

# ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Hello Argyle Families,

We are four weeks into the school year, and we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support you have shown our school as we welcomed students back.

There have been a lot of new changes, procedures and requirements this year. We want to commend our school families for their help in reinforcing messaging to youth about physical distancing and hand hygiene. Simple actions like washing and packing masks, and ensuring students have their own school supplies helps tremendously as well. We continue to ask that you carry out a daily health assessment for your children and keep them home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19. We have a lot of the school year ahead and thank you for your continued efforts each and every day.

Below are several updates for families:

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- 7. Attendance Procedures Reminder
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We hope you have a great weekend and are able to enjoy some of this beautiful fall weather.

Sincerely,

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# 1. World Teachers' Day – Monday, October 5th

Held annually on 5 October since 1994, World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, the International Labour Organization, and Education International.

In 2020, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme "**Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future**". The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly added to challenges faced by education systems throughout the world.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our Argyle teachers for their work this year and their steadfast dedication to learning and caring for our student community.

## 2. School Photo Retakes

Retakes will take place in the afternoon of Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

To view and order school photos go to <u>www.gradsbc.com</u>. Click on the "View and Order" button on the top right of the page. If your child brought home the slip of paper from Grads BC you can scan the QR code to go directly to the site.

## 3. Athletics Update

An Argyle Athletics channel has been created on Microsoft Teams. On this channel, students will be able to get information on each season of play and when sport teams are calling out for players. Coaches will use teams to update practice schedules and organize any other information for the season. Please go to the <u>Argyle Athletics webpage</u> and complete the survey <u>HERE</u> to join Argyle Athletics on Microsoft Teams. For any questions, students should please see Mr. Kelsch in the Athletics Office.

Athletics will look different this year. Our Athletic Director, Mr. Kelsch is working closely with BC School Sports and District Committees to ensure all PHO and BC School Sports protocols are being met. In general, the requirements for school sports are more prescriptive and restrictive than community sports and we continue to review our plans and implement all necessary protocols. Here are the key points for all teams:

All teams will submit a Return to Play plan that must be approved by the school and district.

All participants, in addition to the regular Informed Consent, will be required to complete and submit two new permissions documents:

- Student-Athlete and Participation Agreement
- Parent Info If Students Becomes Ill Protocol

All participants will be required to wear masks upon arrival to a session, and during activities where physical distancing cannot be maintained between non-cohort groups. Hand hygiene and cleaning protocols are also part of the return to play plan. Activities during practices will be modified to ensure appropriate physical distancing to minimize sustained, close contact.

For any additional information on athletics, please contact Mr. Kelsch, (Athletic Director) or Mr. Crowley (Vice Principal, Athletics Liaison)

#### 4. Provincial Graduation Assessment Schedule

#### **Provincial Graduation Assessment Schedule**

Overview 2020-2021

Quarter 1
<u>Week of November 2 – 6</u>
Literacy 10 Assessment- Only for Grade 11s who have not written / re-write
Numeracy 10 Assessment - Only for Grade 12s who have not written / re-write
*to re-write, please email Mrs. Hall at <u>chall@sd44.ca</u> by Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 4pm*
(A notice to grade 11 & 12's has been running on the Daily Announcements all week).
*Note- Current grade 12 students do not need to write the Literacy 10 Assessment
Quarter 2
Week of January 25 - 29
Numeracy 10 Assessment - All Grade 11 students
Quarter 3
Week of April 12 - 16
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Literacy 10 Assessment - All Grade 10 students Quarter 4 <u>Week of June 14 - 23</u> Numeracy 10 Assessment - All Grade 10 students \*Specific Dates and Times TBD for Assessments in Quarters 2,3, and 4

Comprehensive information regarding Provincial Exams and Assessments can be found at: <u>http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/</u>

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-12-literacy-assessment

# 5. Post-Secondary Virtual Events

We encourage students to check the list of post-secondary virtual events posted here. This list has been shared with grade 12's in their CLC 12 team and by email. Grade 10 & 11 students are also encouraged to listen in to some of these virtual open houses to begin learning about post-secondary options.

# 6. Upcoming Dates

#### Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving (school closed)

#### Thursday, October 15th

- Grade 9 to 12 Quarter 1 delivery switch
- Morning class becomes hybrid, Afternoon class becomes 100% face to face
- Grade 8's stay 100% face to face for both morning and afternoon class.



# 7. Attendance Procedure Reminder

**Please report student absences by email:** <u>argyle@sd44.ca</u>. Ensure the word "absence" appears in the subject line and put your child's full name and grade in the body of the email.

Please also notify the school of a students' late arrival or early dismissal. Students who are late should go directly to their class not the office.

As most students only have two teachers a day please Cc your child's teachers in the absence/late/early dismissal email.

# 8. External Student Opportunities

#### a. <u>NV Constituency Youth Council</u>

The office of the Member of Parliament for North Vancouver would like to offer an opportunity for interested students to participate in Jonathan Wilkinson's Constituency Youth Council. With COVID-19, the council will go virtual.

The North Vancouver Constituency Youth Council is open for applications on an ongoing basis this year. The Constituency Youth Council is an inclusive and supportive environment, welcoming all young people living, working or studying in North Vancouver, between the ages of 15 and 24. This is an opportunity for youth to engage in the political process and share their thoughts on ongoing issues and decisions made at the federal level. It also gives our elected representative a chance to better understand the concerns of youth in our community and to fully represent the residents of North Vancouver.

Click the link to apply: https://forms.gle/cMYhpzEvnGEXK3De9

#### b. Student artwork contest for Lions Gate Hospital Foundation Christmas card

Lions Gate Hospital Foundation is looking for artwork to adorn their 2020 Christmas Card collection! <u>The CONTEST</u> is open to high school and intermediate elementary students across the North Shore. Entries are submitted to LGHF and shortlisted by LGHF staff to 10 semi-finalists.

These pieces will be juried by a judging panel made up of the President & CEO of LGHF, COO of the Coastal and prominent North Shore artists.

The winning artist would receive the kudos that comes with having their work printed on close to 20,000 Christmas cards, and their photo taken and promoted on the Foundation's website and social media pages. The winner will also receive a \$100 gift card from Park Royal.

# Contest is open to North Shore students in grades 4-12. Deadline is midnight, October 12.

See this <u>LINK</u> for more details, including how to enter.

