



Thursday, December 21, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

It is hard to believe Winter Break is already here. Reflecting on the past, it was exactly three years ago that we moved into our stunning new school. Throughout December, our days have been filled with rich learning experiences, festive holiday celebrations and an array of extracurricular activities.

Here are some standout moments from these recent weeks:

- Digital Media Academy hosted a well-attended Youth Expo showcasing DMA student work, hosting digital media workshops, digital media and tech companies, and post-secondary institutions.
- Argyle Drama's *"The Brewbox"*: A caffeinated musical captivated three sold out audiences. The musical, written and directed by [grade 11 student, Bailey Skelton](#) along with the entire cast and crew. Mr. Featherstone and Mr. Thompson are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. Thank you to the home economics and digital media departments for their invaluable support.
- Argyle's Winter Music Concert, held at St. Andrew's Wesley Church featured the Sr. Band, Sr. Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, and Strings ensemble.
- Argyle's Senior Choir joined the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir as a guest choir at Centennial Theatre on December 15th.
- The Sr. Girls' Basketball Team proudly holds the #1 ranking in AAAA B.C. girls' basketball.
- Histoire 12 students deepened their understanding of history through a visit the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.
- The Leadership class teamed up with the local charity The Harvest Project to spread holiday cheer. Students dedicated their time to sorting and stacking food, contributing to the organization's mission of providing support and nourishment to those in need during



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the festive season. Through this hands-on experience, our students not only learned valuable leadership skills but also embodied the spirit of giving back to the community.

- Grade 9 science students partnered with grade 1s from Lynn Valley Elementary for a biology lesson using microscopes.
- Argyle's Student Council organized many events in December including the annual winter breakfast, winter breakfast for kindergarten students from Lynn Valley Elementary, hosting a heartwarming "Feel good Friday" hot chocolate bar, and a lively busking week.
- The football team held their annual dinner and awards night to celebrate achievements from the season.
- Argyle's Creativity for Change Club delivered over 150 handcrafted holiday cards to three local senior's homes spreading joy and cheer during the holiday season.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making these past weeks so remarkable.

In today's Newsletter, you will find information on:

1. Friday, December 22nd schedule
2. Upcoming dates
3. Winter break
4. Career Fair – gr. 10 to 12
5. Parent Presentation
6. Fundraisers – Sr. Girls Basketball

On behalf of the Argyle staff, we wish you a peaceful and restful holiday break as you create special memories with your families and friends.

Have a safe holiday season, and a healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal; Laura Ames, Vice Principal; Tim Ireland, Vice Principal



1. Friday, December 22nd Schedule - **Early Dismissal at 1:00pm**

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| 7:30am to 9:15am | Winter Breakfast (pre-purchased ticket required) |
| 9:15am to 10:05am | Period 2 |
| 10:10am to 11:00am | Period 3 |
| 11:05am to 11:55am | Period 1 |
| 11:55am to 12:10pm | Break |
| 12:10pm to 1:00pm | Period 4 |
| 1:00pm | Dismissal |

Please remind your student(s) to clean out their locker if they have one, and take home any supplies they may need over the break.

Gym lockers will be cleaned over the break and locks must be removed before the break. Locks remaining on locks in the changing rooms will be cut off.

2. Upcoming Dates in January/early February

January 8 to January 12

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| Mon. Jan. 8 | School reopens for 2024. Regular schedule. Block order - 1234 |
| Wed. Jan. 10 | PAC meeting, 7:00pm, Argyle library |
| Jan. 8 to 19 | Grad semiformal ticket sales on School Cash Online (gr. 12 only) |
| Fri. Jan. 12 | Goal setting session #2: - First class starts at 8:45am followed by goal-setting session. |

January 15 to January 19

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| Jan. 15 to 19 | Gr. 12 French Immersion Grad Assessment orals (FRAL 12 Semester 1 students only). During flex time. Schedule will be shared with students in the new year. |
| Tues. Jan. 16 | FRAL 12 semester 1 – French literacy Grad Assessment - written, 8:30am start. *NOTE – date in original calendar, January 25th, is INCORRECT. |
| Wed. Jan. 17 | Career Fair organized by Leadership 11 students, 5:30-8:30pm |
| Thurs. Jan. 18 | Semester 1 Music Concert, 7:00pm, Argyle gym |
| Thurs. Jan. 18 | Grad Assessments – Make up for gr. 11 and 12 Lit 10 (students will be contacted directly) |



January 22 to January 25

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| Mon. Jan. 22 | Review & Completion Day - for students who need to finish work, study for exams, or complete projects. No regular classes. Graduation assessments: - Gr. 12s – Literacy 12 Assessment at 8:30am - Gr. 10s – Literacy 10 Assessment at 12:00pm |
| Wed. Jan. 24 | 7:00pm, post-secondary planning evening for students & parents currently in grade 10 or 11. |

Jan. 29 to Feb. 2

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| Mon. Jan. 29 | Last day of Semester 1 classes. |
| Tues. Jan. 30 | Review & completion day – for students who need to finish work. No regular classes. |
| Tues. Jan. 30 | Grad Semiformal event at Italian Cultural Centre, 6:30pm to 10:00pm |
| Wed. Jan. 31 | Argyle Scholarship applications due by 9:00am. Late applications not accepted. |
| Wed. Jan. 31 | Semester turnaround day – No classes. Staff only. |
| Thurs. Feb. 1 | First day of Semester 2 classes. Students can view their schedule on MyEd. |
| Thurs. Feb. 1 | Yearbook order deadline (through School Cash Online). Gr. 12 yearbook write up due. |

3. Winter Break

A reminder that Argyle Secondary is closed over the winter break. Students will NOT be able to access the inside of the school during this time. The school reopens on Monday, January 8th with our regular schedule and Monday's block rotation of 1234.

Staff highlight:



If your holiday plans include enjoying the [IIHF 2024 World Junior Hockey Championships](#), be sure to look out for Argyle teacher, [Mr. Mark Pearce](#).

In addition to teaching Law 12 and Junior Social Studies, Mr. Pearce, now in his second year with Argyle, is also the school's athletic director and sponsors the senior football and senior boys' basketball teams. Outside of school, Mr. Pearce is a respected WHL referee who has earned the



honour of being selected by Hockey Canada to officiate once again at the prestigious World Juniors in Gothenburg, Sweden, from December 26th to January 5th. He will be joined by a referee from Saskatchewan and a linesman from Quebec.

This isn't the first time Mr. Pearce has represented Canada as a referee—he was a referee at the 2021 World Hockey Juniors in Edmonton, Alberta, and the 2023 IIHF U20 World Hockey Championships in Norway.

Good luck Mr. Pearce – we will be cheering you on!

4. Career Fair for Grade 10 to 12's - Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 5:30-8:30pm

Gr. 10 to 12 students are encouraged to attend on the evening of January 17th for a dynamic career conference featuring diverse professionals. Gain insights from an accomplished engineer, learn from a seasoned lawyer, dive into law enforcement with an RCMP officer, explore the world of software development, uncover the secrets of successful marketing, and get a hands-on perspective from a skilled mechanic. This event promises a wealth of knowledge and networking opportunities, providing a unique chance to discover and navigate various career paths. More details to follow in the new year.

5. Parent Presentation

Cybersafe from Exploitation

Date & Time: Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Kay Meek Arts Centre – West Vancouver

Topic: Cybersafe from Exploitation

Please see attachment for more information including a QR code registration link.



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6. Fundraisers – Senior Girls Basketball Team

Bottle Drive & Krispy Kremes!

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**BOTTLE
DRIVE**

JAN. 3

**FROM
10 AM - 12 PM**

DROP OFF LOCATION: Argyle Secondary School
Upper Parking Lot

MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: swhite@sd44.ca or
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KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER



ARGYLE SENIOR GIRLS
BASKETBALL TEAM

WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 @ LUNCH

WHERE: CAFETERIA



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Leadership Students at The Harvest Project

