



February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Good afternoon Argyle Grads!

We have just passed the midpoint of the year and you are officially in the homestretch towards graduation. There have been many changes this year including moving into a new school, changing to a quarterly system, and following COVID-19 protocols. You have shown tremendous perseverance, adaptability, and grace through it all. We are proud of you, your resiliency and your determination to make the best of a very different year.

Below are a number of grad updates. Please take some time to read through them. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Malone or Ms. Jonat.

### **1. Grad Cap & Gown**

A reminder that grad gowns must be ordered online by **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Information has been posted in your CLC 12 class. This information is also posted on the school website here: <https://www.sd44.ca/school/argyle/Students/Grad/Grad%20Gown%20Order%20Form/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

If you need assistance please message your CLC 12 teacher or Grade 12 Counsellor, Ms. Malone.

Grad fees, including the grad gown & cap fee, will be added to the School Cash Online account at a later date. The February 12<sup>th</sup> deadline is to **reserve** a cap & the correct gown size.

Our plan is to have gowns available for pick-up by May. The grad four cornered hat and tassel is also arriving with gowns and will be kept by grads. Some of the additional film footage such as music performances will be done in advance of June and we wish to have our grads wearing their gowns for this. The early pick-up also allows families many photo opportunities prior to the filming date. Students will get to keep their gown and are expected to arrive wearing their gown over top of their formal clothes for the ceremony.





## **2. Grad Convocation Ceremony**

Argyle's graduation ceremony will be filmed by Grads BC in the middle of June. As soon as our filming date(s) are confirmed we will share this info with families. Closer to June students will be given the exact time they need to be at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave) for filming. We are unable to accommodate requests for specific time slots. Further details about the ceremony will be shared as we get closer to June.

## **3. Grad Banquet**

Given the current state of the pandemic in BC and the PHO orders around events, it is extremely unlikely that we will be able to have a graduation banquet this year. We know this comes as a disappointment, albeit probably not a surprise.

## **4. Grad Theme Days**

It has been great to see the grads dressing up for grad theme days. Thank-you for keeping each other's spirits up, for keeping the costumes school appropriate, and for celebrating this most unusual grad year in safe ways.

## **5. Career Life Connections 12 (CLC 12)**

This course is a requirement to graduate. The course finishes in April with your Capstone Project. If you have fallen behind, please check in with your teacher now to get back on top of things.

## **6. Scholarships & Bursaries**

If you have been offered an external scholarship such as an entrance scholarship or an award provided by an organization please let Ms. Malone know.

## **7. Valedictorian**

The Valedictorian application will be posted to the Argyle website and CLC classes soon. Here is important information about the role of Valedictorian:

A Valedictorian is a person who represents what is best about a graduating class. A Valedictorian should have been involved in school and community leadership. A Valedictorian should have a good understanding of the high school journey and how that relates to the future. A Valedictorian should be a person who can articulate a positive reflective message of the past and an insightful image for the future.



The Valedictorian needs to have four key qualities:

- I. Demonstrated leadership in the school and community
- II. Outstanding commitment to Argyle = attendance, behaviour, citizenship
- III. Academic success (minimum C+ GPA based on all courses)
- IV. The quality of online engagement through the COVID crisis

### **8. UVIC Update**

Students who have applied to the University of Victoria and received an offer of admission will have to complete an **extra step** in the admissions process. Students must log into their Student Transcript Service account and request that their final transcript be shared with the university electronically. Most students have already done this step as part of a CLC 12 assignment, but because UVIC is implementing a new computer system, **students must do this step a second time.**

Sincerely,

Ms. Malone, Grade 12 Counsellor &  
Ms. Jonat, Principal

