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January 20th, 2026

Re: Grade 7 to 8 Transition to Argyle Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 7 Students from the Argyle Family of Schools,

On behalf of the administration and staff, we would like to welcome you to the Argyle Secondary School community. We are greatly looking forward to the arrival of your student at Argyle for the 2026-2027 school year.

January 2026 marks the beginning of the exciting transition process from elementary into secondary school. Many youth and their families experience a variety of emotions through this time of transition, and our team is here to support you for this next important step. The purpose of this letter is to outline the process the Argyle team takes to help build comfort and familiarity with our school for students and their families between February and September 2026.

Our transition program focuses on providing you with information about life in secondary school and how to best support your student through the transition. As parents/guardians, you play an essential role in the successful transition of your children into secondary school, so we encourage you to take an active role in this process, take note of the important dates below, and reach out for support as needed.

Course programming and information sessions

Wednesday, 7 pm, February 11th, 2026 – In Person Grade 8 Information Session at Argyle

Grade 7 parents are invited to an in-person course programming information and transition event. This presentation will provide a general overview of Argyle Secondary, outline details about the Grade 8 program, and discuss information specific to the transition process. At the end of the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation slides will be available for viewing on the Argyle website if you are not available to attend or would like to see the slides a second time. For those parents not familiar with the school there will be an optional student led tour taking place at **6:30 pm** prior to the presentation.

**The presentation will not be recorded or live-streamed.*



Argyle Secondary Transition Activities for Students

Elementary School Visits February 9 – 12th

Grade 8 counsellor Ms. Erin Malone and Vice Principal Mr. Tim Ireland will be visiting the elementary feeder schools to give a brief presentation about student life at Argyle and answer any questions that students have. Students will receive a copy of their course programming sheet at the end of this visit. Please ensure this form is completed and returned to your Grade 7 teacher no later than Friday, February 27th.

February Gr. 7 Tour – Feb. 11th

Grade 7 students from all our feeder schools will attend a tour in the afternoon of February 11th. The tour will be led by our Grade 11 Leadership students and will be an opportunity to see the school and specific program areas. Students will also be given an opportunity to ask questions and hear more about student life at Argyle.

Argyle Music and Drama Programs Visit – February 19th and 20th

We are extremely proud of our music and drama programs. Both programs excel at cultivating a vibrant and supportive space for students while allowing them to explore passion areas. Elementary visits showcasing our drama and music program will be taking place on February 19th and 20th.

Articulation Process – April 2026

In April, the Argyle learning services staff will meet with the elementary school staff to discuss the specific learning needs of each student. This enables us to provide better support and planning to ease students' transition and ensure proper programming at Argyle in Grade 8. Parents will hear from Argyle Vice Principal Tim Ireland in late April with support recommendations if recommended through this process (LAC support, Choices support, etc.).

School Visit – June 2026

During this visit, Grade 7 students will be given the opportunity to connect with current Argyle students to learn helpful tips such as how to open a school lock, how to read our timetable, learn organizational strategies, and answer questions to help ease the transition to high school. More details will be communicated to families in May from their Grade 7 teacher.

Summer Learning Opportunities

North Vancouver Summer Learning offers a few fantastic opportunities to support student transition into Grade 8.

Grade 7/8 Transition Courses run from July 6th-July 22nd, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm (Monday to Friday)



- Grade 7/8 Transition
- Grade 7/8 English Language Learners (ELL) Transition
- Grade 7/8 French Immersion Transition

These are great courses for students who would like to build up skills and confidence and meet some new friends before starting Grade 8 in September. Please check out the [Summer Learning](#) website for more detailed information on what the courses offer and how to register.

September Start Up

Late August 2026 – Argyle will send home an electronic ‘**Welcome Package**’ to all students and families outlining September start up activities. Please ensure that your current school has your correct email address.

Grade 8 Mailout

Argyle will also mail home Grade 8 specific information, including permission forms for our Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat. Please ensure your current school has your up-to-date mailing address.

September 8th, 2026 – First day of school

Staff will be on hand to help Grade 8 students find their homeroom, read their timetable, and support the transition into high school.

September 24th, 2026 – Grad 8 Cheakamus Retreat

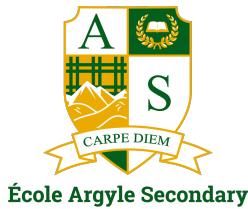
A tradition at Argyle, on September 24th, the entire Grade 8 class will travel to the Cheakamus Centre to participate in our annual Grade 8 retreat. Led by senior leadership students, Grade 8s’ will have the opportunity to meet new peers, make connections with senior students, and prepare for the year ahead. Please “save the date” so that all students may attend.

If you have any questions or concerns as your student transitions into Grade 8, please reach out to Ms. Erin Malone or Mr. Tim Ireland. We are looking forward to working together to support your child on their journey through secondary school.

Sincerely,

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Argyle Secondary Family of Schools Grade 7-8 Transition Key Dates 2026

February 11th	Argyle Family of Schools Parent Evening • Tour 6:30 pm • Presentation 7 pm in multipurpose room
February 9-12th	Grade 7 class visits for course programming
February 19-20th	Argyle Music and Drama program tours visit FOS schools
February 27th	Completed Gr. 8 Programming Forms due to Gr. 7 teachers
February 28th	Application deadline for district academy programs. Applications for enhanced programs will be accepted from January 15 th to February 28 th through School Cash Online. Please check out the Academies page for detailed information sessions on each academy.
March 13th	Deadline for cross-catchment transfer request. More information can be found here .
June (date TBA)	Grade 7 students visit to Argyle
August	Grade 8 welcome packages sent home through email and mail
September 8th	First day of Grade 8!
September 24th	Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat