ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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August 2009

Welcome Pipers!

SCHOOL OPENS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2009

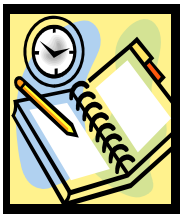
- Grade 8's report at 10:15am Report to Small Gym
- Grade 9 – 12 report at 9:15am Report to Homeroom

INFORMATION
FOR THE
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

Grade 8 Students:

10:15am	Meet in Small Gym Students accompanied by teacher to homeroom
10:30am – 11:45am	Homeroom procedures
11:50am – 12:20pm	Grade 8 Assembly – Small Gym



Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Students:

9:15am	Students report directly to homeroom
10:00am	Students will be dismissed

Students who are not in attendance in their homeroom will be considered a "no show" and may lose their scheduled classes and have their places given to other students.

Things to Bring:

- Student supplemental fees
- Completed Student Authorization For Disclosure form
- Completed address change form
- Pens, pencils, loose-leaf paper and one 3-ring binder to begin with – supplies needed for various courses will be outlined by the teaching staff when the class meets for the first time.

Things you will receive in your homeroom on Tuesday September 8th

Timetable
Agenda Book
Locker assignment

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9th - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11th

All students are to report to their homeroom: Wednesday, September 9th @ 9:30am; Thursday September 10th @ 8:45am; and Friday September 11th @ 8:45am. Regular classes will follow until dismissal at 2:50pm.

Homeroom Attendance Is Mandatory

Fees

Supplemental fees are paid in homerooms during the week of September 8th – 11th. If needed two equal payments will be accepted with the second cheque postdated Wednesday, September 30th, 2009.

Please write a separate cheque (to Argyle Secondary) for **each** of your children with the student number printed on the front of the cheque and staple it to the invoice. Families experiencing financial hardship may apply for a personalized payment schedule by contacting the Administrative Assistant, Mr. Doug Peake at dpeake@nvsd44.bc.ca or 604-903-3397.

Students who are not in attendance in their homeroom every day this week will be considered a "no show" and may lose their scheduled classes and have their places given to other students.

Homeroom assignments will be posted on the doors of the school by Saturday September 5th

Course Change Requests

Staffing and building the 2009-10 timetable was based on student course requests. Students were strongly recommended to choose their courses wisely. Students were also given ample opportunity to make course changes before the end of June. Students and parents now need to be aware that course changes will be made only in the following priority order:

1. Scheduling new students
2. Correcting errors in course assignments
3. Addressing requests for timetable changes
    a) Such requests will not likely be dealt with until late in the first week or early in the second week of school.
    b) Changes can be made only within the parameters of the NVTA/Board Collective Agreement.
    c) Students are required to attend and work in all classes listed on their timetable until a counsellor has made an official change and new timetable has been produced.
    d) Students should not expect to make course changes after September 18th.

In addition, it is expected that Argyle students be enrolled in a full-time program. This means that they take a minimum load as follows:

Grade 8, 9 and 10 - 8 courses
Grade 11 - 7 courses (with an approved study block)
Grade 12 - 7 courses (includes Planning 12 and with an approved study block)

Grade 11 & 12 students were given an opportunity to apply for a study block.

Counsellor and Administrator Assignments – 2009/2010

Although students may see any counsellor they wish, the school assigns the following grade responsibilities to specific counsellors:

	Counsellor	Direct Line	Email Address	Grade Administrator
Grade 8	Ms. Tracy Dixon	604-903-3638	tdixon@nvsd44.bc.ca	Ms. Nancy Smeal
Grade 9	Ms. Katherine Sigurdsson	604-903-3618	ksigurdsson@nvsd44.bc.ca	Mr. Adam Baumann
Grade 10	Mr. Paul Ruben	604-903-3628	pruben@nvsd44.bc.ca	Ms. Nancy Smeal
Grade 11	Ms. Gina Bell-Larson	604-903-3617	gbell-larson@nvsd44.bc.ca	Mr. Adam Baumann
Grade 12	Mr. Owen Schutz	604-903-3629	oschutz@nvsd44.bc.ca	Ms. Nancy Smeal/Mr. Adam Baumann

School Supplies, Textbooks & Materials

Supplies for getting started include:

- Three ring binders with 3 hole lined paper
- Several pens and pencils
- Eraser and ruler
- Calculator for math and science (see teacher for specifications)

Subject teachers will announce any special supplies required for their courses in the first class.

A locker and a combination lock have been assigned to all students. Students are not to change lockers or lock combinations with their friends. Although lockers do provide a reasonable level of security, **students should not bring valuables to school nor leave them in lockers. The school is not liable, nor responsible for property loss.** A reminder that lockers are school property and may be inspected without the permission of the student. Locks are to be returned at the end of the year, fee for a lock not returned is $5.00.

Locks for gym change room lockers may be purchased for $5.00 in the office. Students are not to leave unsecured clothing or valuables in the change room or other areas of the school.

The care and return of textbooks, resources, and other school property assigned to students is the responsibility of the student. Textbooks in particular are expensive items; students are encouraged to be diligent in the handling and care of them.

At the end of the school year, students will be assessed for lost or damaged textbooks and other school equipment. The school retains the right to withhold certain privileges and/or items until outstanding assessments are addressed, i.e. computer access, extra-curricular activities, yearbook, etc.

Doug Peake

Student Demographic Forms

The enclosed Student Demographic form is extremely important to the school and your child. Please insure that all of the information is up to date. If the address is wrong, you will receive no mail-outs. If your contact information is incorrect, parent contact in emergency situations is difficult. Also, parent email is very important as school information can be emailed directly.

Regardless of any changes, please sign and date the form where indicated and return to the school main office ASAP.

Accidents Do Happen!

Did you know that the School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? This includes participation in Argyle School Athletic teams and events. As a parent or guardian, you are responsible for these expenses. However, the School District provides the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance *Pacific* Life Insurance (Industrial Alliance *Pacific* **www.iapkidsplus.com**).

Traffic And Student Safety

Each year as we get back into 'school mode' we run into traffic and safety problems as 1700 people converge on Argyle each day. This is especially true on Frederick Road, which passes the main entrance to Argyle. There is no stopping on the north side of Frederick road and traffic signs there indicate **"No Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up"**. By-Law Enforcement Officers will be asked to issue tickets to drivers dropping students off on the north side of Frederick.

The safety of your child is our (and the District's) first concern.

Terry Fox Run

Argyle has a great tradition of supporting the fight against cancer by participating in the Terry Fox Run every year. This year's school run will take place on Friday September 25th. Pledge forms will be available in the office and through teachers in the first 2 weeks of classes. We would encourage students and parents to support the Terry Fox Run and cancer research with their generous donations! As well as using pledge forms, online donations are an easy and fun way to do this. Let's make cancer history! Look for more information in September.

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)

Train for work while you are in secondary school. Earn graduation credits and possibly some money too! SSA information can be found online at **www.itabc.ca** Career Programs continue to provide an opportunity for students, teachers, employers, parents and community organizations to cooperate in achieving one very important goal: preparing youth for the future.
Please email Mr. Ryan Edgar @ redgar@nvsd44.bc.ca for more information.

Career Exploration Tools Online

Argyle offers access to two excellent career exploration websites – CAREER CRUISING and TypeFocus. The purpose of TypeFocus is to help students make wise career choices by learning about their personality type and what it means to them. Self-awareness leads to better life choices! Career Cruising is an online career development resource with loads of career information. Students and parents are welcome to use these sites any time! Here is how to access these two great computer career exploration tools:

- For CAREER CRUISING enter: **www.careercruising.com**

  User Name: argyle
  Password: piper
- For TypeFocus enter: **http://careers.typefocus.com**

  Click on Registered Users then scroll to Organizational Users.
  Click on New Users and follow the prompts
  Site Password: arg8540

Graduation Transitions and Transition Planning 12

What is Graduation Transitions?
Graduation Transitions is a mandatory 4-credit program required to graduate and is intended to prepare students for a successful transition to life after secondary school.
What is Transition Planning 12?
Transition Planning 12 is a 2-credit course required by Grade 12 students at Argyle. Students will meet once a week from September to early June. In Transition Planning 12, students are expected to reflect on their knowledge and abilities and plan for life after graduation by collecting evidence of their achievements in the following areas:

- Personal Health ~ documentation of 150 minutes per week of moderate/vigorous exercise. Students are encouraged to use their Argyle Agenda book to log their hours.
- Community Connections ~ 30 hours of documented work experience and/or community service.
- Career and Life ~ explore personal and career goals, complete a transition plan and an Argyle Portfolio culminating in a final Grade 12 presentation/exit interview.

Please ensure Transition Planning 12 appears on your Grade 12 son/daughters' timetable. If not, students must see Mr. Schutz (Grade 12 Counsellor) as soon as possible as classes begin the week of September 8th.

Attention Grade 12 Parents/Guardians: Please email Kate Neumeyer and provide an email address where important Grad information can be sent throughout the school year, at kneumeyer@nvsd44.bc.ca

PASSPORT TO EDUCATION 2008-2009

Grade 10's

Zoe Alavi
Emily Baker
Kelsey Bednard
Caitlin Bennett
Julie Bigelow
Nushin Bollinger
Sofiya Byckova
Selina Byer
Kelsey Byrne
Brooke Caruth
Samantha Chang-Foidl
Danielle Connor
Adam DeAbreu
Jessie deBoer
Nicolas DiGiulio
Karina Espinosa
Gabriella Fiorvento
Emily Glass
Morgan Haines
Justin Hamilton
Melody Hayman
Nicole Jenni
Hilary Johnson
Asaka Kaneda
Chan Mi Kim
Dormie Ko
Layla Lascano
Marcus Laube
Nicole Lee
Sarah Lee
Stephanie Lee
Jessica Ma
Caitlin Mitchell
Trevor Molag
Eireann O'Dea
Michelle Oh
Matthew Quenneville
Taylor Quinn
McKenzie Rainey
Sasheen Marie Sagalongos
Jonathan Salamati-Zavareh
Vincent Sheu
Megan Stanton
Laura Thorne
Jonathan Vollett
Emma Wall
Lindsey Wall
Akie Watanabe
Samuel Wolfe
Shelby Won
Denise Wooding
Ning Yan
Jason Yen
Joy Yoo

Grade 11's

Devan Armour
Francis Arseneau
Shadi Balanji
Yukiko Barton
Erin Bjornson
Adam Bodlack
Jenna Bossons
Meghan Brommeland
Michael Chang
Angel Chen
Allen Chung
Young Hoon Chung
Jessica Cumming
Taylor Curran
Corinne Dunwoody
Chirstopher Ertzinger
Martin Eston
Tasia Fairfield
Trevor Fisher
Paige Falkins
MacKenzie Hart
Mika Janzen
Kate Johnson
Tahnee Juryn
Mehrad Karimzadegan
Peter Kaye
Ki Youn Kim
Audrey Kwan
Wei-Ting Leong
Rochelle Leung
Alec McLeod
Katelyn Moores
Kouki Murata
Amy Neubauer
Melissa Norris-Jones
Elena Pakalnis
Taylor Phillips
Francesca Preckel
Caitlin Pugh
Cari Randa
Gabriella Riahi
Tia Sager
Caroline Song
Ian Stewart
Danielle Stickney
Peter Uhlenbruck
Madelayne Walter
Jonathan Weng
Cindy Xiao
Alexandra Yallouz
Tyler Yen
Ju Young Yoo
Olivia Zhang

Grade 12's

Madison Anhorn
Jennifer Bantugon
Georgia Barnard
Ashley Barraclough
Ryan Barrett
Ashleigh Begg
Ali Birston
Meghan Bourne
Alexander Boyd
Andrew Casanova
Brian Chung
Stephanie Cooper
Matthew DeAbreu
Scott Domes
Lin Duo
Magdalena Duszynska
Sara Fairbrother
Andisheh Fard
Gillian Glass
Natalie Howell
Jessica Iida
James Kong
Christina Kruger-Woodrow
Young Kwon
Jeneva Ledding
Roark Lewis
Richard Li
Andy Lim
James Liu
Zoe Long
Tanis Louie
Quinn MacDonald
Naomi Martz
Adriana Mejia-French
Diana Morris
Jessie Ning
Kaylee Pattrick
Sharlene Petigara
Connor Poloni
Taylor Reitz
Sara Sassani
Holly Sherlock
Samuel Stumborg
Tae Woo Sun
Kimberly Symes
Audrey Tyau
Margaret Tyau
Shayla White
Kelly Wilkieson
Jane Wong
Lan Yan
Edmund Yang
Stuart Yetman

ARGYLE 2008-2009
GRADE 12 GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ryan Andresen
Ryan Barrett
Ella Batten
Lauren Bilinsky
Alexandra Birston
Meghan Bourne
Melanie Carter
Jae Won Chung
Lin Duo
Rivkah Glass
Natalie Howell
Tianyi Kong
Dong Won Kwak
Young Kwon
Menghao Li
Zoe Long
Naomi Martz
Adriana Mejia-French
Sharlene Petigara
Taylor Reitz
Sara Sassani
Kimberly Symes
Ching Chi Wong

Congratulations to all the Government Exam scholarship winners. Special recognition goes to the following students:

Alexandra Birston	100% in Math 12
Maryse Bernard	100% in Spanish 12
Akie Watanabe	100% in Japanese 12

Term 3 Honour Roll for 2008-2009 will be posted on the Argyle website by September 8th, 2009.

First PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday September 16th in the library @ 7:00pm.