



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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April 28th, 2020

Dear Graduates and Families,

We hope that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy. We are very encouraged to hear that many of you are continuing to find success in your learning through this '*learning at home*' model.

As per Superintendent Mark Pearmain's letter, sent April 24th, 2020, we are excited to confirm that we have begun planning your virtual 2020 Graduation Ceremony. The North Vancouver School District has negotiated a contract with GradsBC to record a virtual grad ceremony and produce a convocation video for each of our secondary schools to be released in late June. Please read through the following important points of information.

- The filming of Argyle's virtual grad ceremony will take place at the Education Services Centre (ESC) located at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue on **Friday May 29th between 11:00am and 8:00pm**.
- Students will be scheduled to arrive at pre-arranged times and in small groups to comply with Provincial Health orders. You must be on time for your scheduled time, which we will send out at a later date.
- Students will be provided with their own cap and gown for walking across the stage at the ESC, and yours to take home after the filming. All students will have the option to be photographed in their formal attire before donning their grad gown provided at the event, and should arrive to the ESC "camera ready".
- Students will be videoed as they cross the stage in their cap/gown, and photographed afterwards in their cap and gown. They will then exit through another door.
- What is typically celebrated at our Argyle Grad Ceremony will be part of the virtual grad ceremony where possible, i.e. scholarships, major awards, and speeches. Speeches, music, scholarships and awards will be filmed at a later date and included in the final video production.
- Details about parking, safe physical distancing and other measures to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19 will be provided closer to the date.

What we need from you:

We need a grad write-up to be read as the student 'crosses the stage'. [Please submit your write up via this link by Monday May 4th at 4:00pm.](#)

Valedictorian nominations are being accepted by English 12 teachers by Friday, May 1st. Voting will occur through Argyle's Grad Council & Argyle Grad Committee Staff on Monday, May 4th.

Please ensure you are meeting Graduation Requirements. Ensure any outstanding assessments are completed. Be sure to log in to your MyEd Portal to view your Interim Report which will be posted on May 15th, 2020. This will include your cumulative grade to March 13th and your level of engagement and progress since Spring Break. Contact Argyle's Grade 12 counsellor, Ms. Dash, if you have any questions.

Over the coming weeks, we will be planning the finer details of the graduation ceremony and will send our updates as they become available. We look forward to seeing all our graduates crossing the stage in June!

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal