



Friday, November 10th, 2023

Dear Argyle Families,

Today our entire school community came together to honour and remember the sacrifices made by those who served and continue to serve our Nation. The solemnity of Remembrance Day was observed with a heartfelt ceremony fostering a sense of gratitude and respect among our student body. The ceremony involved the choir, band, French Immersion students, cadets, student MCs, and guest speaker Argyle alumnus and member of the Canadian Armed Forces, Master Sailor Mark Santos.

We are reaching the conclusion of first term and the midpoint of semester 1. Students recently engaged in a goal-setting session where they reflected on their growth and personal development and set a goal to work on for the rest of semester 1. Students sent a Teams chat to themselves with their goal. We encourage you to ask your child to see their goal and the strategies they came up to work towards achieving their goal. The focus is on empowering each student to reach their potential and foster a commitment to lifelong growth and learning.

There have been many activities and events over the past two weeks. Over 60 students from Argyle's Drama program and the Digital Media Academy began working on a remake of the music video [Thriller](#) in September. The video was recently released at Halloween. The [North Shore News](#), [Vancouver is Awesome](#) and [CBC Radio](#) all ran stories or interviews about the video.

Grade 9 students recently participated in Take Your Kids to Work Day, gaining valuable insights into various careers.

We also had a spectacular homecoming football game on October 27th. Thank you to everyone who came out from the fans, cheer team, tech crew, environment club, student council, Lynn Valley Lions, and parents for your support.

Fall athletics are wrapping up with many teams in playoffs or provincials. In the past week the senior girls field hockey team finished 7th in the Province, the senior boys soccer team qualified for Provincials, the grade 8 gold volleyball team won the North Shore title, 3 cross-country runners finished in the top 15 in B.C., and several swimmers qualified for Provincials. Winter teams are starting up – students should be checking the athletics bulletin board and the daily announcements, also posted on Argyle's homepage, for tryouts, practice dates and times.



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In today's newsletter you will find information on:

1. Upcoming dates
2. Staffing update
3. 'Erase'
4. Student opportunities
5. Parent opportunity
6. Fundraisers

We wish you and your loved ones a joyous Diwali. May the festival of lights bring warmth, prosperity, and happiness into your lives!

We also encourage everyone to take time this weekend to remember the sacrifices of the fallen, honour those currently serving our country and appreciate the freedom often taken for granted.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)

Laura Ames, Vice Principal (gr. 8 & 10)

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal (gr. 9 & 11)





1. Upcoming Dates

November 13th to 24th

Monday, Nov. 13 th	Remembrance Day stat – school closed
Monday, Nov. 20 th	Report cards published to MyEd by end of day
Thursday, Nov. 23 rd	Grad photo retakes – contact GradsBC to book

2. Staffing Update

There are a few recent and upcoming staffing changes to be aware of. Please join me in welcoming the following staff to Argyle:

- Mme. Belanger who has taken over Mme. Rippon’s French Immersion classes during her maternity leave.
- Mr. Ramsay will be taking over Ms. McCordic’s Social Studies classes starting Nov. 20th during her maternity leave.
- Educational Assistants Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Mumed.
- Work Experience Facilitator Mr. Sesma Toledano

3. Erase = expect respect & a safe education

Erase is about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, families, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. Erase started in 2004 through the provincial government's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools Strategy, and has since evolved.

Families are encouraged to review the resources and information found on the Erase website with their children, including about online safety, mental health and well-being, substance abuse, bullying, racism, sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and more. There is also a reporting tool to get help and support.

Starting on November 16th, the school district and school websites will feature Erase on the homepage rotating banner. We are doing this to increase awareness of this resource. You can expect to see Erase shared on the school district and school websites periodically throughout the school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child’s grade counsellor.



4. Student opportunities

- (a) **Information Session - The Culinary Trades as a Career with Cactus Club's Regional Chef, Michael Brough - November 21st**
- Carson Graham Secondary
 - Grades 10-12
 - Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
 - This is an opportunity for students who are interested in becoming chefs to participate in an after school information session to learn about culinary paths, roles, high school credits while working and information on current employment opportunities with The Cactus Club.
 - Limited to 20 participants
 - Click [HERE](#) for the form for students to register.
- (b) **Trades Fair on December 1st** – Approx 1 hour between 9:30am - 12:45pm - Handsworth Secondary. Limited transportation for this event. Grade 10 to 12 students interested in attending should see Mr. Ireland in the office next week.
- (c) **“Career Pathways 44” [website](#)** - The newest and greatest tool to use to find out about career programs and opportunities available to students in the district.
- (d) **Digital Media Youth Expo — December 9th**
- Mark your calendar! The [Digital Media Youth Expo](#) is an annual free event hosted by the Digital Media Academy (DMA). Representatives from visual effects, animation, film, sound web design, game design, and many Lower Mainland post-secondary institutions will be there to answer industry, education and career-related questions. DMA students will also showcase the projects they are working on. The Expo takes place at Argyle on Saturday, December 9th from 12:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.



5. Parent Opportunity

Parenting Strategies for Supporting Anxious Youth with Neurodivergent Needs

Foundry North Shore presents a free virtual workshop on Thursday, November 16 from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.. This presentation is for parents and provides an overview of evidence-based practical strategies for supporting anxious children and youth with neurodivergent needs, treatment options and practical resources. To register or find out more, see <https://NDYOUTH2023.eventbrite.com>.

6. Argyle Fundraisers

Argyle Fundrasers listed below in chronological order reflecting the order deadlines:

(a) [Argyle Spirit Wear](#)

Order deadline: Friday, November 17th

Select from Pipers merchandise, football merchandise, or Argyle pants and bags. This is a fundraiser for the football program.





(b) Argyle Music Associations – Purdys, & Wreath, Poinsettia, etc. Fundraiser

AMA order deadline: Tuesday, November 21st.

Pick Up: Wednesday, December 6th afterschool at Argyle.

Take part in AMA (Argyle Music Association) Christmas Fundraisers: Cover the costs for music trips by getting up to 33% return into your student personal account. Place your orders:

- Purdys Chocolate, 25% return, go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/886358-109747>, register for a new account or log in to existing an account with your email address, and join the Argyle Music Association campaign. Use Online Order Form.
- Poinsettias, Wreaths, swags, etc., over 25% return, go to <https://argylemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/> enter Argyle Music Association, register for a new account or log in to an existing account with your email address.

Enquiries: fundraising@argylemusic.ca

(c) Argyle PAC Purdys Christmas Fundraiser

PAC order deadline: November 27th

Pick up: Monday, December 11th, 4:00p.m.-5:30pm at Argyle.

You can shop for favourite Christmas Purdys chocolate treats AND support the Argyle Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) or the Argyle Music Association based on which link you use.

Support Argyle PAC: 25% of your purchase will go to helping enrich the educational experience at Argyle. We use the money raised to support PAC scholarships, staff lunch appreciation in June and other enrichment opportunities.

Order to support Argyle PAC > <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1048739-110694> Enter email address and JOIN campaign

More info: <https://argylepac.weebly.com/purdys-chocolate.html>



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(d) Argyle Cheer – Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

Order deadline: November 27th end of day

Pick up: Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00p.m. at Argyle

If you can't pick up, cheer team can deliver to you.

Stock up on fabulous food for the holiday season from local company Neufeld Farms, all while supporting Argyle Cheer! Enjoy an amazing selection of top-quality food for entertaining and every day, incredible appetizers, quality meats, easy meals, desserts, breakfast foods etc.

See link below for easy online ordering:

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-argyle-secondary-cheer-5ab08ee51e/ref/em>