

January 19th, 2025

# Grade 7 to 8 Transition to École Argyle Secondary School

Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 7 Students.

On behalf of the administration and staff of Argyle, we welcome you to our École Argyle Secondary School community. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we look forward to the arrival of your child at Argyle for the 2025-2026 school year. This letter provides an overview of the process that your child will participate in over the next few months as they transition to high school.

Our transition program focuses on giving students and their families helpful information while providing an initial introduction to Argyle. This is also an opportunity for us to learn how we can best support our incoming students prior to their official arrival in September.

## Grade 7 Classroom Visits – February 3-4th 2025

Throughout February 3-4<sup>th</sup>. Argyle administration and counselling staff will visit grade 7 classrooms to meet students and provide general information about Argyle Secondary and our programs. Course request sheets will be distributed by their current grade 7 teacher, and completed forms should be returned to grade 7 teachers no later than Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Grade 7 Tour of Argyle – February 5th, 2025

Grade 7 students and their teachers will be invited to come to Argyle for a guided tour, led by grade 11/12 leadership students. You can expect more information from your child's grade 7 teacher soon.

The purpose of this visit will be:

- to familiarize your child with the size of the school and observe classes while in session
- to help your child gain an understanding of the school's academic and elective areas
- to build a sense of community and connection to Argyle Secondary

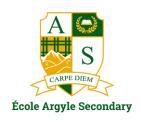
# School Tour & Course Programming Information Meeting for Grade 7 Parents - February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Parents/ guardians of current Grade 7 students are invited to a **school tour at 6:15 pm and a course programming presentation at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Argyle Gym.** This presentation includes a school welcome and introduction, programming information, and a chance to ask questions. This meeting aims to provide general information about Argyle Secondary and our programs. Students will receive this information during our class visits on February 3rd through 4th and do not need to attend.

# **Grade 7 Articulation Meetings**

This behind-the-scenes aspect of the Grade 7 transition process will take place in April. The Argyle transition team will connect with elementary schools to discuss specific educational needs of our incoming Grade 7 students. If necessary, we will reach out with any suggested changes or

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recommendations to your child's program. For students who may require additional supports, you can expect a letter outlining suggested supports and next steps in late April or early May.

### **Grade 7 School Orientation**

In June, grade 7 students and their teachers will be invited back to Argyle for a school orientation designed to introduce students to student life at Argyle. You can expect more information on this from your child's grade 7 teacher in the spring.

### First Day of School – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

On the first day of school, Grade 8 students will have a special orientation to the school, led by senior leadership students. More information about this will be sent to all parents in late August.

# <u>Grade 8 Retreat – Early Fall 2025</u>

We are planning a one-day retreat for all grade 8 students. You can expect to hear more information about this in the spring and late August. We hope all grade 8 students will be able to attend.

On behalf of the École Argyle Secondary community, we look forward to meeting and working with you and your child. If you have any questions regarding your child's program for our school, please contact Vice Principal Shahrzad Motaghedi <a href="mailto:smotaghedi@sd44.ca">smotaghedi@sd44.ca</a>

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For up-to-date information regarding École Argyle Secondary School, please visit our website.

If you have any other questions about the transition process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Shahrzad Motaghedi

Vice Principal