



Dear Families of Incoming Grade 8 Students,

Welcome to École Argyle Secondary! We have enjoyed meeting many of our incoming students this spring and are excited to welcome the full Grade 8 class in September. This letter contains important information about the first day of school as well as the Grade 8 retreat at the Cheakamus Centre.

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

We will be hosting a special orientation for Grade 8 students where they will receive their **class schedules** and important start-up information.

Schedule for the Day

- **8:30 – 8:45 AM** | Arrival at Argyle, meet in the large gym
- **8:45 – 9:15 AM** | Welcome Assembly in the gym
- **9:15 – 9:30 AM** | Transition to Homerooms – supported by Leadership students
- **9:30 – 10:00 AM** | Homeroom Session – supported by Leadership students
- **10:00 – 10:30 AM** | Classroom Orientation – Grade 8 teachers available in their classrooms to welcome students

The first day will conclude at **10:30 AM** for Grade 8 students. **Full classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.** The rotation will be 2,3,1,4.

Information Package

In this package you will find:

- Block rotation schedule
- **Cheakamus Retreat Consent Form (blue)** – sign and return
- **Student Verification Form (yellow)** – sign and return

Please ensure both the **blue consent form** and the **yellow verification form** are completed and returned to the school on the **first day of school**. Students should hand in the signed forms to their Homeroom teacher.

Verification Form Instructions

- Please review the information on the **yellow Student Verification Form** carefully.
- If all information is correct, leave the form blank and sign at the bottom.
- If changes are needed, enter them directly on the form.
- **Address changes** require additional documentation. Please visit the North Vancouver School District website for details: [Required Documents - North Vancouver School District](#)

Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat – Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

All Grade 8 students will attend a one-day retreat at the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. This retreat is an important community-building event designed to:

- Set the tone for a positive and inclusive start to secondary school
- Build friendships among Grade 8 students and connections with senior Leadership students
- Strengthen the Argyle community through outdoor learning and team-building activities



Details of the Retreat

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 8th, 2025
- **Departure:** 7:30 AM from Argyle
- **Return:** Approximately 6:30 PM to Argyle
- **Cost:** The cost of the retreat is \$ and can be paid via the School Cash Online payment system found on the Argyle homepage after September 2nd, 2025. The NVSD has subsidized the cost of the retreat to ensure that the cost is as low as possible for families. Financial support is available, please contact Vice-Principal Shahrzad Motaghedi; smotaghedi@sd44.ca
- **Included:** Coach transportation, meals and snacks, activities and programming at Cheakamus Centre, supplies and materials, and program facilitation

What to Bring

Activities run rain or shine, so students must come prepared for all weather. Recommended items include **rain jacket** and **warm layers, toque/hat, sunscreen, water bottle, closed-toe footwear**, and a **backpack**.

Technology

Phones are discouraged. If brought, they must stay in backpacks all day and cannot be used for photos or social media. Parents may contact the school in an emergency.

Attendance

Our hope is that all Grade 8 students attend this retreat. No regular classes will be scheduled for Grade 8 students on this day. Please contact smotaghedi@sd44.ca by **Friday, September 26th** if your child is unable to attend.

Grade 8 Parent Night:

You are warmly invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the large gym** for an evening of information and Q&A.

Additional Information

- The Grade 8 counsellor and go-to contact is **Mr. Jason de Couto** (jdecouto@sd44.ca) who will be back at the school beginning **August 27th**.
- Students will need basic supplies (binder, pens, pencils, gym strip) for the first week of school. An agenda will be provided.
- Locker requests will be made during the first week of school using QR codes posted around the building.

For more information, please visit the Argyle Secondary website: [Argyle website](http://argylesecondary.ca).

We are very excited to welcome our new Grade 8 students and are committed to supporting them as they begin their high school journey at Argyle.

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