



Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Hello Argyle Families,

The end of the school year is upon us. Classes have ended, graduation assessments are done, and review and completion is drawing to a close. What a year it has been for Argyle Secondary! In a year of immense change, we have admired the understanding, adaptability and continued efforts of our students and school community. No doubt this year has not proceeded entirely as we would have liked, but that said, we believe everyone has worked together to make the very best of a difficult situation. We are excited to be in our new school and look forward to making many memories next year.

Every year brings new challenges and possibilities – and sometimes it brings changes for our staff team. I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a number of staff who will be seeking new horizons next year. At this time, I would like to share several staffing changes for next year. We will see a change to the Administrative Team at Argyle next year. Vice Principal Ms. Caren Hall will be moving to Seycove Secondary School as Vice Principal. I know that the vision, care, and compassion that Ms. Hall brings to any school community will be most appreciated by the community of Seycove.

Argyle Counsellor Mr. Paul Ruben will be moving into the role of Vice Principal at Sutherland Secondary School effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We will miss Mr. Ruben dearly. Mr. Ruben joined the Argyle staff in 1998 and has worked tirelessly as a teacher and counsellor, grad coordinator, and teacher leader. He is looking forward to his first administrative position with excitement and eagerness.

Additional staffing changes at this time include:

- Teacher, Ms. Kate Lane will be moving to Handsworth Secondary to teach English
- Teacher, Ms. Kathy Afshin-Monfared will be moving to Handsworth Secondary to teach PHE
- Teacher, Ms. Ines Palaz will be moving to Windsor Secondary to teach French Immersion
- Teacher, Mr. Chris Altrogge will be teaching Art throughout the NVSD
- Teacher, Ms. Samantha Lo, will be teaching Science throughout the NVSD
- Work Experience Facilitator, Ms. Stella Ying, will be moving to a position at the ESC
- Educational Assistant, Ms. Shannon Bennett, will be moving to Handsworth as an EA
- Teacher, Heather Klassen moving to Vancouver Island
- Education Assistant, will be working throughout the NVSD



We will also see some new and returning faces at Argyle next year including:

- Ms. Laura Stewart will be joining the Administrative Team at Argyle as a Vice Principal. Ms. Stewart is currently the Vice Principal and Learning Services Teacher at Cleveland Elementary and was the Windsor Family of Schools Leader and taught French Immersion at Windsor Secondary prior to that. She is passionate about curriculum and assessment and supporting all learners. We are delighted to have Ms. Stewart join the Argyle community
- Ms. Lauren Lyons is returning to teach Social Studies
- Ms. Catherine Kiddie is returning to teach French Immersion
- Ms. Rachel Vukovich is returning to teach PHE and Careers
- Ms. Robyn Halme is joining us from Handsworth to teach Home Economics
- Ms. Erin Ferguson is joining us from Handsworth to teach English
- Work Experience Facilitator, Ms. Kate Fletcher, will be returning in the Fall
- Shawna Matheson, will be joining us from Handsworth to teach English and Spanish

We are still hiring for some remaining vacancies in both teaching and support staff and will update families with further staffing changes in August as they come. We look forward to another wonderful school year starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. School Fees – final reminder!
2. Yearbook Pick-up Schedule
3. Final Report Cards
4. 2021-2022 Argyle School Timetable Information
5. Argyle Counselling Corner – a message from the Argyle Counsellors
6. Argyle Athletics
7. Student Opportunities

Warm regards,

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

Kim Jonat  
Principal



### 1. School Fees Final Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has cleared their child's account on School Cash Online. If you haven't already done so please log on to School Cash Online now and clear up any outstanding fees prior to the end of the school year. <https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>

### 2. Yearbook Pickup: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> next week

The schedule sent earlier this week remains unchanged for Monday and Tuesday. It is reattached to this email for your convenience.

### 3. Final Report Cards

Final report cards will be published to the MyEd parent portal on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. You will receive an email when your child's reports are ready. Recall that many children will have two reports if they have taken courses at both the 8/9 and 10 – 12 level. Please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report card prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>, as report cards disappear at year-end rollover. This final report will contain all courses and marks for the year and will serve as a full replacement for any previous reports. If there are any questions or concerns about your child's report card please contact teachers by email directly prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. 2021 – 2022 Argyle School Timetable & Calendar – Semester System

We are planning for a return to Stage 1 and full in-person instruction next September. Next year's schedule was created taking into account the feedback and survey data from parents, students, and staff earlier this year, as well as Provincial health and safety considerations.

All Secondary Schools in North Vancouver will be on a semester system. Semester 1 will run from September until the end of January. Semester 2 will run from February until the end of June. Students will take two classes per day. Similar to this year, students will have two 140 minute blocks each day. In Semester 1 students will have Periods 1 and 2 on Day 1, and Periods 3 and 4 on Day 2. In Semester 2 Periods 5 and 6 will be on Day 1, and periods 7 and 8 on Day 2.

There will be a 5-minute break during each class with a 50-minute lunch between periods. Each morning there is a tutorial period where every student will have the opportunity to access additional support from teachers in all subject areas. More information on tutorials and the tutorial schedule will be shared at the start of the school year. Class starts after morning tutorial time at 9:20am and our School Day finishes at 3:00pm.



We are looking forward to returning to 100% in-class instruction and a full offering of extracurricular activities.

Attached to this email is next year's schedule. It is also posted on the Argyle website [here](#). Please note the schedule is subject to change pending PHO's.

Argyle's approved calendar can be found here: [CALENDAR](#). The detailed monthly calendar will be sent to families and posted in August.

Students will receive their timetables on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Information about the first day of school and school start-up information will be emailed home and posted on our website during the last week of August prior to the Labour Day holiday weekend.

### 5. Argyle Counsellor's Corner

A message from the Argyle Counselling Department:

Summer is here & school's out until September! The counsellors often hear from students and parents asking about how to 'be motivated'. Here is some food for thought to get the wheels in motion. Doing well at school is not as narrow as high grades and that success is not only based on what happens September to June. Motivation and success are based on struggle and habits. Time may not wait for us but motivation always waits for you to make the first move. On behalf of the Argyle Counselling Department; we wish the Argyle Community a restful, restorative and motivating summer:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/healing-and-growing/201801/failure-launch-the-wheel-motivation>

### 6. Argyle Athletics

Planning for Fall Athletic Teams:

We anticipate a full return to school athletics next year. We know the huge role that sports plays in many of our students' lives. We will be looking for assistance with some of our coaching and sponsorship roles. If you would like to help with the Argyle Athletics program, please contact Mr. Alex Kelsch, Athletic Director. [akelsch@sd44.ca](mailto:akelsch@sd44.ca)



## 7. Student Opportunities

**XdHacks Mini Vancouver** is Vancouver's first and largest highschool hackathon nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding the reach of STEM in BC. Our unique focus is on helping students develop an interdisciplinary mindset, which is becoming increasingly important in the workplace. We organize highschool hackathons annually, connecting hundreds of students worldwide who are passionate about a career in technology, or simply in technology itself. At our events, we offer workshops ranging from Design Thinking, to Coding languages, while helping students create a network within our community.

The fourth iteration of XdHacks Mini Vancouver will be Climate Code 2021, with the theme of Environmental Issues. Our hackathon will run from August 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and will be taking place virtually with no cost for attendees. Participants will be eligible to win prizes, interact with guest speakers, learn fundamental STEM principles, and partake in fun activities. No experience is necessary.

Participants can register for our event through our [Eventbrite page](#).  
The deadline to register is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.



**COGkids programming** is designed to get kids with autism aged 6-14yrs out riding their bikes.

COGkids introduces mountain biking in a calm and encouraging environment. They support the development of bike skills and self-confidence, while also providing an opportunity to connect with peers and nature.

Riders will have the opportunity to learn and practice skills with professional instruction and apply these new skills / techniques on a variety of awesome trails at a pace that's comfortable to them.

Register and try the "Come Try Biking" program free next week!

**CampOUT!** – A free, virtual summer camp for queer, trans, Two-Spirit, questioning, and allied youth (age 13-21) to share knowledge and learn about 2SLGBTQ+ resources and leadership. Participants gain social and life skills, inspiration, and gain support networks while engaging in virtual workshops and activities. Virtual events start from Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Register at <https://campout.ubc.ca/come-to-camp-virtual-edition/> or contact Anna White ([campout.director@ubc.ca](mailto:campout.director@ubc.ca)) for more information.



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**Youth Justice Lab** - North Shore Restorative Justice Society is hosting the Youth Justice Lab, a cohort-based, collaborative, skill-building opportunity for youth aged 15-19 years old residing on the North Shore. Participants will meet remotely once a week, on Thursday nights from 6:00pm-8:30pm, for seven weeks (July 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>). Throughout the lab, youths will build useful life skills in mediation, teamwork, project management, and networking, as well as explore questions like: How can we use restorative justice principles to meaningfully engage in decolonization, truth, and Reconciliation? What does youth justice look like in our community? What is peer mediation and how can we use it in everyday life? At the end of the seven-week program, participants will receive a diploma of completion at a graduation ceremony, and a \$100 bursary for full attendance at all sessions.

Here is a link to the application form, which also includes information on the program <https://forms.gle/o94FaTMgy2tZZ6yo6>. The application deadline is July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.