



# ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Hello Argyle Families,

We are at the end of another positive week at Argyle Secondary. Students have settled into academic routines and are getting very used to our new health and safety protocols. A reminder to please complete a [daily health check](#) prior to your child(ren) coming to school. Also, ensure reusable masks are washed regularly and packed as part of your child's daily school supplies.

Below are several updates for families:

1. Student Safety
2. MyEd Parent Portal & Demographic Info
3. Terry Fox Run
4. Orange Shirt Day
5. School Photos
6. Curriculum Implementation Day
7. Legion Youth Remembrance Contest
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## **1. Student Safety during Drop Off & Pick-up**

With Frederick Road under construction, students are being dropped off at various points near the school. There have been numerous concerns for student safety due to U-turns being made on Fromme Ave. Please consider dropping off an extra block away and using a side street to exit rather than making an illegal U-Turn.

## **2. MyEd Parent Portal & Demographic Changes**

The MyEd Parent Portal is now OPEN. We are asking all parents & guardians log in to review your child's demographic information on your Parent Portal account. Student information verification forms will not be printed and sent home. Please note that you will likely need to reset your password at this time. If your old password has expired, click on the "I forgot my password" link to initiate a password reset.

Start by logging in here: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

1. Select the "Family" Top Tab
2. Select child
3. Main page information contains: Argyle pupil number, Personal Education Number (PEN), birthdate, address
4. Click the "Contacts" side tab to check contact names and phone numbers
5. In the *top right corner* click the arrow beside *your* name and click on "set preferences", and then the "security" tab. Check your email address.

6. Go back to the **Family** Top Tab and repeat the steps for each child.
7. Please send changes to [argyle@sd44.ca](mailto:argyle@sd44.ca)

New Students – if you log in and the information is blank, please go to the Argyle school website where you will find a blank form to complete. This is available on Argyle’s website under the **Parent** top tab, **Parent Portal** sub tab. Please fill in this form and email it back to the school [argyle@sd44.ca](mailto:argyle@sd44.ca) as soon as possible so we can enter your information.

Please inform the Argyle Office when your contact information changes throughout the year.

### **3. Terry Fox Run**

This year, Argyle is participating in the 40th anniversary of Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope. Students, staff, and parents are encouraged to set aside some time between now and September 30th to take a walk, run, hike, or bike ride for Terry. Several classes, including all PE classes, participated in a walk/run today in honour of Terry Fox.

Students are encouraged to bring in toonies for Terry or fives for Fox next week to their period 1 morning class. You can also show your support by donating to our school’s online fundraising page: <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=916893>

### **4. Orange Shirt Day - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

*Orange Shirt Day* across Canada is recognized nationally and annually on September 30th. This date is significant as it is the approximate date that children would be taken to residential school. North Vancouver School District will recognize *Orange Shirt Day* on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

*Orange Shirt Day* was started by Phyllis Webstad, who is Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem’c Xgat’tem First Nation, to honour and recognize all those who attended a residential school because she believes that “Every Child Matters.” You can read more about Phyllis’ Story [here](#). You will also find French translations.

We encourage all Argyle students and staff to wear an orange shirt on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. For more info please check out the resources on the Argyle Library page here: <https://libguides.sd44.ca/c.php?g=173698&p=5144374>

### **5. School Photos**

To view and order school photos go to [www.gradsbc.com](http://www.gradsbc.com). Click on the “View and Order” button on the top right of the page. If your child brought home the slip of paper from Grads BC you can scan the QR code to go directly to the site.

School Photo Retakes will be on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> during the afternoon block when all students have face to face instruction.

### **6. Curriculum Implementation Day** – Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Classes are not in session on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff will be exploring topics and strategies for teaching through various delivery models such as hybrid and remote. We will be meeting virtually with colleagues from across the NVSD. Additionally, staff will have the opportunity to further explore Microsoft Teams, attend breakout sessions, and delve into topics such as trauma-informed practice, mental health, inclusive education, digital communications, Indigenous education, and place-based learning.

## 7. Legion Youth Remembrance Contest

ENTER THE  
**Legion Youth Remembrance Contest**  
ART • VIDEO • WRITING

**Are you an artist,  
a wordsmith, or a filmmaker?**

Create something about *Remembrance* and what it means to you and your country, and you could win local and national prizes, including: *Cash and Travel!*

**Deadline:**  
November 15th, 2020

**Who Can Enter?**  
All kids and youth, grades 1-12, in BC and Yukon.

**Contest Categories:**

- Poster – Grades 1-12
- Essay – Grades 4-12
- Poetry – Grades 4-12
- Video – Grades 7-12

You could **Win** local & national prizes!

For more information, please go to  
[legionbcyukon.ca/what-we-do/youth-and-remembrance](http://legionbcyukon.ca/what-we-do/youth-and-remembrance)

**Legion**  
BRITISH COLUMBIA-YUKON  
COMMAND

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED  
TO YOUR LOCAL LEGION BRANCH**

## 8. Teen Short Story Writing Contest

The City of North Vancouver Library is having their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Teen Writing Contest and is seeking submissions that explore the theme *The Hidden Enemy*. The contest is open to all North Shore teens in grades 7 – 12. All entries must be 1000 words or less and are due Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. For more details see: <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/teen/events-and-programs/teen-writing-contest>

## 9. District of North Vancouver Library Teen Groups

Did you know that the District of North Vancouver's Library has a Teen Advisory Council, a Teen Advance Readers' Club, a Teen Writers Group, and a Teen & Adult Anti-Racist Book Club? For more information on how to join one of more of these virtual groups please check out: <https://nvdpl.ca/events-teens>

Thank you again for continuing to connect with staff at the school. It is good to have students back connecting with each other and the school community. We are grateful to hear the buzz of learning throughout the school once again.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal  
Caren Hall, Vice Principal  
John Crowley, Vice Principal