



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

1131 Frederick Road, North Vancouver, B.C. V7K 1J3 Tel: (604) 903-3300 FAX: (604) 903-3301

October 16th, 2020

Hello Argyle Families!

We hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving last weekend. This week marked the midway point of Quarter 1 and the delivery switch for Grade 9 to 12 students. As students are now entirely face to face for their afternoon class, this class is now their learning cohort. In the morning class only half the students are present at one time and they are required to maintain physical distance, and to wear a mask if they are unable to physically distance themselves for certain activities. All students are welcome to wear a mask at any time during class and are required to wear one in common areas.

The home-school partnership is critical to student success. All students will be receiving a progress update on October 28th. These will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal. If you have concerns or questions about your child's progress at any time, please email your child's teacher(s). Staff emails can be found on the school website under the top tab "Staff Info".

We appreciate your ongoing vigilance towards hand hygiene, keeping bubbles small, ensuring masks are washed and packed daily, and keeping your child home when ill. Thank-you all for doing your part to keep everyone safe & healthy. We appreciate and notice your efforts!

Below are several updates for families:

1. Interims
2. Reminder about Extra Supports for ALL students
3. School Calendar
4. Grade 8 Orientation Video Series
5. B.C. Post-Secondary Virtual Fair
6. Upcoming Dates

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal
Caren Hall, Vice Principal
John Crowley, Vice Principal

1. Interims

a. Interims will be published once per quarter to the MyEd Parent Portal on the following dates. Parents will receive an email notification from “SysAdmin” once published.

Quarter 1 – Wednesday, October 28

Quarter 2 – Wednesday, December 16

Quarter 3 – Wednesday, March 10

Quarter 4 – Wednesday, June 2

b. Students in linear “X-block” classes will not receive an interim, however, they will receive a report card at the end of each Quarter (4 times per year).

2. Reminder about Extra Support for ALL students

There are many opportunities for students to receive additional support this year. Often a few minutes can go a long way to alleviating stress, clarifying concepts, and helping learners gain a deeper understanding of a topic. These are drop-in times and available to any student. Please encourage your child to access these opportunities.

a. Teacher Tutorials during Flex – teachers have shared tutorial times with students

b. Drop-in Support during Flex Time in the “Learning Café” (cafeteria) - supported by Educational Assistants

c. Drop-in Support during lunch in the Learning Café - supported by volunteer Senior Students

*Students & Staff are required to wear a mask in the Learning Café as it is a common space.

3. School Calendar

We have posted an updated PDF of the Argyle School Calendar [here](#).

A few notes about the calendar:

• **To help balance the number of face-to-face sessions for Group A & B there are a few Mondays during the year where Group B will meet face to face instead of an online class for all students. These are on:**

○ **Monday, November 23**

○ **Monday, April 19**

○ **Monday, June 21**

• The first day of each Quarter starts with all grade 9 to 12’s doing an online class in the afternoon. Students will be notified at that time whether they are in Group A or B.

• Report cards will be posted after the conclusion of each quarter. The dates are listed on the school calendar.

• Updates to the calendar will be posted to the online calendar linked to the homepage of the school website.

4. **Grade 8 Orientation Video Series**

Every Monday for 6 weeks the staff & students at Argyle are welcoming our Grade 8's with some advice on how to get the most out of their high school experience. The video series covers the following topics & is presented in class to grade 8's:

- Digital Literacy & Communication
- Electives & Athletics Tour
- Library Orientation
- Library Website
- Topics to come:
 - Study Skills & Notetaking
 - Time Management & Routines
 - Stress Management & Mental Health Hygiene

Videos are posted on the website - [Click](#) and enjoy!

5. **B.C. Post-Secondary Institutions Fair**

In place of regular fall visits to high schools across the province, Post-Secondary BC is hosting a Virtual Fair with 29 post-secondary institutions participating in each fair event. The event is dedicated to **Grade 11 and 12 students** at high schools in specific regions of the province. Students and parents are asked to register and participate on any day the fair is live during their assigned days. After each live fair event, registered participants can come back into the online Fair platform any time to view pre-recorded presentations and download resources posted by participating institutions.

BC PSI FAIR FOR NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS
Wednesday, Oct. 28 – 2:00-6:00pm and
Thursday, Oct. 29 – 3:00-7:00pm

For more information & to register please open the additional email attachment.

6. **Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday, October 21	Virtual PAC AGM, 7pm, via Zoom
Friday, October 23	Professional Day (Province-Wide), classes are <u>not</u> in session
Monday, October 26	School Photo Retakes during afternoon class
Wednesday, October 28	Staff Collaboration Time during FLEX time (no tutorials in flex time today)