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Friday, October 9th, 2020

Hello Argyle Families,

Thank-you for your continued support and encouragement. We are looking ahead to a long weekend where we can gather in small bubbles with loved ones and connect in the great outdoors with others. So many aspects of our lives have changed and it can be grounding to pause and give thanks. We hope that you can all find your space to rest and recharge this weekend.

We want to thank all parents for their diligence in completing the Daily Health Check and keeping their child(ren) home if they are symptomatic. This helps keep our entire school community safe and healthy. We also ask for parents' help in ensuring your child has a mask (or two) with them each morning prior to leaving home. Students who forget have been provided with a disposable mask however we are hoping we can cut down on issuing disposable ones with your support and reminders.

Below are several updates for families:

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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

1. Delivery Switch Reminder – Grade 9 to 12, October 15th

Next week marks the halfway point of this quarter. For grade 9 to 12 students, on **Thursday, October 15**th the morning class will change to hybrid and the afternoon class will become 100% face to face. Students will be told by their Period 1 morning class teacher prior to Thursday whether they are in Group A or Group B. There is no change to the schedule for grade 8 students.

Starting Thursday, October 15th grade 9 to 12 students will follow this schedule:



2. Interims

All students will receive a progress update by way of an interim report in each of their classes this year. For quarter 1, interims will be published to the MyEd Parent Portal on Wednesday, October 28th. The interim will include your child's cumulative grade to date as well as a comment addressing their achievement in relation to curricular expectations and learning standards, areas for further development, and guidance to help support their learning.

3. Opportunities for Extra Help

There are several opportunities for students to receive additional support this year. These include:

1. Teacher tutorial times during flex - teachers have shared their tutorial times with students. If a student is unsure of the time, they should ask their teacher or message them in Teams. Most classes have their tutorial times posted in their Class Team on MS Teams.

2. Flex Time in the "Learning Café" from 8:30am to 9:30am - this year the cafeteria has been set up as an additional learning support area. From 8:30am to 9:30am each school day Educational Assistants

are available to help any student in the school in need of some support. Drop-in; no appointment necessary!

3. Peer Tutoring in the "Learning Café" at Lunch - several senior students are volunteering their time to tutor other students. Their focus is math support however they are willing to assist with other subjects. This lunch time peer support will start on Wednesday, Oct. 14th.

4. Daily Announcements

Daily announcements are read at the start of the day. After the delivery switch next week, daily announcements will be read over the PA at the start of the afternoon block as this is the class all students have face to face. The link to Daily Announcements is under the Quick Links section on the homepage.

5. Argyle Clubs

Several student clubs have started with more to come. Some are meeting virtually and those meeting in person are required to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing. The following clubs are active and for most there was an announcement read this week for them:

- Environmental Club
- Model UN Club
- Virtual Literary Critic Club
- Book Club
- Gender Sexuality Alliance Club
- Students' Council
- Grad Council

6. <u>Argyle Environment Club</u> – Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

The Argyle Environment Club welcomes you to join us for our own Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-Up, taking place on **Sunday, Oct. 11th** at Ambleside. We will be meeting on the field beside the duck pond at **11:00 am.**

"The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is a national conservation program that provides Canadians the opportunity to take action in their communities wherever water meets land, one bit of trash at a time" (Shorelinecleanup.ca). There will be a short workshop on the detrimental effects that microplastics have on our ecosystems before we start the clean-up. This is a great volunteer opportunity to learn about our environment and get involved with the community! For students looking for volunteer hours, you can bring a volunteer form.

Our goals are to help bring awareness to plastic consumption and give back to the environment and community on thanksgiving weekend. With regards to COVID procedures, social distancing will be mandatory, we are recommending students to wear masks as we are in a public setting, and attendance will be taken as well as a phone number for contact tracing purposes. We ask that everyone washes their hands before arrival; hand sanitizer will be provided.

We hope to see you this Sunday, October 11th at 11:00 am!

For waivers and more information please feel free to follow the link: <u>https://www.shorelinecleanup.ca/cleanups/499p8</u>

7. Parent Event - "When Stress Comes Home" by Foundry North Shore

Thursday, October 15th, 7:30pm to 9:15pm

COVID-19, stress, anxiety, home-schooling, screen time. Please join us for this educational discussion supporting parents and youth.

In this talk, Emma Carlson, MA, will discuss how to help our youth manage the stress and anxiety associated with schooling at home, transitioning back to in-school learning, and some ways that parents can help set their kids up for success. We'll touch on topics like co-regulating, managing discomfort and uncertainty, screen time, and how these apply to both elementary and high school aged youth.

To sign up for this free virtual presentation click here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-stress-comes-home-tickets-122154388063</u>

8. <u>Student Initiative</u> – Career Panel for Teen Girls

Two grade 12 students, Mika D and Rose G, have started *Slay it Enterprise*, a social enterprise aimed at empowering teenage girls in the community. Their goal is to help young women gain the confidence and resources required to take initiative in their lives by connecting them to powerful, inspiring and diverse women in various working industries through video interviews, and virtual panel discussions.

They will be hosting a Virtual Panel Discussion for teenage girls on October 13th from 7pm to 8pm. The discussion will provide opportunities to connect and hear from two inspirational women. They will be sharing their unique career accomplishments, their encounters with gender inequality, and any advice they would give to youth going into the workplace. There will also be a chance for viewers to unmute and ask any questions to our speakers. Please click the link below to sign up for this free event. We hope you can join us!

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/slay-it-enterprise-virtual-panel-discussion-tickets-123555416577

9. Leadership 11 Community Clean-up Event

The new Leadership 11 students took to the outdoors this week for a Community Cleanup competition. Students were put into groups to collect garbage, get to know each other and build some new friendships. The goal was to help out in our local parks and build some community amongst the class. Mr. Duffy and Mr. Lockless are looking forward to a great year with this stellar crew!

