessment (oral)
June 15-19th	Adjusted timetable (see below)
June 16th	School Awards (by invitation – evening)
June 19th	Last day of classes, summer send-off BBQ
June 20th	Graduation Banquet
June 22-23rd	Review, Completion, and Enrichment Days
June 24th	Final Learning Summaries (Report Cards) Published
June 25th	Yearbook pick-up (Schedule TBD)

Note: the homeroom on Friday, June 5th is cancelled. Normal class schedule is in place.

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)

Bring Your Own Device!



Argyle is implementing a Bring Your Own Device program for the 2026-27 school. Learn more on our website [here](#). Financial assistance is available – email Laura Ames lames@sd44.ca for more info.

School Fees

Please review School Cash Online and pay any outstanding school fees. **Yearbooks will not be distributed until school fees are paid.** If you need financial assistance with school fees, please contact your grade administrator.



Last Week of School – Altered Bell Schedule

Argyle will be running an altered bell schedule the week of June 15-19th. Long blocks will allow teachers to plan final assessments, out trips, and special year-end celebrations. Friday, June 19th will have a special timetable with eight short blocks to allow students to see all teachers one last time. Please ensure students are present for this important last week of school.

Time	Monday, June 15	Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17	Thursday, June 18
8:30-9:10am	Flex	Flex	Flex	Flex
9:10-11:35am	Period 1	Period 3	Period 5	Period 7
11:35am-12:35pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:35-3:00pm	Period 2	Period 4	Period 6	Period 8

Time	Friday, June 19 th
8:30-9:10am	Flex
9:10-9:45am	Period 1
9:45-10:20am	Period 2
10:20-10:55am	Period 3
10:55-11:30am	Period 4
11:30-12:05pm	Period 5
12:05-1:15pm	Lunch & Send-off BBQ (ticket information coming soon)
1:15-1:50pm	Period 6
1:50-2:25pm	Period 7
2:25-3:00pm	Period 8

Minimum Course Enrolment 2026-27

This is a reminder that next year, all Argyle students will be expected to take a minimum course load to retain full time student status at Argyle. Part time student status affects eligibility for: Argyle scholarships, Argyle awards, and participation in Argyle Athletics. All NVSD classes contribute to the course totals below.

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

School Updates & Upcoming Events

Congratulations Graduates!

This Tuesday, June 2nd we will celebrate our graduates of 2026 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

Save the Date! End of Year Evening Awards Events

- Thursday, June 4th – Drama Awards
- Tuesday, June 9th – Final Band Concert & Awards
- Wednesday, June 10th – Final Choir Concert & Awards
- Thursday, June 11th – Athletic Banquet & Awards
- Tuesday, June 16th – School Awards (by invitation)

Summer Send-Off BBQ

As the end of the school year approaches, Student Council is excited to once again host our **Summer Send-**

Off BBQ on Friday, June 19, 2026, during lunch. Tickets are available on [School Cash Online](#); all tickets must be pre-paid.

Argyle Parent Survey

We'd love to hear from you! We tried some new initiatives in the last couple of years at Argyle and would like to hear from parents to help us plan programs and services next year. [Please fill out this brief survey](#). All responses are anonymous and will be reviewed by the school leadership team. Thank you!



Piper Pride – What's happening at Argyle?

One Ability

(Cover photo) Best Buddies attended OneAbility Games in Richmond in May. Joining students from across the province, they danced, competed in wheelchair races, and had an amazing day of movement and friendship. Argyle best buddies got a special shout-out this month on Instagram!

Cabaret

On May 29th, Argyle Music Association hosted its annual Cabaret. A wonderful celebration of music and fundraising, the event featured performances from band and choir, food trucks, and an impressive silent auction. Thank you to the AMA for putting on this incredible event!

Outdoor Education

Mr. Mah and Mr. Soper's Outdoor Education classes have been making the most of the beautiful summer weather. They have hiked to Norvan Falls and recently completed a kayak expedition on the Sunshine Coast.



Athletics Updates

Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls Soccer team finished first in the Sea to Sky Zone Championships and competed in Provincials in Kelowna May 27-30th, finishing second in the province! Congratulations to Argyle Senior Girls soccer!



Junior Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Junior Girls Soccer for their North Shore Championship win! Argyle fielded three junior girls soccer teams this year with the gold team bringing home first place. Congratulations Pipers!



Ultimate

Congratulations to the Argyle Senior Ultimate Team on a fabulous finish to the season. After a tough loss during round two of BC Ultimate Senior Invite, they came back playing with "grit and grace" to win their Sunday bracket, finishing 9th out of 32.

Track and Field

Argyle Track and Field has had another excellent season and will wrap it up June 5–7 at the Provincial Championships. Eleven athletes have qualified in a range of events, including relays jumps, throws, sprints, racewalk and distance races.

We are very proud of Callum Williams for breaking the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky record in the triple jump at the Vancouver Sea-to-Sky Championships. Argyle had a strong showing with Matthew McKechnie in Grade 8 and Sara Altomare in Grade 12 being the North Shore Aggregate Winners for their standout performances in distance running and throws. We are also celebrating the team's strong performance in placing second overall in AAA team points at the North Shore Championships.

Senior Boys Rugby

Congratulations to Senior Boys Rugby on an incredible season of play. Starting with a tour to Argentina and finishing with second place in the province, this team has had a record-breaking season, with incredible community support.



Girls Rugby

Congratulations to Senior Girls Rugby for a phenomenal season of play! They played in provincials and ranked 11th. Thank you to Ms. Vukovich and Ms. Baker for their leadership and coaching.



Visual Art

In May, Argyle hosted visiting artists Amelia Epp, Marlene Yuen, and Nickie Lewis. These local artists helped students build a natural installation on the east side of the school and learn about block-printing. Come check out the work from our incredible art classes and thank you to Ms. Bergler for her leadership in the art program.



Honour Band

Many Argyle students participated in the 2026 NVSD Honour Ensemble Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) Mentorship Program. This opportunity brought together exceptional band and strings students from across the district to rehearse with peers, receive mentorship from Vancouver Symphony Orchestra musicians, and perform on stage at the iconic Orpheum Theatre on May 23rd. Congratulations to our talented Argyle musicians for representing our school with dedication, passion, and musical excellence!



UBC International Teaching Programme



On May 25th, Argyle welcomed over 30 teachers from Hong Kong, visiting BC as part of UBC's International Education M.Ed Programme. They spent the morning in Argyle classes learning about BC's curriculum and our approach to instruction, assessment, and inclusion in classrooms.

Student highlights

Grade 10 student Carlos Suarez recently received the "Give Back" Civic Youth Award from the City of North Vancouver. This award recognizes youth who have made meaningful voluntary contributions to the community, with nominees completing at least 75 hours of service. Congratulations!

Le Slam en Français

This month, Argyle has hosted [ELEMO](#) in French Immersion classes, a slam poet from Montreal. He performed and hosted workshops for students in French. Merci beaucoup ELEMO!

French Immersion Grad Celebration

Félicitations to Argyle's French Immersion graduates! They were celebrated at a special French event in May, hosted by NVSD.



Grade 8 Quebec Trip

Many of Argyle's Grade 8 French Immersion students participated in the annual trip to Quebec. Students had the chance to visit vieux Quebec, a cirque du soleil training school, traditional cabane à sucre, and lots more sights. Merci beaucoup Mme Sasges and Mme La Roche for chaperoning this trip!



PAC Updates & Community Information

Teachers and Staff Appreciation Lunch – Donations Welcome

On June 24th, the PAC will be hosting our annual Teachers and Staff Appreciation Lunch to recognize and thank the wonderful teachers and support staff who contribute so much to our school community throughout the year.

In addition to providing lunch, we would like to offer a selection of door prizes as a small token of appreciation. We are currently seeking donations from families and community members to help make this event extra special.

Suggested donation items include:

- Restaurant, coffee shop, or retail gift cards
- Gift baskets or gourmet food items
- Spa, wellness, or self-care products
- Movie passes or entertainment vouchers
- Bottles of wine or specialty beverages
- Local business products or services
- Home décor, gardening, or hobby-related items
- Unique gifts
- Tickets to local events or attractions

If you have an item you would like to donate, or know of a local business that may be interested in contributing, please reach out to Lilian Trousdell at liliantrousdell@gmail.com. Donations will be accepted until June 22nd.

Unable to donate an item but would like to contribute? Monetary contributions are also welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by logging into your [SchoolCashOnline](#) account and selecting "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 helps us make this event a meaningful celebration of our incredible teachers and staff.

Pipers Gear!

Argyle PAC is proud to launch Pipers Gear! Argyle Merchandise will be available starting September 8th, 2026. The site will be open for 4-6 weeks to place orders and receive products before the holiday season! Items will include: pullover hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-Shirts, sleeveless t-Shirts, trucker snapback hats, and sweatpants.

Argyle Music Association (AMA) Samosa Fundraiser

- Order samosas, curries and so much more!
- Order by Sunday June 7
- Pick up at the school on Wednesday June 17, from 3:30-5:00 PM
- 25% of proceeds back to student accounts or the AMA

[Order here!](#)

Be sure to enter the name and grade of the student you would like to support on the order page! Questions?
argylemusicfundraising@gmail.com



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Please Stock up!

Pick-up June 17

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samosafundraiser.com/AMA26





Westlynn Bakery – Thank You!

A big thank you to Westlynn Bakery for their ongoing support of the Argyle soccer program. This Spring, Westlynn has donated over \$4600 towards supporting the Pipers growing soccer teams!

Lab Equipment Donation

A big thank you to Katerina Dorovini-Zis, MD, FRCPC, who recently donated her lab equipment to Argyle's growing science program. A Professor Emerita of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of British Columbia, she was the founder and director of the Neuropathology Research Laboratory from 1985 to 2018. We appreciate her donation to the Argyle science program, which will greatly benefit students and science programs for years to come! This donation is particularly timely as we expand our Advanced Placement Program to include Chemistry and Biology. Much of the equipment will benefit students in these new programs next year.