



Friday, February 12th

Hello Argyle Families,

As we enter into the Family Day Long Weekend, we have reminded students here at Argyle to ensure they stay safe & keep their families safe by limiting their social interactions to their households only. We would like to echo what Superintendent Pearmain wrote in this morning's Family Day Message, "Across the North Shore, we have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 exposures in schools, following the trend in community transmission. And while we cannot change what has happened, nor will we cast blame, I am requesting that we all collectively recommit to being cautious, vigilant and thoughtful of how our actions outside our households impact others." We encourage you to read the full Family Day Message from our Superintendent of Schools emailed this morning.

Below are a number of important updates and reminders:

1. Upcoming Dates
2. Happy Lunar New Year!
3. Black History Month Highlights
4. Course Requests Forms for 2021-22 – Due Fri. Feb. 19th
5. District of North Vancouver Civic Youth Awards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Jonat', written in a cursive style.

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



1. Upcoming Dates

Friday, Feb. 12 th	Lunar New Year
Monday, Feb. 15 th	Family Day (school closed)
Wednesday, Feb. 17 th	PAC meeting on Zoom
Friday, Feb. 19 th	2021-22 Course Request Sheets due to Grade Counsellor for current Gr. 8 to 11 students
Wednesday, Feb. 24 th	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, Feb. 26 th	District Professional Development Day (classes not in session)

2. Happy Lunar New Year - Celebrating the Year of the Ox

Today, Friday February 12th, is the Lunar New Year and celebrates the start of the Year of the Ox. The Ox represents hard work, strength, honesty, and positivity. [Global TV reports](#) on how 2021 Lunar New Year celebrations have gone virtual in Vancouver. Happy New Year!

3. Black History Month Highlights

We are continuing to build awareness and understanding of Black History through classes and our [school wide reading challenge](#). The reading challenge runs for the entire month of February. Students are encouraged to read texts written by and about Black people in honour of Black History Month. As they finish each text students can post a picture of the book on Instagram, write a few sentences explaining what it is about, what they liked about it or learnt from reading it, and include the hashtag #argylebhm. Check out Argyle's contributions on Instagram.

Last week students in a Life Skills class completed research about Martin Luther King Jr. and then wrote an original collaborative rap to share their learning. Meanwhile, Argyle students in Band 8 have been researching and learning about Black musicians and adding a song each day to create a Spotify Playlist.

4. Course Request Forms - Due Friday, Feb. 19th

Students in grades 8 to 11 have been provided with a course request form for the 2021-22 school year. The forms can also be found [here](#) on the Argyle website. Students must drop off their form to the box on the table outside the counselling office by Friday, February 19th. If students have questions about course offerings they should start by reading the descriptions in [Argyle's Course Programming Guide](#). Please encourage your child to reach out to their grade counsellor with any questions either through Teams using the Chat feature, making an appointment to meet virtually on Teams, by email, and in person if virtual is not an option. Counsellors are still meeting students in person for those experiencing any distress.



5. District of North Vancouver 2021 Civic Youth Awards



Nominate amazing local youth, or supporters of youth for this annual award presented by The District of North Vancouver's Mayor and Council.

Know someone who makes a difference in our community?

Nominate them for a Civic Youth Award!

We're looking for people between the ages of 10-24 who have made outstanding contributions to our community, achieved something great, or are dedicated volunteers. We're also looking for people or businesses that have done an amazing job at inspiring and supporting our local youth. Sound like someone you know? *Nominate them today at [DNV.org/youth-awards](https://dnv.org/youth-awards).*

Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 12th, 2021.