



October 27th, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

We hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather.

We are approaching the midpoint of semester 1 and classes are well into the curriculum. It is encouraging to see so many students using flex time to work on projects, study and get additional support.

The new turf has been a welcome addition to our school. Teams and PHE classes have been using it daily. Today afterschool there is a Sr. Boys homecoming football game with many student groups involved and a BBQ by the Lynn Valley Lions. We hope to see many of you at the game.

Lastly as we move into fall and it gets darker and cooler, please allow extra time to get to/from school and ensure your student is dressed appropriately for the conditions. Please remind students to be aware of their surroundings and to wear reflective clothing or gear whenever possible.

Please take some time to read the important updates below on:

1. Upcoming dates
2. Reminders
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4. Halloween reminder
5. Grade 9 take our kids to work day
6. Coaches needed
7. Remembrance Day ceremony
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Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Laura Ames, Vice Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal



1. Upcoming Dates

Oct. 30th to Nov. 3rd

Tues. Oct. 31 st	Halloween costume contest - gym at lunch
Nov. 1 st to 3 rd	Grad photos afterschool and evening
Wed. Nov. 1 st	Grade 9 Take our Kids to Work Day (part of Careers 9)

Nov. 6th to Nov. 10th

Wed. Nov. 8 th	UBC Okanagan presentation, theatre, 6:30pm
Wed. Nov. 8 th	Argyle PAC meeting, 7:00pm, library
Thurs. Nov. 9 th	Term 1 ends
Fri. Nov. 10 th	Remembrance Day Ceremony – all students, gym

2. Reminders

Gr. 11 & 12 Language Challenge Exams	Deadline to sign up is October 30 th . Applications can be found here . Students need to bring their completed application to their counsellor on Monday.
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3. Goal setting – Class starts at 8:45am on Friday, Nov. 3rd

As shared last spring, changes have been made by the B.C. Ministry of Education & Childcare to how student learning is communicated. One of these changes involves students setting goals and reflecting on them throughout the school year.

Students will be supported through this process at multiple points in the year. The first being on Friday, November 3rd. On this day students will have a shortened flex period with their first class beginning at 8:45am for 70minutes followed by a goal-setting session at the end of the first class.

Friday, November 3rd

8:31 to 8:45am Shortened flex time

8:45am to 9:55am **Period 2 class**

9:55am to 10:20am **Goal setting workshop in period 2 class**

Regular schedule resumes for the rest of the day

Future goal-setting dates will be communicated soon. Further information about goal setting and self-assessment of the core competencies is attached to this email.



4. Halloween Reminder

Halloween is a wonderful time of celebration for our community and families. We do ask for your cooperation to help keep Halloween safe and fun for everyone. We celebrate diversity and inclusion and expect that students be respectful when selecting costumes. There are also important safety considerations that students and parents need to be aware of:

- Students in costume at school should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff members when asked.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are not allowed.
- Costumes that are offensive in any way are not allowed. Please consider the rights maintained in the *Canadian Human Rights Act* when selecting costumes (consider race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic characteristics, disability).
- It is inappropriate to wear costumes in poor taste (e.g., hyper-sexualized, culturally insensitive).
- School codes of conduct must always be followed, even when in costume. This includes maintaining respectful and appropriate behaviour with others and with school property. Vandalism is never acceptable and is a crime.
- The use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at schools is strictly prohibited at all times (before, during or after school). Please visit the City and District of North Vancouver websites for more information on municipal firecracker and fireworks regulations.

5. Grade 9s – Take Our Kids to Work Day – Careers 9

Parents/guardians of grade 9 students received a letter on October 17th about the annual Take Our Kids to Work Day. Please start the conversation with your child about who they might go to work with on that day. This could be with a parent/guardian, relative, or a friend's parent or relative. If your Grade 9 student is not able to visit a worksite on November 1st, they are to come to school for self-directed learning in their scheduled classes. To support grade-wide participation in the event, Grade 9 teachers will not be covering any new curricular material in their classes that day.

Please email argyle_attendance@sd44.ca to confirm that your student will not attend Argyle that day.

More information can be found at <https://www.studentscommission.ca/en/take-our-kids-to-work>



6. Coaches needed – Grade 8 Boys Basketball

Argyle's Bantam Boys' Basketball teams are looking for coaches for the 2023-2024 season. If you are interested in coaching Grade 8 boys' basketball at Argyle this season, please contact the athletic director Mark Pearce at mpearce@sd44.ca.

7. Remembrance Day Ceremony

Argyle will be having their annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10th during the school day. The schedule for the day will be posted around the school and is also below:

8:31 – 9:10	FLEX time
9:10 – 10:05	Period 1 – 55 min (Poppy distribution)
10:15 – 10:30	Period 2 – Part 1 (attendance and assembly loading)
10:30 – 11:10	Full School Assembly (40min)
11:10 – 12:10	Period 2 – Part 2 – 60min (unload & return to class)
12:20 – 1:15	Period 3 – 55 min
1:15 – 2:05	Lunch
2:05 – 3:00	Period 4 – 55 min

Students will receive a poppy in class on Friday. Students are encouraged to bring a donation on Friday, November 10th for the Poppy Fund. All monies raised will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund which supports Canada's veterans and their families. We are very tight on space and unfortunately are unable to accommodate outside guests at our assembly.

8. Argyle Drama Fundraiser



Argyle Drama is once again partnering with local company Stapleton Sausage Co. to fundraise for our theatre and performances for this school year. 34% of sales go directly to supporting our growing and dynamic Drama program. Choose from a wide range of flavours and styles of sausages from English Breakfast to Tandoori Chicken with Mango ranging in price from \$12.00 - \$15.00 for a package of four.

See menu [HERE](#).





9. Argyle Spirit Wear

Argyle Spirit Wear is back! [Order by Sunday, November 19th.](#) This is a fundraiser organized by Argyle Football. There is Argyle Pipers, Argyle football, bags, and pants available for purchase.

10. Student Opportunities

- A) Check out the NEW [NVSD Career Pathways website.](#)

- B) Explore CapU Open House – Saturday, Nov. 25th, 11am to 2pm
Explore your qualities and interests at [Explore CapU!](#) You'll discover meaningful career paths and a community that values and empowers YOU.

11. Parent/Guardian Opportunities

Three virtual [erase](#) learning sessions for families will be held on November 8th, 28th, and 30th, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above.

Register online for one of the three sessions being offered:

November 8, 2023 (6:30pm – 7:30pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023 (7:00pm – 8:00pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 (6:30pm – 7:30pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>



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Argyle's Theatre Company and Production Class and the Digital Media Academy Present a Full Remake of the Iconic 1983 "Thriller" Music Video. Please go to our [YouTube account at Desolation Sound Productions](#) to view the full 13.5minute video!

Thank you to Westlynn Bakery in Lynn Valley Mall for their generous sponsorship of the Argyle's junior and senior boys' soccer program Nike hoodies!

