December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Term #1 Ends Grade 11 DPA Logs Due	4
5	6	7 Choir 10 Caroling, Park Royal Mall @ 10:30am	8	9 Choir 9 Caroling, Lynn Valley Mall @ 10:45am	10	11
			← Jewelry Sale, Library Foyer @ Lunch →			
12	13	14 Senior Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's Wesley @ 8:00pm	15 Report Cards Distributed in Homeroom	16 Sr. Vocal Ensemble Caroling, Lynn Valley Library @ 2:00pm	17 Santa's Breakfast	18
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NEWSLETTER ~ December 2010

Principal's Message

The month of November was full of spirit and enthusiasm. Movember saw several of our male staff growing their mustaches to raise money for prostate cancer. Thanks to everyone who supported this very positive way of heightening awareness for this very serious form of cancer. I also want to thank Ms. Roberts who led the Remembrance Day organizing committee in their work towards an outstanding Remembrance Day Assembly. This year our assembly honored our veterans and soldiers while recognizing the Humanitarian preventative work that is being done through organizations throughout the world in educating people as a means to end atrocities. Thanks to our students Nushin Bollinger and Taylor Quinn for taking a leadership role in this. Other activities that highlighted November were 'Take Your Kids to Work Day', Study Skills Night, The Math contest, The Talent Show and many spirit events sponsored by students and grad council.

December promises to be a busy month with Term 1 coming to an end. Report Cards will be distributed through a homeroom on Wednesday December 15th. We will certainly remind students to take them home. Basketball is well underway. Our Senior Girls are hosting the opening HSBC Game on Tuesday, December 7th. We will have an adjusted bell schedule to dismiss at 2:45 pm if we have enough student support through ticket sales. A notification will be posted on the Argyle website about this after lunch on December 6th. Our senior boys play at Argyle as part of the North Shore Invitational Tournament on Thursday, December 2nd at 2:30 pm. Classes have been invited to come to the gym to support the team.

Congratulations and thank you to all our Fall coaches and student athletes for a very successful season. Many of our teams narrowly missed winning the North Shore Championships. However, deserving of mention are grade 8 Girls Volleyball Gold team for winning the North Shore championship and finishing second in the V&Ds; the senior girls field hockey team that placed 2nd in the district and 7th in Provincial competition; and many of our country runners and swimmers who not only won local titles but advanced to provincial competition in their respective sports. Our Senior girls volleyball team will be representing Argyle in the Provincials in Victoria this weekend. More information on overall results is enclosed in this newsletter. Way to go Argyle.

Just a reminder to parents that we have an adjusted day on Friday, December 17th as we are hosting Santa's Breakfast starting at 7:30 am. Student dismissal will be at 12:20 pm.

Argyle Has Piper Power

***P**ride*
***O**pen-mindedness*
***W**isdom*
***E**xcellence*
***R**espect*

SCHOOL GOALS

1. To Improve Students' Writing Skills Across the Curriculum
2. To Increase Students' Sense of Responsibility and Academic Achievement
3. To Increase Students' Sense of Empowerment

DPA LOGS FOR GRADE 10s AND 11s

All grade 11's must hand in their DPA logs to the office by Friday December 3rd.
All grade 10's that are **not** in a Planning 10 class at Argyle this year must also hand in a DPA log to the office by Friday December 3rd.
A DPA log is on the school website. Click on Daily Physical Activity and use this log to record your activities.

CERAMIC EXHIBIT

The junior and senior ceramics classes' coil pots and leaf print plates are on exhibit until December 14th in the 200 hallway display case. Check them out!

THE TALENT SHOW

A great big thank you to all the staff, students and parents who supported the Talent Show on a snowy/rainy Thursday evening this November 25th. Over 100 guests gathered in the small gym to enjoy the singing, dancing, unicycling and juggling. Over $1100 was raised to support school children in Uganda and Kenya.

THE HUNGER SLUMBER

The Schools for Africa Club will be having a Hunger Slumber in the Argyle Library on December 3rd. Students will fast from Thursday December 2nd midnight until Saturday December 4th at 6:00am. Students wishing to participate need to complete a permission package and raise $50 in donations in order to participate in the Hunger Slumber. See Mr. Ruben in the counselling centre to get the donation envelope and permission forms. Contact Mr. Ruben for details at 604-903-3628.

ARGYLE DRY GRAD 2011

Plans are underway for Argyle's Dry Grad event for students graduating in 2011. This all night party at Can Am Importique (www.canamimportique.com) immediately follows the official banquet and dance on Saturday, June 11, 2011 and will be loaded with music, food, dancing and games. Watch for more information on ticket sales in the new year. Argyle Dry Grad 2011 is totally organized by volunteers and your support is greatly needed. Anyone who can is asked to volunteer their time, contribute cash or make a prize donation or help raise funds. Email: heather.sharpe@telus.net for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Argyle Scholarship and Bursary Application is now available on the Argyle website (see link on the website's main page). The **deadline** for submission is 3:30pm, Friday January 28th, 2011. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
The deadline for most post-secondary scholarship applications is at the end of February or early March. If a nomination is required by the school, please see Mr. Schutz for a nomination application. These are generally due 3 weeks before the application deadline. Check the scholarship notice board in Student Services on a regular basis for post-secondary nomination deadlines as well as updates on other available scholarships.
You can also check out www.studentscholarships.org & www.bcawardsonline.org & www.studentawards.com for updated information about student scholarship opportunities

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP (SSA)

Are you interested in a career in the trades? Avoid long delays and wait lists at training schools like BCIT by starting your post-secondary endeavours while you are still in high school. SSA is a career program that provides students with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school, and to earn high school credits for doing so.

It provides a smoother transition from school to work, and a quicker route to certification in a trade - and to the earning power that goes with it. Unlike other work experience programs offered at high school apprentices must get paid so you can earn credit and dollars at the same time!

Or, perhaps you are a ***Hidden Apprentice***. This is someone who might already be eligible to be a secondary school apprentice and not know it. If you are a high school student working part-time in a trade, you are probably a "hidden apprentice". By registering as a Secondary School Apprentice, you will be able to earn credit for the work you're already doing.

Any student that successfully completes the SSA program at high school becomes instantly qualified to receive a $1,000 scholarship. This money is entitled to you if you meet the requirements – all you need is a C+ average on your grade 12 courses.

Parents/Guardians… if you yourself work in the trades and are qualified to "take on" an apprentice (or know anyone that is interested) please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. The most challenging part of setting up an apprenticeship is finding the employers. Help one of our students down the path to success!

For more information contact me, Ryan Edgar, at the school by either email (redgar@nvsd44.bc.ca) or by phone (604.903.3300)

Further information is available at these sites:

- The BC Ministry of Education Website at: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/ssa/application/
- The SSA section of the ITA Training Authority Website at: http://www.itabc.ca/Page37.aspx
- The ITA Training Authority Website at: http://www.itabc.ca/Page4.aspx
- A comprehensive list of Apprenticeship and Red Seal Programs can be found at: http://www.itabc.ca/Page496.aspx

POST-SECONDARY AND CAREER PLANNING

Students in grades 10-12 should be checking the Argyle website each week. Click on "From your Career Centre" and read over the bulletin that is published each week regarding post-secondary planning sessions, school tours and admission information. As well, students will find information regarding career fairs, career highlights, career recruitment, career planning and career exploration.
TP12 students should be reading these documents to help them complete their two required post-secondary information sessions and for their own post-secondary planning. www.argylesecondary.ca

The North Vancouver School District welcomes all parents to the 2010-2011

Parent Series

Dates & Details

Thursday, October 7, 2010 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Effective Parent Advocacy in Schools: Making It Work for the Long Haul"

Thursday, November 4, 2010 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Four Keys to Optimal Learning"

Thursday, December 2, 2010 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Getting to Know Your Community Support Networks" *

Thursday, January 6, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Anxiety, Stress, and Depression"

Thursday, February 3, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Transitions – MCFD and CLBC"

Thursday, April 7, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Street Wising Parents – Part A"

Thursday, May 5, 2011 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
"Street Wising Parents - Part B"

Thursday, June 2, 2011 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Series Windup with a Question & Answer Period

All sessions will be held at the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre
810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver

*** Dec 2 Session Details**

This session will provide an overview of available community supports for families and students. Come join us with a chance to connect, talk and ask questions that are important to you.

All parents are invited to attend these evening lectures, hosted by the North Vancouver School District. *Registration is not required.*

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DIGITAL MEDIA ACADEMY NEWS

Game Design & Animation Classes

Jay Bulbrook, a lead animator of NHL at EA Sports, routinely visits the Game Design & Animation classes to offer advice & training to the students.

Argyle, Women in Games Vancouver, and the Entertainment Software Association of Canada hosted a Girls & Game Design panel discussion. Students and women in the Game Design Industry shared their job experience, training, and why girls/women are a minority in the Industry.

Final Destination 5

A field trip by the Digital Media Academy to the set of the movie Final Destination 5 in 3-D at Bridges Studio took place in November. Students were able to observe filming with a 3-D camera, Set Decoration/Art Department, and the 3-D technicians creating the video playback images.

The Digital Media Academy was involved with the Tedx UBC event by creating the posters, handouts, as well as film and sound recording of the event with live web streaming.
For additional information about the Digital Media Academy follow the link on the Argyle website or visit http://www.dmacademy.ca/

In October the Digital Media Academy took a field trip to EA Sports where they visited the Media Works department to see how the video and sound for video games is created. They also viewed the Motion Capture Facility which is one of the largest in the world.

Japan Pop Culture Tour, March 2011

26 students and 3 teachers will be traveling to Tokyo and Osaka Japan to experience the modern and ancient wonder of Japan.

Metal Shop News

The senior Metal Fabrication class was approached last year to build replacement "rolling carts" that are used to move staging around the various schools in the district. The carts they use last approxomately 4 years before new ones need to be built. Over the years, the maintenance department has contracted out the fabrication of the carts at a cost of $1000 each. This year, the senior class at Argyle will build 4 carts at a TOTAL cost of $600 for the material—a savings to the district of $3400 plus tax. Not only a cost savings, but "real world" experience. The project is headed up by foreman Jason duToit, and assisted by Dan Penwill, Nick Carabetta, Kalin Bullman and Austin Bower.

Come To The Art Metal Jewellery Sale

The Argyle Art Metal classes have been busy making jewellery. Many of these pieces will be sold during our annual sale. The sale this year will take place Dec. 8th, 9th, and 10th in the foyer during the lunch break. Stop by and get some great hand made gifts for your friends and family at bargain prices. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the "Schools for Africa" project. Everyone wins this way!!

Argyle Choirs Get In To The Christmas Spirit

Tuesday December 7th - Choir 10 Caroling at Park Royal Mall, 10:30am – 11:00am by Staples/Future Shop

Friday December 10th - Choir 9 Caroling at Lynn Valley Mall, 10:45am - 11:15am

Monday December 13th - Senior Vocal Ensemble, Caroling for the North Vancouver Retired Teachers Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday December 14th - Argyle Senior Christmas Concert St Andrews Wesley Church, Vancouver @ 8:00pm

Thursday December 16th - Senior Vocal Ensemble Caroling in Lynn Valley Library, 2:00pm - 2:45pm

Friday December 17th - Concert Choir Caroling in Argyle Classrooms - ***Merry Christmas***

Congratulations to all of Argyle's fall teams for their successful season!

Cross Country: multiple runners qualified for provincials

Field Hockey - Senior: Finished 7th at the British Columbia Championships.

Rugby - Bantam: Had an enjoyable experience.

Rugby - Juvenile: Finished 2nd on the North Shore, lost in the V&D Finals

Soccer - Junior Boys: Lost in the North Shore Semi Finals

Soccer - Senior Boys: A young team that will have many Grade 12's pushing for a spot at the BC Championships next year.

Swimming: multiple swimmers qualified for provincials

Volleyball - Bantam Gold: North Shore Champions & 2nd Vancouver & Districts

Volleyball - Bantam Green: Qualified for Playoffs and lost to the Bantam Gold Team.

Volleyball - Juvenile: 4th on the North Shore

Volleyball - Junior: Lost in the North Shore ¼ Finals

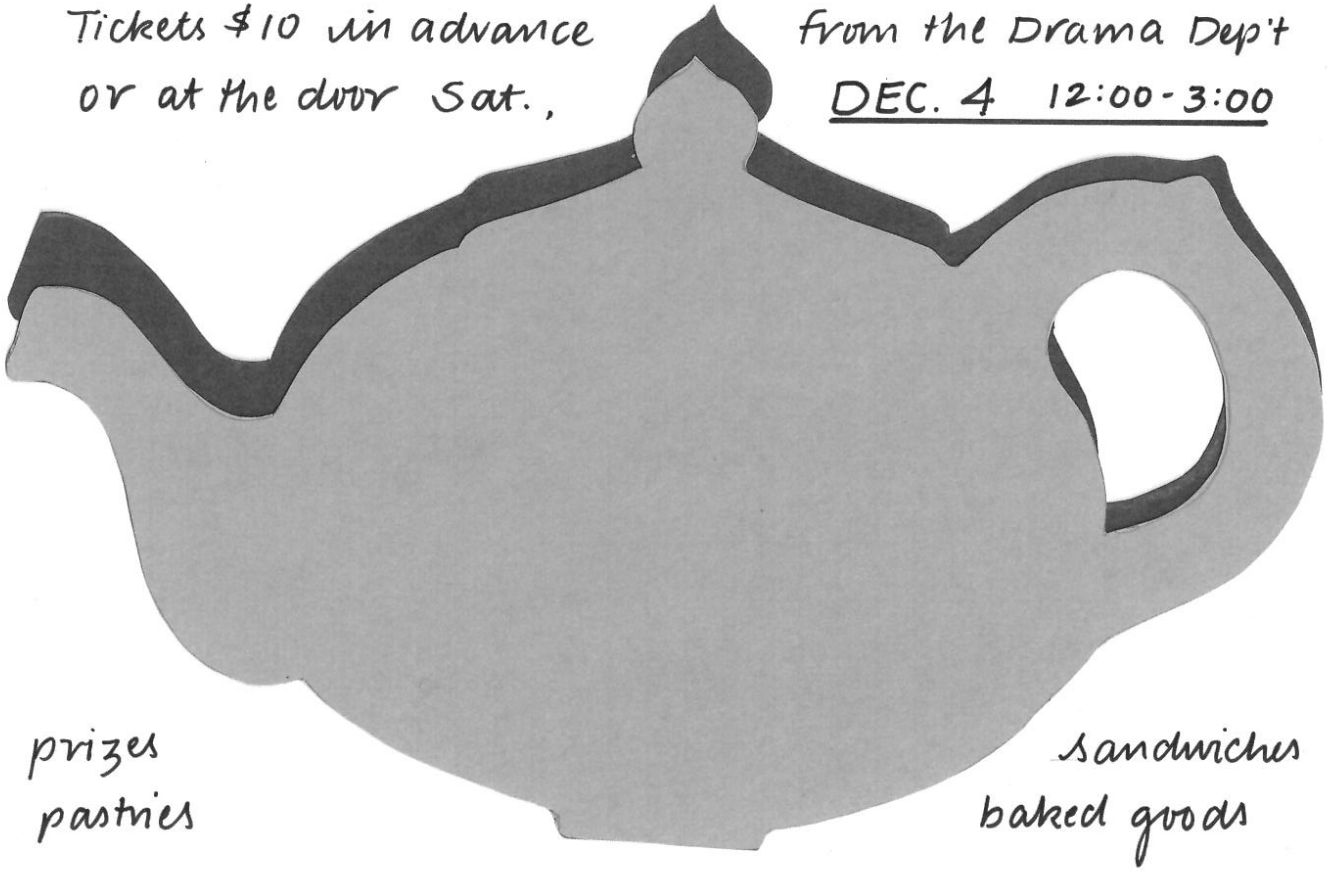
Volleyball - Senior: Will be competing in Provincial Championships, December 2nd – 4th

Thank-you to all the coaches and sponsors for their countless hours of work! Without these great individuals we would not be able to supply such a great athletic program for our student-athletes.

A delicious HIGH TEA at Mollie Nye House

Tickets $10 in advance
or at the door Sat.,

from the Drama Dep't
DEC. 4 12:00-3:00



prizes
pastries

sandwiches
baked goods

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