



Friday, February 26th, 2021

Hello Argyle Families,

We continue to work hard to ensure a safe learning environment for our staff and students and appreciate the efforts of our families. As you may have read in the North Shore News, there has been a recent spike of exposures on the North Shore and although this has raised concerns in our school community, it has also been noted that these exposures are attributed to community social gatherings or related activities. Of note, car-pooling was identified as one area where exposures and spread of infection can occur due to the sharing of an enclosed environment. We share this concern as we have noted a number of students carpooling or eating in cars together. This is of further concern if students are driving because this is in violation of the regulations for “N” drivers. We ask for your support in talking with your children about the importance of not carpooling at this time, unless living in the same household. At the school we have been monitoring the parking lot and speaking with students who are in cars together, and RCMP have increased their presence as they monitor the traffic changes that have come with the new building.

In today’s newsletter you will find information on:

1. Upcoming Dates
2. Satisfaction Survey Link
3. Student Course Requests – Input of requests
4. Spring Athletics
5. Argyle Drama Fundraiser – JJ Bean Coffee
6. Grad Yearbook Write-ups
7. Let’s Talk Shop Parent Event

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



1. Upcoming Dates

Monday March 1st to Friday March 5th –Student Course Request Input (online via MyEd)

Wednesday, March 3rd – Last day of Per 05 AM face-to-face & Per 06 PM hybrid for gr. 9-12

Thursday, March 4th – Delivery Switch for gr. 9-12: AM hybrid, PM face-to-face

Wednesday, March 10th – Quarter 3 Interims Published to MyEd Portal

2. Satisfaction Survey Link

During the months of January to April, North Vancouver School District 44 is participating in the 2021 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province.

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, staff, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2021** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. Schools may survey other grade levels after finishing the grades listed. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys **any time before 11:59 pm April 30th, 2021**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the survey:

- a. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
- b. Go to www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm



- c. Under the section **Direct Access – no logon number required** select:
 - District: the name of your child’s district (North Vancouver is 44)
 - School: the name of your child’s school (Argyle Secondary School)
 - Language: the language of your choice
- d. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
- e. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.
- f. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

3. Student Course Selection – Input of Requests

Students will be entering their course selections via their MyEd Account during the week of March 1st – 5th.

On Monday March 1st in their Period 05 AM classes, students will be provided a copy of their course request form to take home and other information including:

- A copy of the Course Request Form they submitted last week to their grade counsellor
- The students’ MyEd login credentials (note: all student MyEd passwords have been reset)
- Directions on selecting courses in MyEd have been copied onto the back of their forms
 - directions also available on the school website at *Argyle > Students > Course Programming > Course Requests Sheets > “How to enter your course requests in MyEdBC”*

Students who do not have a Period 05 class can pick up the above items from their Grade Counsellor. Students have the entire week to enter their selections and if they have any questions, can see their counsellor or grade administrator for assistance. By virtue of setting up their MyEd account, students will also be able to view their report cards. Students do not need to return their form as their grade counsellor has made a copy of it. **Course requests MUST be uploaded by Friday, March 5th.**

4. Spring Athletics

A reminder that students interested in playing a Spring Sport need to go to the [Argyle Athletics webpage](#) and complete the survey to join. For any questions, please email Mr. Kelsch. The health & safety of student athletes and coaches remains our #1 priority, and while practice sessions &



athletic offerings may look different than other years, we are thankful to be able to provide these extracurricular opportunities.

Spring sports may include:

- Girls Rugby
- Badminton
- Junior Ultimate (Grades 8-10)
- Senior Ultimate (Grades 11-12)
- Girls Soccer
- Mountain Biking
- Bantam Football (Grade 8)
- Bantam Boys Volleyball (Grade 8)
- Track and Field
- Golf

5. Argyle Drama Fundraiser

A reminder that JJ Bean coffee orders to help support the Argyle Drama Program must be handed in to Ms. Black in the library by Monday, March 1st. Pickup dates will be the week of March 8th-12th. Students may pick up their family's orders from the Drama room, and we will also be offering 'contactless delivery' upon request (Argyledramaassociation@gmail.com). Please make cheques out to Argyle Drama Program. Click [here](#) for the order form. Thank you for your support and happy percolating!

6. Grad Yearbook Write-ups

It is time for grads to complete their *grad yearbook write-up*. This will be the comment that will accompany their grad photo in the yearbook. We need grads to complete this task no later than **Monday, March 8th**.

All the details are included on the MS Form that they can access via the link below. Grads will need to sign in with their SD44 credentials to complete the form. We will also be sending a request to grads for a more detailed grad message for commencement later on, however, this is the one of several tasks we need them to complete as we approach this important point in their life. Everything they need to know is on the form (note: they will be able to access the form by signing in with their SD44 credentials).



This information has been posted for grads in their Career Life Connections 12 class in Teams. It is also posted on the grad section of the school website.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RtUantX4ek-GDlc4Z6NT0DZU80v0a3hGhFjaE31cSHtUMFFTUEZKSERCUEg5RUswSVVBUFJCVzVCWS4u>

7. Let's Talk Shop - Wednesday, March 10th, 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Parent Event by Foundry North Shore

“Let’s Talk Shop” is a facilitated evening event that brings volunteer parents of teens from one community together with volunteer teens from another community in a confidential, respectful, and safe environment. Through guided exercises and workshops, parents and teens are prepared for the event which seeks to: provide parent education; empower teenagers; and strengthen connections between the teen and adult populations.

During the event, parents listen to teenagers describe to them what it is like in their world – what pressures and issues North Shore teenagers struggle with. The teens share their insights on topics such as relationships with parents and peers, stress, school, drugs and alcohol, internet influences, mental health, and other difficult but important issues. There is no glamorization of risky behavior nor is there opportunity to scare or mislead parents. Parents also have the opportunity, if they choose, to answer youth questions on what it’s like to be a parent today.

Parents leave the event with a renewed sense of empathy and respect for young people, an understanding of their challenges, and greater confidence to be more effective agents in their own teen’s life. Teenagers leave with the knowledge that they have made a valuable contribution to the adult community and a greater appreciation for their parents’ experiences. Through this event, staff and community partners provide a rare and empowering opportunity to build capacity in and connection between North Shore teenagers and parents.

If you are interested in attending this free virtual event via Zoom please click on the Eventbrite registration page here:

<https://argyleltonline.eventbrite.com>



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**LET'S
TALK
SHOP**

Please join us for the opportunity to hear North Shore youth speak about their experiences with the pandemic, mental health, drugs, & more!

FREE WORKSHOP

**BUILDING
CAPACITY
IN PARENTS
AND YOUTH**

**Wednesday, March 10/21
Via Zoom
6-8:30pm *includes breaks**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO EAT
DINNER DURING EVENT**

*Please ensure you have a
private space to participate*

**Latecomers will not be able to attend
Parents only please**

**REGISTER AT:
[https://argyletsonline.
eventbrite.com](https://argyletsonline.eventbrite.com)**

Presented in joint partnership with Foundry North Shore, CNV, DNV, SD#44, & Argyle S.S.