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## ÉCOLE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Update

Hello Argyle families,

October has brought cooler temperatures and a return to normal routines at Argyle secondary. Athletics teams have been in full swing, drama, DMA, and music have been working hard on holiday productions, and classes have fallen into a fall routine.

We were pleased to welcome over 2500 parents to learning conferences in the middle of the month and our October professional development days allowed staff meaningful opportunities to connect with colleagues at provincial-level conferences.

This newsletter shares updates about what has been happening around the school, exciting upcoming events, and important resources for parents. These school events reflect our ongoing in support of our [school plan](#) to support diversity, equity and inclusion; mental health literacy; and school transitions.

Happy reading!



Laura Ames, Principal  
Tim Ireland, Vice Principal  
Shahrzad Motaghedi, Vice Principal

## Upcoming School Dates

<b>Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Tryouts for Winter athletics teams start the week of November 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day
<b>Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Remembrance Day Ceremony in School
<b>Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	School-based Pro-D Day – no classes in session
<b>Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Shape of a Girl Presentations for Grades 9-12
<b>Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup></b>	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Review & Completion Day – no classes in session
<b>Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Curriculum Implementation Day – no classes in session

## 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>

### 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.

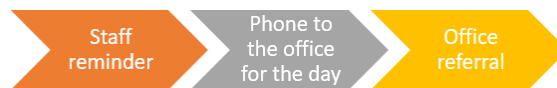
### Personal Digital Devices

In line with BC Ministry of Education’s 2024 policy, use of personal digital devices is restricted at school this year. We are enforcing a three step policy across the school and are engaging in important conversations with students about phone use, focus, and mental health.

#### You can help by:

- having conversations at home about tech use (see the “tech savvy parenting section as the end of the newsletter for helpful conversation starters).
- not texting or calling your child during the school day. If you need to pass on an important message, please contact the main office and we will relay the message.
- making sure students have multiple ways to pay for lunch, not only credit card tap from a phone.

“Devices away  
or they’re  
gone for the  
day”



## School Updates & Upcoming Events

### Take Your Kid to Work Day

Take Your Kid to Work Day is **Wednesday, November 6th!** This is a province-wide initiative where Grade 9 students go to work with a parent/guardian, a relative, or a family friend for the day. There is an assignment that is part of the Careers 9 curriculum that is **due November 20th**. Students who will not be attending Take Your Kid to Work Day will come to school and an alternate assignment will be provided for them. Both assignments have been distributed to parents/guardians and students but will be shared again this week. Parents and guardians of Grade 9 students are reminded to email [argyle\\_attendance@sd44.ca](mailto:argyle_attendance@sd44.ca) and let the office know that their child will be absent that day. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Pearce at [mpearce@sd44.ca](mailto:mpearce@sd44.ca).

### Green Thumb Theatre - Shape of a Girl

On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming back Green Thumb Theatre to perform Shape of a Girl. Green Thumb Theatre uses live performances to address complex issues in youth-appropriate terms in schools across Canada: their goal is “to “[provide] a way for young people to reflect on the kinds of issues that they may be curious about or grappling with themselves, but don’t feel comfortable broaching in a traditional classroom setting.”

Written by Joan MacLeod and based on real events in BC, Canada, this production is designed to help students gain a deeper understanding of the various forms bullying can take, how one might be complicit and especially how it can affect themselves and their peers. With the aim of ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all viewers, student audience are advised this production contains themes and scenes that may be sensitive for some viewers. The play addresses issues including **bullying, peer pressure, mental health struggles, and references to violence and abuse.**

While these topics are explored thoughtfully and realistically, they may be distressing for some audience members. We encourage students to take care of their emotional well-being, and if you feel the need to step out or seek support, please do not hesitate to reach out to a teacher or counselor present during the performance.

There will be a question and answer period following each performance, where students can connect with cast and crew to follow up on thoughts and feeling inspired by the show.

### Vancouver Education Career Fair

Field trip to Vancouver Convention Center for grade 12 students. See your CLC 12 teacher for more information.

## Argyle Drama presents...

### Teen Wolf! [Watch here.](#)

In a teenage world based on social cliques, a werewolf finds acceptance from her peers after struggling with her identity. Based on the iconic 1985 movie "Teen Wolf" starring the amazing Canadian actor Michael J Fox, this remake celebrates society's differences while finding common ground in really great 1980's clothes, sports, activities and music. Our students remade 2.5 minutes of this classic with a few Argyle twists.

### Junior Play Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

Argyle Drama is pleased to offer the first-ever junior play for grades 8 and 9 only. Auditions start **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. See Ms. Owens [gowens@sd44.ca](mailto:gowens@sd44.ca) for more information.



## Piper Pride - What's happening around the

### Truth & Reconciliation Event

On Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Truth and Reconciliation Assembly. We were pleased to welcome members of the Squamish Nation who shared traditional song and dance.

### Hope U Workshops

Hope U assemblies and workshops have been going on through the month of October. Charles Lartey of [Hope U](#) has been engaging students in meaningful dialogue about anti-racism and equity. Thank you to the PAC for partnering with us to bring these important learning experiences and supporting our [school plan](#). You can learn more about Hope U [here](#).



### Emmy-winning Visitor in DMA

Mr. Miller and DMA were thrilled to welcome Emmy winner Michael Cliett in October. Cliett recently won an Emmy for Visual FX Director on the tv series “Shōgun”, and lives in our community. He came in to talk about his research, production, filming, and editing process.

### Outdoor Education 11/12 Backpacking

Grade 11 and 12 students in Outdoor Education did a first out trip of the year to Elfin Lakes in early October. They were met with all weather systems and had a successful overnight hike.



### BC Student Vote

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Argyle held a student vote. 186 students voted at lunch. [Final results](#) showed 46% in favor of Susie Chant, BC NDP.

### Athletics Updates

Argyle's fall athletic teams and athletes have experienced incredible success through the first two months of the school year.

Argyle's **winter athletics seasons** starts next month, including: boys and girls basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, and alpine ski/snowboarding. Watch for tryouts information through daily announcements and grade MS Teams pages.



Photo: Gr. 12 student Aaron Chan

- The **junior boys' soccer** team plays Handsworth on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Argyle for the North Shore Championship.
- The **bantam rugby** team plays in the semi-final game on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> against Carson Graham.
- The **bantam girls volleyball** teams finished near the top of the standings and their first playoff games begin Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The **juvenile and senior girls' volleyball** teams finished second in their division and begin their road to the North Shore Championships next week.
- The **junior girls volleyball** team won the regular season title, and begin their playoffs on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The **senior girls field hockey** team has qualified for the Provincial Championships, which take place next week in Surrey.
- Argyle has several **cross-country and swim club athletes** who will be competing in the upcoming Vancouver Sea 2 Sky Championships.



Photo: Gr. 12 student Aaron Chan

## Parent Resources

### Supporting French Instruction

Looking for resources to support your student in French Immersion? Check out [Canadian Parents for French](#) bilingual online resources.

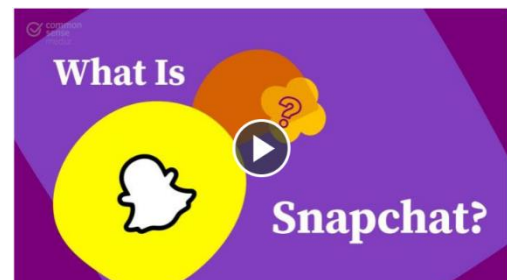
### Tech-Savvy Parenting

#### [Screen Strong](#)

Information for families on managing screen time with teens.

#### [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Snapchat](#)

Curious about snapchat, how it works, and how to monitor your teen's use and keep them safe? Read more.



## PAC Updates

### **PAC Updates**

Next PAC meeting in Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Argyle library. The Argyle PAC is still looking for someone to take on the Chair position. Please reach out to current Argyle PAC for more information and attend the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting if you are interested.

Plans are in the works for a February PAC fundraiser. Come to the next meeting for more information!

### **PAC Holiday Fundraiser**

PAC has started the annual Purdy's chocolate fundraiser. More information [here](#).

### **Drama Association Holiday Fundraiser**

Argyle Drama is looking for your support! This fundraiser is in partnership with local company Stapleton Sausage Co. 34% of sales goes directly to supporting our growing and dynamic drama program. See menu and full sales [here](#).

### **Argyle Music (AMA) Fundraisers**

Take part in AMA (Argyle Music Association) holiday fundraisers and help cover the costs for music trips by getting up to 33% return into your student personal account or donate funds to General Music Development. Place your orders for:

- [Purdys Chocolate](#)
- [Poinsettias, wreaths, swags, and decorations](#)

Last day to order: Closing date: Monday, November 25. Pick Up Tuesday, December 10, at Argyle. Contact [fundraising@argylemusic.ca](mailto:fundraising@argylemusic.ca) for more information.