



January 15th, 2024

Grade 7 to 8 Transition to École Argyle Secondary School

Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 7 Students,

On behalf of the administration and staff of Argyle, we welcome you to our École Argyle Secondary School community. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the arrival of your child at Argyle for the 2024-2025 school year. This letter provides an overview of the process that your child will participate in over the next few months as they transition to high school.

Our transition program focuses on giving students and their families helpful information while providing an initial introduction to life as an Argyle student. It is also an opportunity for us to learn how we can best support our incoming students prior to their official arrival in September.

Grade 7 Tour of Argyle – February 12th, 2024

Grade 7 students and their teachers will be invited to come to Argyle in the afternoon for a guided tour, led by grade 11/12 leadership students. You can expect more information from your child's grade 7 teacher.

The purpose of this visit will be:

- to familiarize your child with the size of the school and observe classes while in session
- to help your child gain an understanding of the school's academic and elective areas
- to build a sense of community and connection to Argyle Secondary

School Tour & Course Programming Information Meeting for Grade 7 Parents - February 12th, 2024

Parents of current Grade 7's are invited to a **school tour at 6:15pm and a course programming presentation at 7:00pm on Monday, February 12th in the Argyle Gymnasium**. This presentation includes a school welcome and introduction, programming information, and a chance to ask questions. The purpose of this meeting is to provide general information about Argyle Secondary and our programs. Students will be receiving this information in our class visits and do not need to attend. Both events are optional.

Grade 7 Student Programming Presentation

Ms. Shawn White, Grade 8 Counsellor and Mr. Ireland, Grade 8 Vice Principal, will be attending elementary schools to present students with course programming information for their Grade 8 year during the week of February 5th. Course request sheets will be distributed by their current Grade 7 teacher and completed forms should be returned to Grade 7 teachers no later than Friday, March 1st.



Grade 7 Articulation Meetings

This behind-the-scenes aspect of the Grade 7 transition process will take place in April. The Argyle transition team of educators will connect with elementary schools to discuss specific educational needs of our incoming Grade 7 students. If necessary, your child's elementary teacher will be sharing any suggested changes or recommendations to your child's program. For students who may require additional supports, you can expect a letter from your child's grade 7 teacher outlining suggested supports and next steps in late April.

Grade 7 School Orientation

In June, grade 7 students and their teachers will be invited back to Argyle for a school orientation designed to introduce students to student life at Argyle. You can expect more information on this from your child's grade 7 teacher in the spring.

First Day of School – September 3rd, 2024

On the first day of school, Grade 8 students will have a special orientation to the school, led by senior leadership students. More information about this will be sent to all parents in late August.

Grade 8 Retreat – September 20th, 2024

We are planning a one-day retreat on September 20th, 2024 for all grade 8 students. You can expect to hear more information about this in the spring and late August but until then please save the date. We hope all grade 8 students will be able to attend.

On behalf of the École Argyle Secondary community, we look forward to meeting and working with you and your child. If you have any questions regarding your child's program for our school, please contact grade counsellor Shawn White at swhite@sd44.ca and Vice Principal Tim Ireland at tireland@sd44.ca

For up-to-date information regarding École Argyle Secondary School, please visit our [website](#).

If you have any other questions about the transition process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tim Ireland
Vice Principal