



Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Argyle Families!

Quarter 3 is well underway. In our classroom visits to some of the elective classes this week it was incredible to see the project work students have engaged in after only two weeks. The creations in the ceramics, woodwork and metalwork classes were outstanding. While most students only have two classes, the pace of the quarter is fast. As such, students are encouraged to attend tutorials, and reach out to their teachers in person, or through Teams if they are experiencing any difficulties.

You have likely heard or read about the updated provincial health guidelines for K-12 schools in the news or in the Superintendent's Letter from yesterday. Your child's safety remains our #1 priority. We ask that you review both the letter and the reminders below, and review these with your child. We all have a role to play in ensuring the health of everyone in our school community and we appreciate your support in this.

Below you will find information items on:

1. Quarter 2 Report Cards
2. Course Programming for 2021-22
3. Upcoming Dates
4. Supplemental Q3 Course Fees
5. COVID-19 Protocols

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kim Jonat', is written over the printed name.

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal



## **1. Quarter 2 Report Cards**

Quarter 2 Report Cards will be published to the [MyEd Parent Portal](#) by end of day **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. An email will be sent from ‘SysAdmin’ when they are published. Students will also be able to view their report card through the MyEd student portal. If you encounter difficulties logging in, please contact the office at 604-903-3300 or by email at [argyle@sd44.ca](mailto:argyle@sd44.ca). All reports, including interims and report cards, will appear on the right side under the “Publications” section. We recommend parents download and save a copy of report cards. Reports are kept on the MyEd site until July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **2. Course Programming for 2021-2022**

Thank-you to everyone who joined the virtual course programming presentations and the post-secondary information sessions. The presentations have been posted [here](#). Counsellors will be making presentations to students about course options, the gr 10-12 graduation program, and things to consider when making their requests. Students will receive a course request sheet during their presentation. Course request sheets are due back to their grade counsellor by Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note that at this time no decision has been made on the schedule for next year. Input will be gathered through a district wide survey in late February to help inform decisions about the schedule at secondary schools for next year.

## **3. Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> - Grade 7 Parent Info Night – info is at the top of the Argyle homepage & was sent to all grade 7 families in the Argyle Family of Schools
- Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - BC Family Day (school closed)
- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - Virtual PAC meeting, 7pm on Zoom
- Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Course Request forms due to counsellors

## **4. Supplemental Quarter 3 School Course Fees**

Supplemental school fees have now been added to student accounts. Please login to your **School Cash Online** account to view and pay fees. For more information on school fees click [here](#). If you have questions about school fees please contact Administrative Assistant, Mr. Doug Peake at [dpeake@sd44.ca](mailto:dpeake@sd44.ca).



This year's student activity fee has been reduced to \$35 as we are unable to do all the things we have in the past. Some costs however do remain such as agenda books, school awards & recognition, and student printing. Supplemental course fees help cover costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities such as special events (e.g.: guest clinician or instructor), fieldtrips, and materials used in projects intended for a student to take home.

Supplemental course fees are assessed **at the start of each quarter**. You will receive an email from School Cash Online when a fee has been added to your School Cash Online account.

## **5. COVID-19 Protocols**

### **Masks**

Under the updated health and safety guidelines, non-medical masks are required for all staff in all K to 12 schools and all students in middle and secondary schools in all indoor areas, including when they are in their learning groups. The only exceptions are when:

- They are sitting or standing at their seat or workstation in a classroom
- There is a barrier in place
- They are eating or drinking

While eating or drinking students must maintain physical distance.

Even when wearing a mask, staff and students will still be required to maintain physical distance from people outside of their learning group.

### **Arriving at School**

Please remind your child(ren) that while they are traveling to and from school they should maintain physical distancing and wear a mask while interacting with people outside of their learning cohort or household.

Upon arriving at school students should not congregate outside. They must put their mask on, enter through their designated entrance, wash their hands, and go to their class.

We ask that students do not arrive more than 20 minutes before the start of class unless they are receiving additional support in a tutorial or in learning services.

We all need to do our part and ask for your support in re-emphasizing the need for Provincially mandated physical distancing, hand hygiene, and masks with your child.



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### **Handwashing**

Fortunately for us, sinks are plentiful in the new Argyle! Handwashing remains one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of COVID-19. We ask for your help in stressing to your child the importance of vigorously washing all parts of their hands for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day including upon arrival at school, and before and after eating.

### **Daily Health Check Reminder**

Parents are reminded of their responsibility to complete the daily health check with their child(ren). Students who have symptoms of COVID-19, or any other illness, **MUST** stay home.

The NVSD Daily Health Checklist is posted [HERE](#). This is a personal review of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. It is not necessary to submit this checklist to Argyle.

