Welcome to Argyle Secondary

Grade 12 Parent Information Presentation

2020-2021

Presentation Overview

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- Grad Activities and Events
- Graduation Requirements
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GRAD EVENTS

- Grad Photo Retakes in November 18
- Students need to sign up online at: www.Gradsbc.com
- Grad Council – First meeting in small gym at lunch on Friday, September 25

School Sponsored Events

Subject to change due to covid

- Grad **Girls** Dinner Dance ~ Nov. 25 6:30-10:30
  at Italian Cultural Centre
- Grad **Guys** Dinner Dance ~ Jan. 27 6:30-10:30
  at Italian Cultural Centre
- **Convocation Ceremony – Saturday May 29**, 11:00 am,
  Queen Elizabeth Theatre (students must arrive at 10:00 am)
- **Argyle Graduation Banquet and Prom**
  Westin Bayshore – June
  Security opens at 6:30.

Anticipated Grad Event Costs

- Girls / Guys Dinner Dance ~ $80/ticket
- Photos ~ $60 sitting fee (additional prints available for a fee)
- Convocation ~ $15/ticket
- Banquet ~$140/ticket
- $65 Grad Fee
- Grad Gown cap & tassel - $ TBA
- Clothing, etc. - individual choice

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum **80 credits**
- Minimum **4 Grade 12 level courses** including a Language Arts 12
- At least 28 credits must be elective course credits (gr 10-12)
- Career-Life Education 10 (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections 12 (4 credits)
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- A Language Arts 10, 11 and 12
- One Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills, Technologies 10-12

Grad Requirements Cont'd

- At least one writing of the Graduation Numeracy Assessment (students **must** sign up with Ms. Hall to re-write, offered again in January and April 2021)
- Graduation Literacy Assessment for 2021 Grads cancelled !

French Immersion Requirements

- Sciences Humaines 8 to 10 & Histoire 12
- Francais Langue 8 to 12
- Total of 13 courses in French language instruction from gr. 8 to 12

Career Life Connections 12
(Required for graduation - 4 credits)

1. Take ownership of their health & learning
2. Examine and demonstrate connections between student's learning and their future plans and goals
3. Create a plan for their growth and development as a skilled, healthy, knowledgeable, participating citizen
4. Prepare and present a ***Capstone Presentation*** in April 2020
5. Course delivered 100% online. New material posted on Wednesdays in quarters 1 and 2.

Transcripts

- Record of successfully completed Gr. 10, 11 & 12 courses and the Numeracy Assessment result
- Unofficial transcripts are on ***Student Transcript Services*** Website (BCeID account required)
- If a certified hardcopy is required – see Ms. Malone
- Students can order an official copy of their final transcript through the STS in July 2021.

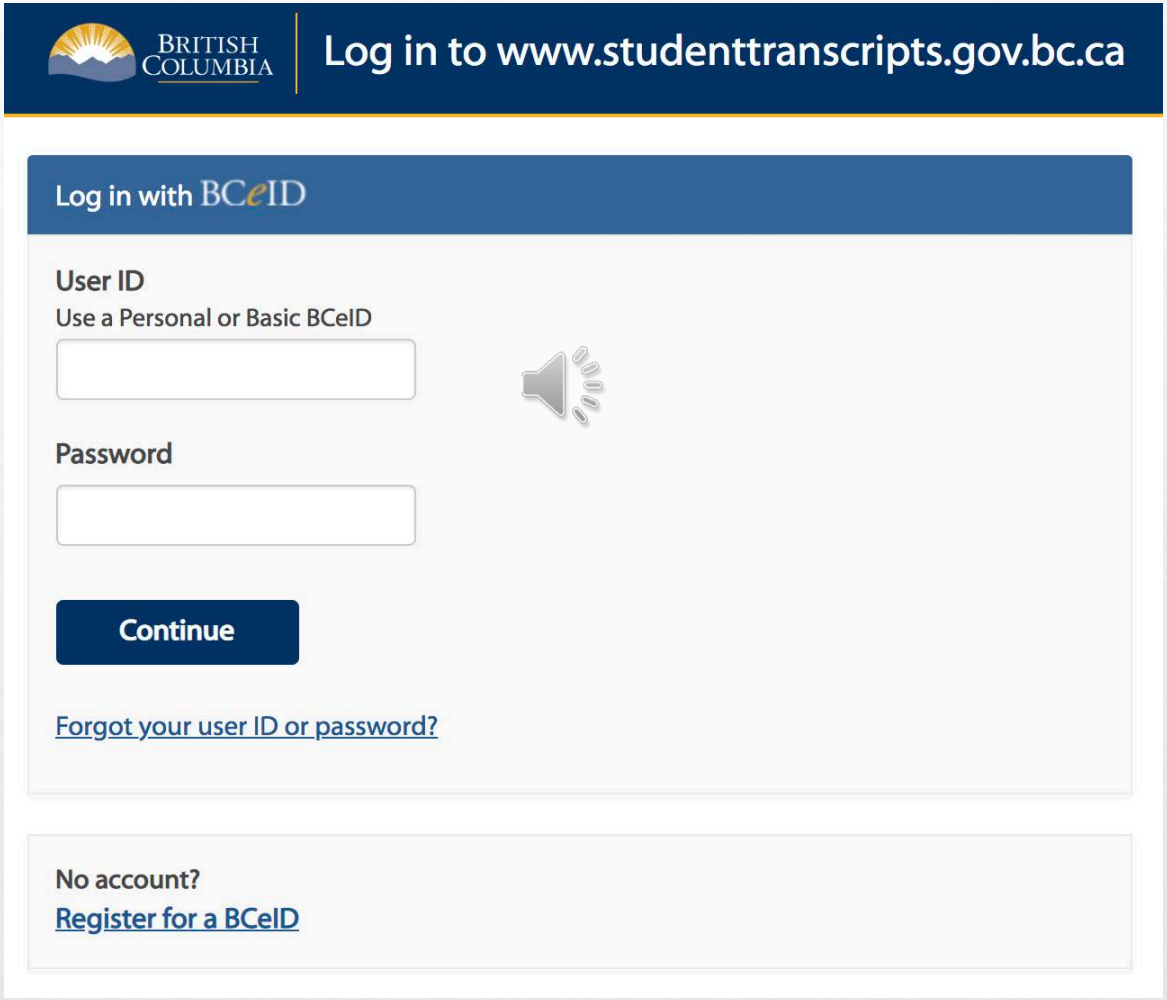
Student Transcripts

Student's are responsible for checking the accuracy of the information on their Transcript

Please check:

1. Student's name is spelled correctly, birth date is correct
2. Student has enough credits for graduation
3. Student has met all graduation requirements
4. Student has credits for all courses completed and any mark changes are reflected

Student Transcript website



Post Secondary Pathways

- University
- University Transfer
- College, Technical Institute
- Gap Year and deferring PSI
- Academic upgrading
- Work/Travel

Applying to Post Secondary

- Keep in mind the **application deadlines**

- Many universities base initial acceptance on **2nd Quarter** grades (Quarter 2 ends Feb. 25 ~report cards published March 5, 2021).

- In CLC12 , students go online to BCeID to select up to 25 Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI) which will grant consent for universities in Canada to access transcript information from the Ministry of Education.

Applying to Post Secondary Institutions & Early Admission

- In BC:

  Admissions deadlines:

  CHECK THE WEBSITE OF THE PROGRAM YOU ARE APPLYING TO!!

- Many Applications for BC are completed on line at www.educationplannerbc.ca
- Decision of acceptance usually occurs in March-June (unless early acceptance offered)
- September 2021 PSI course registration occurs in June to August

EducationPlannerBC

- Application – online: https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/
- Information needed includes…
  - Top 3 choices for post-secondary institutions
  - Personal Education Number (PEN – 9 digits on the top of report card)
  - Programs and/or Faculty (1st, 2nd choice)
- Application Fee – ranges from $40 to $155 per institution
- Transcript
- After applying, students can check status of application through student account created for each PSI

What About My Grades?

Admission Averages

- GPA is based on ***specific*** Grade 11 and 12 courses – it varies from institution to institution (depends on the specific program requirements of each institution, check websites)

Self-reporting grades

- 1st quarter Grades self-reporting is on the honour system

Electronic transmission of grades to the Ministry of Education

- 2nd Quarter Grades
- PSI ~ Post Secondary Institutes Choices Form (on Student Transcript Service website)
- Ministry of Ed. automatically forwards transcript data to the BC and Canadian Institutes of the student's choice.

Final Transcripts

- date TBD by Ministry at the end of July

Registration for classes at PSI once accepted

- may be based on GPA – generally first choice goes to students with the highest GPA

It's not all about marks…

For many institutions and programs, grades are only part of the picture. Some are taking a "holistic" assessment of the applicant

which may include:

- Personal Profile
- Interviews
  - Who you are, what you have learned through…

An interesting video on how universities select candidates: https://www.alumni.ubc.ca/2019/webcasts/truths-myths-canadian-universities-make-admission-decisions/

Conditional Acceptance

- Application, courses and grades meet criteria for early acceptance

- Students must keep achievement consistent as acceptance is based on Final marks
- What may vary is when you hear of acceptance
- If ***Percent Average*** is really high, a scholarship may be offered by the PSI

Language Proficiency Index

Almost every post secondary institution has some sort of "English Language Proficiency" test. ***Be sure to check websites***

- There may be an LPI exam sitting at Argyle in April after school. Date and Location TBA.
- Cost approx. $115 plus tax
- No walk-ins. Students must register online @ www.lpitest.ca before April 1st, 2021.

Out of Province

- Ontario University Application Center: www.ouac.on.ca
- Alberta: applyalberta.ca
- Other provinces – Check websites for application process and timelines now!
- United States https://www.collegeboard.org/ and www.commonapp.org
- American Universities determine the eligibility of applicants by their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results combined with their High School marks (gr. 8 – 12).
- You should write your SAT ASAP if you are planning to attend a U.S. university. * Due to the virus, some universities are waiving the SAT for foreign applicants this year.*

Take advantage of…

- Advising Sessions—make an appointment with an admissions advisor, or contact advisors via email or phone
- Institution open houses/orientation sessions. Check individual institution websites for events.
- Info items mentioned in grad calendar, CLC12 classes
- Individual PSI info sessions offered at Argyle during lunchtime/afterschool (check Grad calendar on Argyle website and Grad banner outside main office), and listen to daily announcements

University Fair Events

CUE – Canadian Universities Event

- Event rotates between schools on North Shore each year, however will be virtual in 2020 https://www.cuebcevents.ca/schedule-of-events/)

BC PSI Event – BC Post Secondary Institutes Event

- Will be online this year
- in October

Researching Scholarships

- Bulletin board in counselling dedicated to Scholarship Info
- Spreadsheet on Argyle portal page called External Scholarships 2021
- Award and Financial Aid Offices at PSIs (check websites)
- Family employers and affiliations

Some Useful Websites:

- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentsscholarships.org
- www.Yconic.ca
- www.scholarships.gc.ca,
- www.studentaidbc.ca
- www.scholartree.ca

Provincial Government Scholarships and Awards

*** Must meet graduation requirements and be a Canadian citizen*

BC Excellence Scholarships **(55 awards of $5000)**

- 1 student nominated per school
- Winners demonstrate community service and aptitude/commitment to chosen career path.

BC Achievement Scholarships

- BC Achievement Scholarships recognize the top 8000 graduates in the province. $1250
- The Ministry will determine recipients based on achievement in Grades 10, 11, and 12 courses that satisfy 2018 Graduation Program requirements, including elective courses.

Path to Teacher Education Scholarship

- 20 scholarships for $5000 for students who have shown aptitude/commitment for a career path in teaching. Students apply through Ministry website.

Provincial Government Scholarships and Awards (cont.)

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District/Authority Scholarships

excellence in **non-academic subject areas ($1250)**

- rewards graduating students for superior achievement in their chosen non-academic
- students must **excel in a non academic area** in one of the following areas:

*** Fine Arts**
*** Applied Skills**
*** Physical Activity**
*** Technical and Trades Training**
*** Aboriginal Language and Culture**
*** International Languages**
*** Community Service**

- Argyle is normally allotted around 20-28 of these awards.

Scholarship:	Application Required:	Application Process:	Winners Selection by:	Vouchers mailed:
BC Achievement Scholarship - $1250	No	None	Ministry	October
District/Authority Scholarship - $1250	Yes	Student applies to District/Authority	District/Authority and validated by Ministry	October
BC Excellence Scholarship - $5000	Yes	School's selected grade 12 nominee applies directly to Ministry	Ministry Committee	Septembe
Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - $5000	Yes	Student applies to Ministry	Ministry Committee	Septembe

Post Secondary Entrance Scholarships

- Post-Secondary Institutes offer a variety of awards to students entering their 1st year.
- Application form and marks in the 85% + range along with community involvement are required.
- Some major entrance awards require community service and nomination from Argyle
- Some are renewable based on marks
- Deadlines: Vary by institution varies - check websites!

Local Scholarships

- There is a pool of scholarships and bursaries decided at the school level by Argyle's Scholarship Committee **($200 - $2000)**
- Students must follow all instructions and apply online through the link on the Argyle website * open from Dec. 1 – Jan. 29

General criteria includes:

- Good to excellent academic standing, citizenship, attendance
- Volunteer service within the school and/or community
- Extracurricular involvement within the school and/or community
- Leadership experiences within the school and/or community

- Refer to *Argyle Scholarship and Bursary Information Booklet* – on the Argyle website

Argyle Awards – Eligibility

To be eligible for Argyle Awards applicants must:

- Be enrolled in a minimum of 7 courses
- Have good character and citizenship
- Be enrolled in Grade 12 for the first time
- Be eligible to graduate
- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant
- Preference is given to students who have been at Argyle for the past two years
- One – two study periods is allowed
- Peak Performance students are eligible

Completing the Argyle Application

Go to www.argylesecondary.ca

- (Grads/Scholarships/Argyle Awards)

- Review the Argyle Scholarship and Information Booklet
- Complete Online Application (open from Dec. 1 – Jan. 29)
- NO EDITS CAN BE MADE to this application once you have submitted it
- Submit:
  - Online application
  - Hard Copy of Letter of Application (refer to guidelines)
  - Passport size photo on the letter
- All applications must be submitted to Ms. Malone no later than **3:30 pm January 29, 2021**

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered!

Argyle Awards – Selection Process

Largest awards will go to the most worthy applicants

- Usually one award per student
- Selections made based on specific criteria outlined for each award
- Some are non-academic awards
- Argyle Music Awards Application is separate from this selection
- Must prove registration in a post secondary institution in fall 2021 to claim award

Supporting your Grad

Message to the grads at grade assembly

- ☺ Work hard (even after conditional acceptance!)
- ☺ Take responsibility
- ☺ Expect that there will be challenges along the way
- ☺ Be kind
- ☺ Take care / make safe decisions

Thanks for Watching

Questions? Please contact:

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