



# ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Hello Argyle Families!

We are looking forward to welcoming your child(ren) to Argyle this week. Thank-you for taking time to read the detailed newsletter sent last Thursday. We have a few more informational items to share with you today including:

- Upgrades to Frederick Road
- New Construction Update
- Schedules – Daily & Yearlong
- Student Schedules
- Orientation Week Schedule
- Office 365
- 2 Parent Action Items

## **Upgrades to Frederick Road**

When students return to school this week, they will notice that the roadwork and new sidewalk construction along Frederick Road in front of the new and existing schools are still in progress. While it had been intended for this work to be completed before the start of the new school year, there has been a slight delay. The anticipated completion date for this work is mid-September.

We are therefore asking parents, students, and staff to exercise caution in this area. Frederick Road is safe and drivable, but drivers should slow down in this area. Students can use the unfinished section of the sidewalk; again, using caution. Please consider dropping off your child on a nearby street and walking in. Students should enter through the entrance designated by their teacher.

## **New School Construction Update**

For an update on the progress of the new school construction click [here](#).

## **Daily Schedule & Yearlong Schedule**

We will send you the daily and yearlong schedule as soon as it is confirmed this week.

## **Student Schedules**

Students will be receiving an email from their Quarter 1 Teachers (Periods 1 and 2) on Wednesday welcoming them to the class. Period 1 teachers will also share what room students are to report to for their orientation session on Thursday or Friday (see Orientation Week Schedule below). Teachers are creating Teams and adding their students from their period 1 and 2 classes this week. Information provided in the email will also be posted to Teams.

If your child does not receive an email from their Period 1 teacher, or cannot access the information on Teams, please have them report to the small gym 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled orientation session to receive the location of their period 1 class.

Students will receive their student schedule for the year from their period 1 teachers during the orientation session. Students with no period 1 class should report to the cafeteria for their orientation session at the time assigned to their grade.

**Orientation Week Schedule** – There are no changes to the schedule sent in the Newsletter last Thursday.

**Students must bring a mask and wear it upon arriving at school while walking to their period 1 class. All students will be given two reusable non-medical masks to keep during their period 1 class. If your child does not have a mask, they must report to the small gym prior to their start time to collect a mask; they will be provided with a second mask to keep in their period 1 class.**

During the student orientation, students will learn about structures and procedures at Argyle meant to keep them safe and learning. Student attendance is required at the date and time listed below:

September 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Only	
Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 8's	9:00am to 11:40am
Thursday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9's	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 12's	9:00am to 10:30am
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 11's	11:00am to 12:30pm
Friday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 10's	1:00pm to 2:30pm

During the orientation session students will learn about health and safety protocols and operational changes to this school year from administration through a video streamed into classes, and from period 1 teachers. With the restriction on mass gatherings we will also be including information typically presented at our annual grade assemblies such as Argyle's code of conduct, available supports, extracurricular activities, and key personnel in the school.

The first day of regular classes for secondary school is Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Office 365**

Students will be using Office 365 extensively this year. To access Office 365 students must use their school login credentials that they would use to login to a computer at school.

There are several help guides posted on the NVSD 44 [Tech Support](#) site and on the Argyle site "[Guide for Using MS Teams](#)"

Guides include:

- [Office 365 Home installation](#)
- [Installing Teams](#)
- [Accessing and joining Teams](#)
- [Setting up and changing your password](#)
- [How to use your SD44 email](#) (students)

### Course Change Request Process

Please see the bottom of page 6 in last week's [newsletter](#) for changes to this year's process for requesting a course change. Please note that course changes are highly unlikely due to the new health guidelines and the increased complexity of the timetable.

### Action Items for Parents:

1. **Back to School Forms**

Please login to [School Cash Online](#) and complete the Back to School Forms. In particular, the **Walking Fieldtrip Form**, is vitally important as many classes look to use outdoor spaces more often this year.

2. **Orientation Week:**

Please remind your child(ren) of the time they are to be at Argyle on Thursday or Friday. Also share with them the 4 steps they must complete before and as they arrive at Argyle:

- a. Complete daily health check. Do not come to school if ill.
- b. Put mask on.
- c. Wash hands upon entering school.
- d. Proceed to their period 1 class. If they do not receive an email from their Period 1 Teacher by Wednesday night, have them try logging in to and checking Teams. If they can't find it there, they can drop by the small gym 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time to receive this info.

Thank-you for your attention to the above two items.

We appreciate your support as we work together to provide a safe & healthy learning environment for all.

Sincerely,



Kim Jonat, Principal

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