



November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. There are many important informational items in the pages that follow, and we ask you to take some time to read through them and share them with your child.

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Warm regards,

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John Crowley, Vice Principal

Laura Stewart, Vice Principal



## Informational Items

### 1. 2021-2022 Argyle Yearbook

The 2021-2022 Argyle Yearbook is available to order on School Cash Online for \$50. The deadline to order is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Students who have purchased a yearbook receive it at the end of June. No extra copies are purchased so please ensure you order by the deadline.

The yearbook is created by grade 9 to 12 students in the yearbook class. It features student photos by grade, grad write-ups, staff, school events, athletic teams, clubs, student art and photography, departments, as well as special feature pages. The yearbook is a 180+ page, full colour, hardcover bound book.

### 2. School Start Time

This is a reminder for all families that tutorial time runs 8:30-9:11am and class starts promptly at 9:20am. We are seeing a number of students arrive between 9:20 and 9:30am so we ask all families to help ensure students are in class and ready to learn at 9:20am.

### 3. Tutorial Time Reminder

Every morning from 8:30am to 9:11am is tutorial time. Students are encouraged to come to the school to get extra help from teachers, work on group projects, engage in self-study, workout, or get additional time in the art or digital media studio, or the shops. We will be posting a schedule of teacher tutorial times and locations to the website next week to help facilitate access to teachers.

### 4. Health & Careers 8

On Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> all Grade 8 students at Argyle are required to attend a morning assembly at 8:30am in the Large Gym during the tutorial period. We are meeting to introduce Career Life Planning 8 and the Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies



(SACC). During this time Mr. Duffy will introduce himself to the students, outline the expectations of the course to ensure understanding, introduce MyBlueprint, and explain the Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies assignment.

## 5. Graduation Assessments

Graduation assessments dates and times for future writing sessions will be posted prior to each session. This week current grade 11's who had not yet written the Literacy 10 Assessment were scheduled. For any grade 11 students that were unable to complete the assessment this week (either due to technical issues or missed assessments), an opportunity will be available in the January writing period. A calendar of specific dates and times will be forwarded shortly.

## 6. Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Students are reminded to confirm their AP Exams by next Wednesday, November 10. Students currently in Physics 11H, Physics 12H and AP Calculus should notify Mr. Johnson and Mr. Pisica. Students in Français Langue 12 wishing to write the AP French Language and Culture exam should check with M. Sache. Students enrol in the exam by joining their respective AP Classrooms as noted in the emails sent previously. Students must indicate if they are not writing the exam by Tuesday or they will be charged for the exam on their school cash accounts.

## 7. Winter Sports

The winter sports season is starting. Argyle offers the following winter sports:

- Basketball
- Cheer (in progress)
- Gymnastics
- Ski & Snowboard
- Wrestling

These sports are open to all students in grade 8 to 12. Students should see Mr. Kelsch or send him a message on Teams if they have not already joined the Argyle Athletics team on MS Teams.



## 8. Remembrance Day Ceremony

Argyle student will be participating in a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will be live and broadcast virtually to classrooms. We are unable to have parents as audience members this year.

This year marks 100 years after the Poppy became Canada's symbol of Remembrance. Students will receive a poppy in their class on Wednesday. Students are encouraged to bring a donation to support the [National Poppy Campaign](#). All donations received will go directly to the Royal Canadian Legion to support Veterans and their families.

## 9. Report Cards

Mid semester report cards will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians will receive an email from SysAdmin when the reports have been published.

We recommend logging in to the MyEd Parent Portal in advance of the 19<sup>th</sup>.

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

If you forgot your password, click on the "I forgot my password" button below the password entry box.

## 10. Enhancing Substance Use Prevention in BC Schools Survey

The Ministry of Health is sponsoring an initiative to expand and enhance the use of evidence-based approaches for BC schools to address youth substance use. The first step in this engagement is to listen and learn. Therefore, the Ministry is asking parents and caregivers to complete a 10-minute survey about youth substance use. The survey is open until November 19<sup>th</sup>. Click [HERE](#) to access the survey.



## 11. Argyle Fundraisers

### A. PAC & AMA - Purdys Chocolate Christmas Fundraiser

The Argyle PAC has teamed with the Argyle Music Association (AMA) and Purdy's to make ordering your favourite Christmas chocolate treats a little easier. 25% of your order will go back to either the Argyle PAC or the AMA.  
Order deadline: November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Pick up: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm (Drive-thru at Argyle)



#### Link to Support Argyle PAC:

25% of your purchase will go to helping enrich the educational experience at Argyle.

1. Login or create a new account: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1367649-85859>

2. Enter email address and JOIN campaign

More info: <https://argylepac.weebly.com/purdys-chocolate.html>

#### Link to Support Argyle Music Department:

25% of your purchase will go to your child's personal travel account (remember to include your child's name when ordering). If your child is not in the music program, you can still order and profits will go towards the Argyle Music Department. Please email [fundraising@argylemusic.ca](mailto:fundraising@argylemusic.ca), if you have any questions.

1. Login or create a new account (customer #17985):

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1367647-85859>



### B. Argyle Music Fundraiser

Beautiful poinsettias, wreaths, swags, planters, and more from Growing Smiles. Log in or create a new account:

<https://argylemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

### C. Argyle Library Fundraiser - Chapters/Indigo (365 days/year)

If you are shopping online (or in-store) this year at Chapters/Indigo, consider ordering through our school page to support the Argyle Library. 5% of your purchase and 20% of e-cards goes directly back to the library to support the purchase of more books and resources for Argyle students. This fundraiser runs all year round.

<https://indigo.flipgive.com/teams/123533-argyle-secondary-school/>



## 12. Family Smart North Shore Virtual Parent Event



"Beyond Behaviours: When are Behaviours More? What it looks like at age 13+ Family Smart North Shore is hosting a FREE parent event on Zoom on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Every month Family Smart host events for families called "in the know." We watch a video, or listen to a speaker, and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.



What will we talk about?

Why can it feel so tricky to tell if our kids are on track, going through a phase, as opposed to struggling with something more, or beyond behaviours? In this video conversation, a parent and counsellor talk about developmental stages of 13 plus year old children. A poster for November is attached and the event details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:30PM to 6:00 PM

Cost: Free of charge

Registration is required at:

<https://familysmart.ca/event/north-and-west-vancouver-beyond-behaviours-when-is-it-more-what-it-looks-like-ages-13/>

In addition, Family Smart has a new website! Check it out here: [www.familysmart.ca](http://www.familysmart.ca)

### 13. Upcoming Dates

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night.

Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

Remembrance Day (school closed)

Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

Argyle PAC meeting, 7pm on Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

Careers 8 assembly at 8:30am in large gym

Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

Mid semester report cards published