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## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Monday, April 7, 2025



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## Principal's Update

Hello Argyle families,

Welcome back from Spring break! We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the last stretch of the school year.

Please find below updates about what has been going on at Argyle through March, upcoming events, and lots of active fundraisers.

The next three months are some of our favourite in the school year – with spring weather comes more time outside, spring athletics, and wonderful celebrations of learning.

We hope to see you in the school in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



Laura Ames, Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

Monday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Assessment Catch-Ups for Grades 10-12
Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Career Fair at Argyle – 5:00-7:00pm
Thursday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trades Career Fair at Argyle
Wednesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 7:00pm at Argyle Library
Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – No classes
Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday – No classes
Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conferences – early dismissal for students (1:10pm)
Friday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Early dismissal for students (1:10pm)

## School Information

<b>Argyle Contact Info</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Contact Info &amp; Map - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Daily Schedules &amp; Block Rotation</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Daily Schedules - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Full Year Calendar</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Calendars - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Reporting Attendance</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Attendance - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Argyle Policies</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">School Policies - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Daily Announcements</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Daily Announcements - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>
<b>Staff Contact Information</b>	<a href="https://sd44.ca">Staff Contacts and Links - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)</a>

## Course Verification Forms

In the coming weeks, students will be given a printed copy of their course verification form. This form shows the courses students have selected for the 2025-26 school year and must be signed by a parent/ guardian and returned to the school ASAP. More information will come by email.

## Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is an annual survey of grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12 students, parents, and staff. It is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools as it gathers information on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Students have had an opportunity to complete this survey in their classes in the last three weeks.

As a parent of a grade 10, 11 or 12 student, you are also encouraged to participate in this survey, as your feedback is important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province.

To complete the survey, go to: [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer or phone with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section. The e-survey site will be open until May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

## School Updates & Upcoming Events

### Save the Date – June Awards Ceremonies

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Year-end Music Concert & Awards (evening)

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – Athletics Banquet and Awards (evening)

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – School Awards Night (evening)

As a change this year, we will be running an awards night for school awards (subject awards, service awards, and major awards). Students will be notified in early June if they will be receiving an award and will be invited with their parent/ guardian to this evening ceremony.

## Career Fair – April 8<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to announce our upcoming **Career Fair** for students on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**, **organized by Leadership 11 classes**. This event will feature **15-20 local professionals** from a wide range of fields, including healthcare, trades, business, education, non-profits, and more. All Careers 10 Blended students will attend, and other students are welcome to join. Students will attend **three sessions**, gaining valuable insights into different career paths.



### Event Details



Arrival & Check-In: 5:15 – 5:30 PM



Session #1: 5:45 – 6:05 PM



Session #2: 6:20 – 6:40 PM



Session #3: 6:55 – 7:15 PM

Between sessions, students can connect with presenters or visit the cafeteria. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore future careers and ask questions directly to professionals in the community!

## Sport, Recreation, and Health Careers Expo – April 10<sup>th</sup>

Argyle is hosting **50+ guests** in careers ranging from nursing, clinical counseling, EHS (emergency vehicles will be on site), coaching, fitness instructing, physical rehab, bioengineering, respiratory therapy, outdoor recreation, working for the Sports Hall of Fame, medicine, laboratory work and more. Students will have a chance to visit the career fair during class time on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Learning Conferences

Learning conferences are coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents will receive information the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> about when and how to book meetings with teachers. Meetings will take place between 2:30-4:30pm and 6:00-8:00pm. Both April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be early dismissals for students at 1:15pm.

## Piper Pride - What's happening around the school?

## Gymnastics Provincials Champions!

Congratulations to the Argyle Gymnastics team, who won first place in provincials in early March. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive Provincial win for Argyle Gymnastics!





## Pipers in Costa Rica

Argyle Girls Soccer Program travelled to Costa Rica over spring break to play soccer and enjoy a cultural and educational experience. Highlights of the trip included spending time and leading a soccer camp for underprivileged children at a primary school in San Jose. The Argyle students donated hundreds of soccer jerseys and some soccer equipment to the school and the children. The Argyle team explored La Fortuna waterfall, the Arenal Volcano hot springs, and attended a professional match.



## Pipers in Japan



DMA travelled to Japan and became immersed in the unique cultural and visual opportunities of Japan's four cities: Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe and Hiroshima. There they found the people friendly, kind and generous with their amazing cities. If lights and sounds were the goal, mission accomplished. If a calm old-world exploration of ancient buildings and shrines were sought, all the cities boasted easily found sanctuaries for our travelers. The sights, sounds and flavours of Japan will not soon be forgotten after this trip.

## Song Summit

On Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Argyle Music hosted a SONG SUMMIT where Argyle choirs performed alongside a number of local choirs. The event was a fundraiser for the music program and was a huge success.



## Parent Resources

### Erase: [Have a Conversation](#) with Your Teen

Conversation starters and tips to talk with your teen about mental health, bullying, substance use, and more.

### Parent Resources to Support Screen Time:

[4 Conversations to Have about Screen Time](#)

[Keeping Teens Safe on social media](#)

[Help Kids Make Friends Online](#)

[Family Tech Planner](#)

## PAC Updates

The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Argyle library.

### Argyle PAC Fundraisers

Enquiries: [argylepac@gmail.com](mailto:argylepac@gmail.com)

**Samosa Fundraiser** (see image)

### Purdy's Chocolates and Cobbs

The PAC has two fundraisers going right now: Purdy's and Cobbs Bread.

Check out the [PAC website](#) for more information and to order. Last day to order for two fundraisers is Wednesday April 9th and pick up is April 16th at Argyle.



## Argyle Music Association (AMA) Fundraisers

*Take part in AMA Easter Fundraisers: Cover the costs for music trips by getting **up to 25% return** into your student personal account or donate funds to **General Music Development**.*

Enquiries: [fundraising@argylemusic.ca](mailto:fundraising@argylemusic.ca)

### Purdy's Chocolates

To place your orders with Purdy's Chocolate, visit [this link](#) and register for a new account or log in to an existing account with your email address, and join the Argyle Music Association campaign. Select **Shop Online**, **EDIT** Ordering for: Enter Student name in **Additional Info**.

**Order by:** Monday, April 7, 2025 / **Pick Up:** Wednesday, April 16, 3.30-5.30 pm at Argyle

### Growing Smiles: Veggies, Fruit, Flowers

Last orders: April 22.

Place your orders at: [argylemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com](http://argylemusic.growingsmilesfundraising.com), register or login and start ordering. Remember to enter the student's name if you want to credit a student account.

## Argyle Drama Fundraiser

Argyle Drama is partnering with **Meridian Farms** for a fantastic **fundraiser**—and you can help **upgrade our theatre with new lights and sound equipment** just by stocking up on fresh, local food!

### How It Works:

- Purchase **Meridian Farms digital gift cards** (emailed to you instantly!).
- **30% of your purchase** goes directly to Argyle Drama.
- Use your gift card **for online orders only** (not valid in-store).
- Enjoy **local craft meats, handpicked produce, and farm market favorites**—delivered straight to your door!
- Partnerships with local restaurants for flavours you know you love.
- **FREE delivery on orders over \$100!**

Support the arts and enjoy delicious, fresh food—it's a win-win! **Order today and help us bring our theatre to life!**

Order Link: <https://meridianfarmmarket.ca/argylesecondarydrama>

**Deadline for Gift Card Fundraiser:** April 29th, 2025