



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Argyle Families,

I hope this email finds you well and that you have had some time to rest and rejuvenate. On behalf of the staff at Argyle, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to grade 8 students, their parents, and those of you joining us for the first time. We recognize that this year will be unlike any we have previously experienced and I do want to thank you for your patience as we work through new and specific details. This letter is intended to provide some introductory information and a glimpse of the year ahead. We will continue to provide additional updates as new information becomes available.

On August 26th, you would have received an update from Superintendent Mark Pearmain regarding the Ministry of Education's approval of the *North Vancouver School District Stage 2 Restart Plan*. The update provided links to the [restart plan documents](#), including a link which summarizes changes to the [secondary timetable](#) for the 2020/21 school year. I encourage you to read through this information as it is a comprehensive document that may answer questions that you may have.

After the Ministry of Education July 29th announcement that schools would open in September under a revised Stage 2 of B.C.'s Education Restart Plan, working groups began re-creating and refining plans for the upcoming school year. All NVSD school principals and vice principals have been meeting with district leadership to review the protocols and key aspects of a safe return to school (e.g. Occupational Health and Safety protocols, Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning, online and hybrid instructional models and design, etc.) and to work further on refining details of the Restart Plan so that final preparations for September's return to school can be made.

Information specific to Argyle such as daily start and end times, orientation times, cohorts, course scheduling, etc. will be provided directly by the school next week (on or before September 4th).

As part of B.C.'s Restart Plan, the first week of school, September 8th to 11th, is an "[Orientation Week](#)". September 8th and 9th are staff only days at which time staff will receive Health & Safety training, and have time to meet and plan instruction that aligns with this new system. On September 10th and 11th we will be welcoming students to the school in grade groups for an orientation. Further details about specific times will be provided next week. All students are required to attend their assigned orientation sessions as these will cover specific health and safety information, and information typically reviewed at our start of year grade assemblies. Students will not be gathering in an assembly format but rather in their period 1 class where information will be shared by their teacher and through a video stream into classes. Student schedules will be provided prior to this first meeting time. Regular classes will begin on Monday, September 14th.

A reminder to grade 12's to sign-up for a graduation photo session for September 8th, 9th, or 10th. Grade 12's will be doing their orientation session on September 11th so are free to sign up for photos on the 10th. For info on how to sign-up please see the [letter to grads](#) sent August 24th.

I appreciate and ask for your continued patience as we finalize details. In the interim, please review the [NVSD Restart Plan](#) and materials posted on the NVSD website as some of your questions may be answered within the posted information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Jonat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a stylized "Jonat".

Kim Jonat
Principal