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ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Update

Dear Argyle families,

February has been an exciting month at Argyle with student events, athletics competitions, hard work in classes, and lots of course planning for next year. Thank you to all the families who have come to the many events at Argyle over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to see you in the school.

Spring Break is just around the corner, and we can feel the excitement building as we enter the final stretch before a well-deserved break. With only two weeks to go, now is the perfect time to reflect on everything we've accomplished this term.

Read below for updates about the great work that has been happening at Argyle and what to expect in the next few weeks. Our next newsletter will be in the first week of April, just after Spring break.

Sincerely,



Laura Ames, Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

Upcoming School Dates

Tuesday, March 4th	Review, Completion, and Enrichment Day – no scheduled classes
Saturday, March 8th	Song Summit – Choir Fundraiser
Monday, March 10th	Report cards published
Friday, March 14th	Last day of classes before Spring break
Monday, March 31st	First day of classes after Spring break, Grade 8 rotation 3 starts
Thursday, April 3rd	Spring Team Athletics Photos
Friday, April 4th	Goal Setting Session #3 – classes start 8:45am
Monday, April 7th	Ministry Assessment Catch-Ups: Literacy 10/ 12, Numeracy 10

School Information

Argyle Contact Info	Contact Info & Map - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Daily Schedules & Block Rotation	Daily Schedules - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Full Year Calendar	Calendars - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Reporting Attendance	Attendance - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Argyle Policies	School Policies - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Daily Announcements	Daily Announcements - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)
Staff Contact Information	Staff Contacts and Links - École Argyle Secondary (sd44.ca)

Argyle Breakfast Program

The school district is able to offer the breakfast program through targeted funding provided by the provincial government to assure food access for students. Every morning, students have access to bagels with toppings and fresh fruit.

Multiple families have reached out to ask how they can contribute to the food access program. They have voiced their appreciation for the program as their student benefits from the program. The program can expand with donations from the community.

If you would like to make a donation to this program through School Cash Online (SCO):

- click on the [North Vancouver School District SCO Donation link](#)
- enter your donation dollar amount
- type **Breakfast-Secondary** in the Message box
- A donation receipt will be emailed to you upon completion of your cart checkout

Donations will be used to expand breakfast offerings, and will be designated for the program, not used for other programs or services offered by the school district.

School Updates & Upcoming Events

Ministry Assessments – Catch-Ups

Argyle is offering catch-up assessments for Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12 on April 7th. These assessments are required for graduation. Students who have not written the assessment will be contacted directly by Vice Principal Shahrzad Motaghedi on Teams before Spring break. Please contact her directly smotaghedi@sd44.ca if you have any questions or believe your student is missing an assessment.

Argyle Song Summit

Argyle is proud to be hosting the inaugural Song Summit fundraiser for the music program. Join us for a wonderful day of singing and afternoon concert (open to all our Argyle community). Afternoon performances by: Maddalena's Descant, Pacific Spirit Choir, The Argyle Chamber Choir, Universal Gospel Choir. Tickets available [here](#).

Pipers Go International

Argyle has two international trips leaving over Spring Break. We wish safe travels to Argyle Soccer who is travelling to Costa Rica and the DMA program travelling to Japan.

Spring Athletics

Girls soccer, ultimate, rugby, football (grade 8), tennis, and golf are all starting soon! Check out our website and keep an eye on Grade Teams for tryout information.

Piper Pride - What's happening around the school?



Argyle Staff Celebrates Pink Shirt Day!

Thank you to Argyle Studio One Three Four that made staff custom pink shirts this year.

DMA Mandarin Film Night

Check out [this CBC radio interview](#) of Argyle students about their recent film project translating Argyle Gotcha film into Mandarin. Argyle hosted the film premiere on January 30th to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Warton Global High School Competition

The Wharton Global High School Investment Competition is a free, experiential investment challenge for high school students grades 9-12. Students work in teams of four to seven and have access to an online stock market simulator. Together, they learn about strategy-building, teamwork, communication, risk, diversification, company and industry analysis, and many other aspects of investing.

Under the guidance of Ms. Skelley, four grade 9 students participated in the program, which involved managing a portfolio, preparing a report, etc. The students gained insights into strategizing, understanding investment goals, global investing and more.

Model UN Competition

January 31st- February 2nd, 13 Argyle students in the debate club participated in the Vancouver Model UN Conference. This is the largest student-led conference in North America. Students joined 1600 delegates from all around BC, Washington, Oregon and Alberta and were immersed in a thriving fast-paced environment, working together to create practical and dynamic solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

Argyle Library Weaving Project



For the past two years Argyle students and staff have been working on a school-wide Coast Salish weaving project. Students from across the school came to the Library to learn teachings from Skwxwú7mesh Nation member Courtney Kessel, Indigenous Support Worker, and Laura Ellwood, Indigenous Support Teachers about Indigenous Weaving and created Quarter bags.

Students also participated in the school-wide project creating two wall hangings that are now displayed in the library. The colours chosen for the project were traditional Indigenous colours and Argyle's school colours of Green and Gold.

Once the panels were created Argyle Indigenous students learned about the importance of smudging with Courtney Kessel. The wall hangings were installed in the library after being smudged. Thank you to Courtney and Laura for sharing with our students and for our administration team in supporting us in this project!

Athletics Updates

Wrestling

Argyle Wrestling has had a very successful season this year with its largest ever team. The team competed at championships in Port Alberni and Vancouver. Many Argyle students have placed in the top 10 in the province. Congratulations to all athletes!



Gymnastics



Argyle Gymnastics hosted and competed in the North Shore Sea to Sky Championships where they placed in first place in all competition categories. Argyle gymnasts are off to the Provincials, congratulations to all athletes!

Ski & Snowboard

Argyle athletes competed at Cypress and Whistler this season. A few athletes travelled to Quesnel to compete in Provincials and secured two first place finishes.

Basketball

Argyle Basketball has had a record-breaking season! Congratulations to all athletes and our huge, enthusiastic crowds that came to cheer on home games. Congratulations to Juvenile Boys and Senior Boys on a successful season. Sr. Boys placed 2nd on the North Shore.



Senior Girls – North Shore and Sea to Sky Champions – ranked first in province and competing in provincials this weekend.



Bantam Boys – North Shore Champions



Bantam Girls – North Shore Champions



Junior Girls – North Shore and Sea to Sky Champions, placed 7th in the province



Junior Boys – North Shore and Sea to Sky Champions, placed 2nd in the province



Juvenile Girls – North Shore Champions

Library Re-organization



Things are looking a little different in the Argyle Library this year! With a collaboration with the Dorothy Lynas Elementary librarian, we were able to completely reorganize the Argyle non-fiction collection into genres. This massive undertaking was done to make the collection more accessible for all Argyle learners. Now all students need to do is look for a spine colour and then the clearly labelled sub-categories. Books have also been organized in an open face style like a book store. By organizing books this way we have already noticed a significant uptake in books being signed out! Signage was made and designed through a collaboration with DMA.

Art 9/10 Display

Ms. Macek's **Visual Arts 9/Art Studio 10** class has been very busy creating a series of colourful acrylic paintings on canvas, using techniques and themes inspired by Pop Art! Students studied the Pop Art movement including the work of famous Pop Artists such as Andy Warhol, and learned about colour theory, composition, and acrylic painting techniques. Paintings are currently on display in the school library.



Parent Resources

Curious about online safety? Check out [information about cyberbullying](#) and [Strategies for Fighting Cyber Bullying](#).

Parent learning opportunity from Public Safety Canada

This session will explore strategies to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse within online gaming environments, providing practical guidance and expert perspectives. The webinar is facilitated by GamerSafer, a safety tech company focused on protecting players and gaming communities from digital risks and harms. This session will be hosted on Zoom. **To register, please click [here](#).** You will then receive a confirmation email with login details.

PAC Updates

Thank you to the PAC for hosting a parent social fundraiser at Wildeye Brewing on February 22nd.
Next PAC meeting is **April 16th at 7:00pm in the Argyle library.**

PAC Purdy's Fundraiser

Purdy's Fundraiser is here! All the money raised will enrich the students' educational experience, support PAC scholarships and the staff appreciation lunch in June. Each order, Argyle will receive 25%. Pick up date is April 16th at the school.

Order online: click [here](#), enter email address and click JOIN GROUP, start shopping & invite friends!

Enquiries: argylepac@gmail.com.

Argyle Music Association (AMA) Purdy's Fundraiser

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.**

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

Enquiries: fundraising@argylemusic.ca

Community Information & Opportunities

SD44 International- Homestay families needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

Early Childhood Education Assistant Certificate Program

Applications OPEN - due Friday March 7th, 2025

Offered by North Vancouver School District in partnership with Langara College, and open to West Vancouver School District students entering grade 11 or 12. This program is perfect for students passionate about working with young children and provides the opportunity to learn about child development and apply this knowledge to practical work placements in daycare and/or primary school settings. Learn from a Langara faculty member and those who work in the field, earn 8 high school credits, an Emergency Child Care First Aid and CPR Certificate and have the credentials for paid summer employment. Applications are OPEN until March 7, 2025. Learn more and apply [here](#), or email jkinakin@sd44.ca



NORTH SHORE

NEW & USED

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

PRESENTED BY KIDSPORT NORTH SHORE



Do you have any new or lightly used sports equipment sitting around?
Please DONATE anytime between Thursday, March 13 - Monday, March 31,
2025! Find details on donation collection locations and acceptable
equipment to donate on our website.

EQUIPMENT SALE DETAILS

CARSON GRAHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM