



September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Hello Argyle Families,

The past two weeks have been full of learning and special events at Argyle. Last week the entire school participated in the Terry Fox Run followed by a school-wide BBQ put on by the Lynn Valley Lions. This week grade 8 students attended a community building retreat at the Cheakamus Centre. Last night we hosted the Canadian Universities Event for senior students which featured over 50 post-secondary institutions. Today, students took part in Truth & Reconciliation Day events including watching a video created by Argyle students, cultural performances by members of the Squamish Nation, and two performances by Argyle's choir.

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

1. Upcoming Dates
2. Reminders
3. Supplemental course fees
4. Post-secondary visits
5. Language challenge exams
6. Argyle Music Association fundraiser
7. Parent sessions
  - a. Supporting parents with the transition to competency-based IEPs
  - b. Moving to adulthood (supporting youth with diverse abilities)

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal (gr. 12 & international)

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

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



## 1. Upcoming Dates

October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>:

Mon. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school closed)
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October 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>:

Mon. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving (school closed)
Tues. Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fall sports team photos at lunch in gym *Wear team uniform for photo
Tues. Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	School photo retakes – <b>AM ONLY</b>
Wed. Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Argyle PAC meeting, 7:00pm, library

## 2. Reminders

Reporting Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To report a student's absence, please email <a href="mailto:argyle_attendance@sd44.ca">argyle_attendance@sd44.ca</a>.</li> <li>- If a student was marked absent in error, please ask them to connect with their teacher directly.</li> <li>- If a student is cross-enrolled, please notify both schools of an absence.</li> <li>- Students should connect with teachers via Teams for missed work.</li> </ul>
Argyle website	For helpful information, please visit the <a href="#">Argyle School Website</a> .
School start up forms	Please complete the school start-up forms asap. Instructions were provided on how to access the forms at the end of August.
Verification forms	Please sign and return these forms to the office.
Daily announcements	Daily announcements are posted on the homepage of <a href="#">Argyle's website</a> under Quick Links.
School Clubs	For a list of clubs see the <a href="#">Clubs Section</a> of the school website.

## 3. Supplemental Course Fees

Supplemental school fees will be added to student [School Cash Online](#) accounts in early October for semester 1 and full-year courses. You will receive an email from School Cash Online when a fee has been added to your School Cash Online account. For more information on school fees click [here](#).



Supplemental course fees help cover costs related to enriched or additional learning opportunities such as special events (e.g.: guest clinician or instructor), some field trips, and materials used in projects intended for a student to take home. The student activity fee covers items such as agenda books, school awards and recognition, student printing, and guest presentations.

While logged into the School Cash Online site we ask that you also ensure you have completed the start-up forms.

#### 4. Post-Secondary Visits

Grade 11's and 12's are invited to attend info sessions featuring admission reps from these post-secondary institutions. More will be added over the coming months.

York University	Wed. Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Rm 154
Queens University	Fri. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Rm 154
BC Post-Secondary Fair	Wed. Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> (late start day)	8:30am to 10:30am multipurpose area
UBC Sauder School of Business	Thurs. Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lunch Rm 154
University of Calgary	Tues. Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch Rm 154
St. Francis Xavier University (Nova Scotia)	Fri. Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Rm 154

#### 5. Language Challenge Exams

The purpose of [Language Challenge Exams](#) is to permit students to obtain credit for a Grade 11 or 12 course who have already acquired the appropriate learning elsewhere. These exams are administered by the Delta School District and include 11 Coast Metro School Districts.

Language challenge exam packages are due to grade counsellors by 9:00am, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Language Challenge Examination will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. For a list of language exams offered click on the link above.



## 6. Argyle Music Association (AMA) Fundraiser

The popular Samosa Fundraiser is back where students can earn up to 35%. All proceeds go to students' personal accounts or General AMA funds.

Fundraiser dates: September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>

Ordering is **OPEN NOW** at <https://samosafundraiser.com/ama/>

Pickup: Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Argyle Secondary from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Remember to enter STUDENT NAME & STUDENT # (found on student card). Please share and let your friends and family know so they can place orders too. If you have any questions, visit the [AMA website](#) or email [fundraising.ama@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.ama@gmail.com). Thank you again for your continued support.

## 7. Parent Info Sessions

### a) Supporting Parents/Caregivers with the Transition to Competency Based IEPs

Date: Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Online session: [RSVP to participate in this Zoom session](#)

This session, facilitated by Shelley Moore, is geared towards parents/caregivers of students who have Individual Education Plans. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is a documented plan developed for either a student with a disability or neurodivergent students.

The session will address:

- Why school districts across the province are switching to Competency Based IEPs.
- What is the same and what is different from the current IEP to a Competency Based IEP?
- The main components of the Competency Based IEP.



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**b) Moving to Adulthood (supporting youth with diverse abilities)**

Date: Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: NVSD Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave)

RSVP: Please [RSVP](#) (drop-ins are also welcome).

Join the NVSD, WVSD, Community Living BC and Ministry of Children and Family Development for an evening of discussion and transition-related resources for youth and families. This event is targeted at families with children ages 12 and up.



Truth & Reconciliation Event – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023