



# HOME OF THE PIPERS

## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Friday, November 29, 2024



*Argyle Sr. Boys Soccer Team won provincial championships November 23, 2024 in Burnaby.*

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## Principal's Update

Dear Argyle Families,

As we come to the end of term one and we enter the last month of the year, we would like to appreciate all the incredible learning that has been taking place at Argyle.

You will see below highlights from sports teams, our drama and DMA departments, music program, and more. Students have been working hard in class and beyond and we are entering a special time of year where they showcase their, both in class and on the public stage. These school events reflect our ongoing in support of our [school plan](#) to support diversity, equity and inclusion; mental health literacy; and school transitions.

We hope to see you in person at some of the many public events happening at Argyle this month and thank you for your support of students in this very successful first term of the year.

Happy reading!



Laura Ames, Principal

Tim Ireland, Vice Principal

Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

**Tuesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Review and Completion (no classes in session)

First day of grade 8 T2 rotations

Curriculum Implementation Day (no classes in session)

DMA Expo

Learning updates published

Drama Winter Festival

Holiday Bazaar

Music concert at St. Andrew Wesley's Church

Winter breakfast, last day of classes before winter break

Schools closed for winter break

## School Information

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

## Parking & Dropoff Reminders

Dropoff and pickup can get busy at Argyle, particularly at 1:00pm and 3:00pm. Please meet your students offsite whenever possible. If driving into the Argyle parking lot, please respect that parking is for staff only. Parents can access the drop-off spots on Frederick Rd. or use the drop-off lane in the school parking lot. To keep parking moving, please do not park in the drop-off lane.

## School Startup Forms

A reminder for parents, school startup forms including picture consent are available for parents to fill out on school cash online here. **Students without a signed photo consent cannot be pictured in the yearbook.** Please fill out these forms as soon as possible.

## School Fees

A reminder that speciality course fees have been posted to [school cash online](#) and can be paid by logging on here. If you cannot pay these fees in their entirety due to financial constraints, please contact your grade administrator.

## School Updates & Upcoming Events

### Basketball Home Opener Game

Argyle's Sr. Boys Basketball team will be hosting a home opener game on **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**. All are welcome, come out to cheer on the Pipers as they take on Rockridge Secondary! No tickets or advanced entry needed.

### Review, Completion & Enrichment

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is this year's first Review, Completion and Enrichment day. No classes are in session; this is a chance for students to make up missed work or work with teachers on curriculum enrichment opportunities. The next scheduled RCE days are March 4<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Accessing Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Learning Updates (report cards) will be published in the afternoon of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students will receive an email notification that learning updates are available with a link to access them.

- Parents/guardians log into [MyEducation BC](#) to access learning updates.
- More information about logging in is available [here](#).
- If families wish a printed copy of the Learning Update (report card) – a PDF document can be printed or saved from the 'Parent Portal' access to the MyEd student information system.
- Instructions on how to reset passwords and other information pertaining to learning updates can be found on the [MyEducation BC Tips & Resources](#) web page.
- All parents/guardians new to the NVSD will receive an email with their MyEducation BC Portal account information (login and temporary password).

## DMA December Events



Argyle's Studio One34, in collaboration with the Digital Media Academy, will be hosting a Winter Bazaar in the cafeteria on December 11th and 12th, from 6:00 to 9:00pm. At the bazaar products such as handmade leather journals, earrings, tote bags, and t-shirts will be sold, with all money raised going back into supporting the school's design programs. This event will be focused on providing students with real world experience in the areas of design and business. Please come out to show your support!



## Curriculum Implementation Day

Friday, December 6th is Curriculum Implementation Day. There are no classes for students. This day is focused on Indigenous Education and Argyle staff will be working at Carson Graham Secondary, participating in professional development with Dr. Tsnomot Brad Baker, Superintendent of Indigenous Education, Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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

## Pipers are Provincial Soccer Champions!

As pictured on the cover, Argyle's Sr. Boys soccer team competed in provincial championships November 23<sup>rd</sup> and brought home the gold medal. Many Argyle players were recognized for their achievements in the tournament. Argyle previously won the AAA Boys Soccer Championships in 1976 and 1988. Since then, the team has been in six provincial finals, winning silver each time. Congratulations to the whole team and teacher coach Darren Rath.



## Field Hockey Provincials

Sr. Girls Field Hockey played in provincial championships and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the province. This is the highest ever ranking for field hockey at Argyle!

## Sr. Girls Volleyball

Sr. Girls Volleyball Ranked First in Sea to Sky Championships and placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the Provincial Championships.



## Meet your First Responders!

Members of the North Vancouver RCMP Youth Liaison Team and BC Ambulance visited Argyle at lunch on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to meet students and share more about their roles in the community.

## Argyle Equity Committee

As part of our school plan, we have an ongoing focus on creating a sense of belonging and building equity and inclusion at Argyle. Earlier in November, a message went out to all students on Teams to build awareness of supports students can use if they are not feeling safe or a sense of belonging at school. We encourage students to talk to their counsellor or grade administrator about any issues in the school. In addition, the message to students highlighted the following information:

**ERASE online reporting tool:** can be used by anyone, any time, anywhere to report an experience of racism, bullying, and/or feeling unsafe at school. Using the reporting mechanism below you can report anonymously or include your name, and your concerns will be followed up on.

Argyle's staff equity committee (members listed below) volunteer their support and time to assist students in creating a report or having a verbal conversation: Ms. Vukovich (PE), Ms. Black (Library), Galme Mumed (Choices Youth Engagement Worker), Mr. Bulger (DMA), Ms. Skelley (Business Ed), Ms. Butler (Choices/SS), Ms. Reid (Science/ Indigenous Education).

## Parent Resources

### Tech-Savvy Parenting

[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth: A Parent's Guide](#)  
([saferschoolstogether.com](https://saferschoolstogether.com))

What do those emojis mean? What should I watch for? [Interpreting and Translating Emojis](#)  
([saferschoolstogether.com](https://saferschoolstogether.com))

Create a family contract for phone use:  
[Common Sense Media Digital Contract](#)  
([saferschoolstogether.com](https://saferschoolstogether.com))

### Mental Health Matters

Understanding substance use for teens: [Substance Use & Youth | Kelty Mental Health](#)

Talking to youth about substance use:  
[Talking to youth - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)



## PAC Updates

Next PAC meeting Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Argyle library. Plans are in the works for a February fundraiser social, come to the next meeting for more information.

## Community News

### Sponsorship Thank Yous

Thank you to Westlynn Bakery for their sponsorship of the Argyle soccer program.

### NVSD Artists for Kids Fall Release

*Artists for Kids and the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art has released five limited edition prints through an inaugural 2024 Fall Portfolio launch!*

*The [Artists for Kids Limited Edition Portfolio](#) program began over 35 years ago and is now revered as one of the most significant limited edition collections in Canada. Through the announcement of the 2024 Fall Portfolio release, the program brings together a group of limited edition prints by four Canadian artists who have worked directly with children and youth through Artists for Kids. The spectacular editions by Anna Binta Diallo, Sandeep Johal, Sara Khan, and Samuel Roy-Bois are NOW available for acquisition.*

***Purchases can be made by visiting [artistsforkids.ca](https://artistsforkids.ca) or calling the Artists for Kids' office at 604-903-3798.***