May 2010

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2	3 Grade 9 Immunizations	4	5	6	7 -Hanging Basket Pickup, 3pm -6pm -Cabaret Night	8
9 Mother's Day	10 Curriculum Implementation Day School Closed	11	12 -Grade 8 Math Contest -PAC Meeting, Library @7:00pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day – School Closed	25 AMA Meeting, Library @ 7:00pm	26	27	28	29
30	31 Final Junior Music Concert, Large Gym @ 7:30pm					

Star Series, Buchanan Theatre @ 7:30pm

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Gallery Nights, Library Foyer, 6:30pm- 9:00pm

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NEWSLETTER ~ May 2010

Principal's Message

The final weeks of the school year are upon us. With spring in the air and warmer days becoming more regular it is important that we continue to stay focused and complete the year as best we can. Course Verification forms for 2010-2011 course selection were distributed to students on Thursday April 29th with a follow-up email to parents and students. I encourage you to read this email carefully as it has pertinent information about courses and changing courses for next year.

Highlights in April were the Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance and the Mother/Son Dance. These are two excellent Grade 12 traditional functions at Argyle. Big thanks to our teacher sponsor, Mr. Ruben, who worked very hard with the Grads in organizing such functions. Grad Dinner & Dance and Commencement will occur in June. Thanks to a number of other staff who worked very hard to make these activities go smoothly under the leadership of Mr. Ruben.

Other events in May include Star Series, Cabaret Night, Student Council and Grad Council Elections. Star Series, is a great opportunity for many parents to see their children who are involved in drama perform on stage. Cabaret Night on May 7th, sponsored by the Argyle Music Association, is guaranteed to be a fun evening for everyone.

Other May dates to put on your calendar are the PAC meeting on Wednesday May 12th @ 7:00pm in the Library, Gallery Nights May 26th to 28th, and the final Junior Music Concert on May 31st.

Our school plan is now completed. Thanks to the School Planning Committee, Karen Dalsanto, Cathy Nesmith, Tania Holland, Nancy Larson, Jordan Hopper and Samantha Chang-Foidl for their time and effort in putting this plan in place for the next school year.

On another note, I have received several complaints from community members about poor student conduct in our community especially to and from school and at lunch hour in such venues as McDonalds. Argyle is an excellent school with an excellent reputation in many facets. It is unfortunate that a small group of students are working towards damaging this reputation. We do spend time with students reviewing the school Code of Conduct and explaining what our expectations are regarding social responsibility; which includes respect for our community partners. I encourage, you the parents/guardians, to do the same.

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

NORTH VANCOUVER SUMMER PROGRAMS 2010

Just a reminder that all information pertaining to summer school is available at the North Vancouver School District website: http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Programs/Summer%20Programs.aspx, or the indirect link: www.nvsd444.bc.ca – Instructional Initiatives and resources – Summer Programs 2010.
Registration start dates are as follows:

- May 31st Secondary Full Credit (June 15th for grads and adults over 19 who also have to pay)
- June 7th Secondary Remedial
- June 14th Elementary

North Vancouver School District students will be able to register online starting at 8:30am on these dates using their 6 or 7 digit BCESIS number.

SCHOOL CONNECTS

As you may be aware Argyle and the School District use an email "broadcast" system to send out school newsletters and timely or emergency updates. In order to receive these please ensure your email filter is allowing messages from notifications@schoolconnectsweb.com Email is an important avenue of communication for the School and District - if you are not receiving email from Argyle please contact the main office at 604-903-3300 or argyle@nvsd44.bc.ca so we can update your information.

GALLERY NIGHT! GALLERY NIGHT! GALLERY NIGHT!

The 7th Annual Gallery Night will be held in Argyle's library, foyer and cafeteria on Wednesday May 26th, Thursday May 27th and Friday May 28th from 9:00am to 9:00pm.
This is a student exhibition of the best works of ceramics, prints, paintings, drawings and photography. There will be digital prints for sale and refreshments will be served. All proceeds go to the Visual and Digital Arts programs at Argyle as well as a special charity (to be announced).
Mark your calendars now. This is an event not to be missed!

STUDENT WELCOME CARDS PROJECT

In first term some grade 8 students created welcome cards for the Olympic/Paralympic athletes.
You can view the creativity and talent displayed by these students in the online Student Welcome Cards Gallery at http://www.sharingthedream.gov.bc.ca/studentwelcomecards.php

FRENCH SPEECH CONTEST - BRAVO ARGYLE!

The French Speech Contest, sponsored by Canadian Parents for French, took place on April 15th at Handsworth Secondary to select the North Vancouver candidates for the Provincials. Students had to speak three to five minutes in French on a subject of their choice.
Nitara Heywood (grade 8), Kate Lonergan (grade10), Laura Thorne, Caitlin Bennett, Mandolyn Houriet (grade 11), Tia Sager, and Aryana Kounou (grade 12) all finished first in their category and won their way to the Provincials on May 8th. Congratulations to you for your outstanding performances.
Best wishes for the Grand Finale!

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT A SUCCESS

Multicultural Night was a resounding success this year! We had a great turnout from our Argyle community and Quebec Exchange guests.
The evening started with a fashion show representing many different cultures. Then a fantastic array of student talent was presented, from Korean drummers to singers, tappers, and bands. The Argyle students who participated in the Quebec exchange and their guests performed a rousing song and dance for us. There was delicious food from a variety of countries, and lots of great raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to two local charities: the Covenant House and the Harvest Project.
Congratulations to STAND Club for an amazing night!

SERVICE AWARDS

As we approach the end of the year, the Awards Committee begins to compile the information required to nominate award recipients. For service awards, there is a form that the students must fill in with the sevice activity and time, along with a place for the sponsor's signature. It is the responsibility of the student to have the form filled in; these forms can be obtained from the main office. The deadline for handing in the form is **Tuesday, May 18th**. If there are any further questions, please contact the Argyle main office.

SAFE TEEN PROGRAM

On May 17th and 18th students enrolled in Planning 10 will participate in a workshop entitled **SafeTeen**, which is an assault prevention program for teens. Evidence indicates that when teens are feeling emotionally or physically threatened, they feel they must choose between violence and victimization. SafeTeen offers students powerful alternatives to violence. Here are some student responses to past workshops:

- I learned defense moves to protect myself, and how to give out the right signals to express my feelings.
- I know how to stand up for myself.
- I learned lots about sex, safety and being a guy!
- I learned how to appear calm and in control even if you are frightened.
- To look at the person in the eye.
- It was fun and a good way to express your ideas.
- Be solid, don't react with your "fight side"
- You have to ask a girl for permission to touch her
- It's very useful and good information, I feel more confident.

ECONOMICS OF STAYING IN SCHOOL
Presented by Junior Achievement of BC

On Wednesday April 28th, our Grade 9 students were able to participate in the Junior Achievement of BC's program "The Economics of Staying in School" presented by volunteer community business persons.
The objective of Economics of Staying in School program is to encourage students to consider the advantage of remaining in school until they have acquired the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be successful in today's marketplace, as well as to reflect on the personal and economic benefits of education and lifelong learning. This ties in beautifully with the prescribed learning outcomes for Health & Career Education 9.
Students received workbooks for the session and a certificate of completion and the volunteers with JABC received our thanks for a seminar well done!

Star Series
May 3rd – 5th AND **May 11th – 13th**

Don't forget to mark the Star Series on your calendar. This is where our theatre students are able to showcase their talents. Come out and see some wonderful plays!

"ARGYLE CHORAL CORNER"

This spring has been a busy and exciting time for Argyle choristers.

Not only was the Senior Vocal Ensemble engaged with performances for the Olympics, but 20 of our junior & senior choir students performed “We Rise Again” in the Opening Ceremonies of the Paralympics with our UBC “teacher in training” Ms. Sheryl Reinhardt.

Meanwhile 40 members of the Senior Concert Choir were on a concert tour half way around the globe in CHINA with Mrs. Roberts and the Concert Band for 2 weeks. Since returning from China the Concert Choir and Junior Jazz Choir joined forces with 2 other choirs, Carisbrooke Elementary and “Higher Ground” - an adult women’s choir, to do a Choral Celebration concert at Centennial theatre April 8th. The following day the Concert Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble and Choir 10 class participated in the annual regional Kiwanis Choral Festival with great success. The day was very worthwhile; we heard choirs from all over the lower mainland, performed ourselves, and had choral workshops with the outstanding visiting adjudicators. After 3 full days of choirs (April 7th - 9th) the Argyle Concert Choir was selected as the “most outstanding” high school choir and asked to represent the Vancouver region at the Provincial and National Festivals set for June and July. We were also awarded the Jean Beaty Memorial Scholarship and are now ready to record for the next stage of the festival. David Chung, Argyle Grad 2007, will record with us at the piano on May 6th. Stay tuned for the next installment.

The Senior Vocal Ensemble has just returned from a weekend in Powell River at the Vocal Summit Festival (April 23rd – 25th) that brings concert and jazz choirs together from all over B.C., Washington & Oregon. We performed Friday night in concert and then sang 2 different sets for festival performances Saturday, and were selected by the adjudicators to be featured in the evening Showcase Performance along with Langley Fine Arts School Chamber Choir. It was a great experience and I was so proud of how well the ensemble came together and represented Argyle. Thanks to Mr. Bennett and Ms. Reinhardt for chaperoning the trip. You won’t want to miss hearing this group before they graduate. They will be performing at CABARET on Friday May 7th - tickets are still available through the office - and the Final Senior Concert Tuesday June 1st @ 7:30pm.

The junior choirs are readying for performances at our family of schools mid - May. Currently the performance schedule is as follows:
Tuesday May 18th Choir 9 performs at Ross Road from 9:00am – 9:45am
Wedneday May 19th Choir 8 performs at Fromme from 9:15am – 10:00am
Thursday May 20th Choir 8 performs at Lynn Valley from 10:40am – 11:20am
Wednesday May 26th Choir 9 performs at Upper Lynn from 1:00pm – 1:45pm
Friday May 28th Choir 9 performs at Kiwanis Manor for the senior citizens from 10:30am – 11:15am

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ARGYLE CHORAL CHOIR
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REFLECTIONS on CHINA (in brief)

China brought us life-changing and eye-opening experiences (118 of us in all) from Beijing to X'ian, Guilin and Shanghai. We experienced cold, windy, snowy weather on the Great Wall (-10°C) and a concert of great extremes with whirlwind excitement. While in China, we all experimented with many new dishes and Beijing Hot Pot became the most popular choice. Picking tea leaves was a highlight, as was experiencing the formal tea ceremony in Guilin. The most picturesque and stunning part of the tour was the boat cruise along the River Li where we encountered water buffalo and saw fellow tourists on motorized bamboo rafts among the great monolithic-type mountains towering along the river banks. A close second would have to be the impressive skyline of Shanghai (city of 30 million) and its inner harbour. Another memorable moment was the precarious and racy rickshaw ride in Beijing through the Hutongs, where we met with a family and shared a memorable lunch of traditional dumplings. We also experienced a snowy walking tour through the Forbidden City.

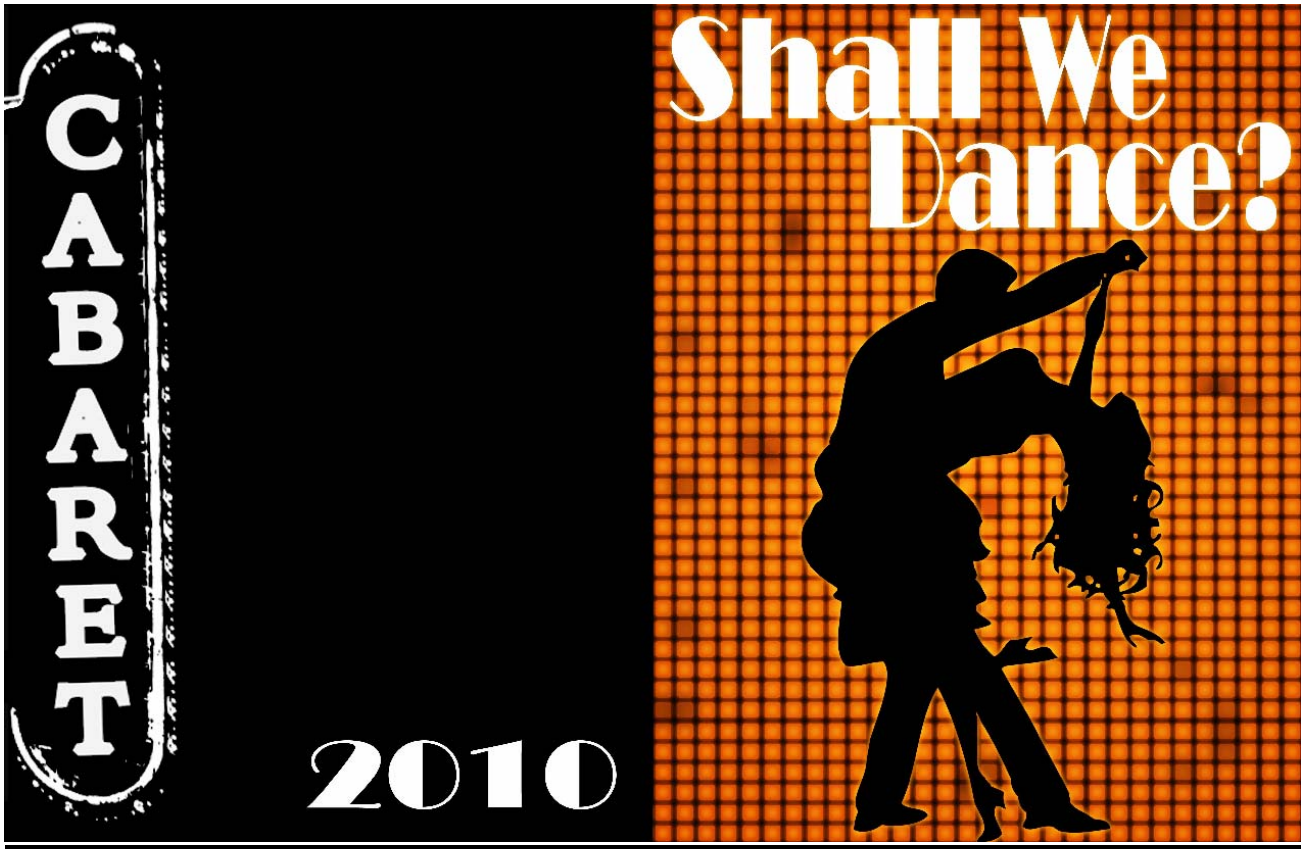
Performances ranged from the cold outdoors to a professional theatre similar to our Chan Centre at UBC and a huge theatre in Xi'an, filled to capacity with over 1500 University students who provided an evening of entertainment we won't soon forget.

We also visited the site of the famous Terra Cotta army and the old farmer who discovered the statues was present at the site autographing books. It was an awesome exhibit and ceramic sculptures are still being unearthed there. An unexpected trip out to a WWF park to see the pandas provided an interesting diversion one rainy morning and included the amazing public toilets that went along with the park…enough said. Our hotels were mainly 4–5 star and we will never forget the luxury of our first and last hotels; I could have stayed another week or so enjoying the deluxe breakfasts and fabulous views from the 32nd floor of the newest Marriott hotel in Shanghai: fully equipped gym, pool and day spa as well as the fully automated rooms, cappuccino makers, large screen TV's and computer facilities. Need I say more? Never before have we experienced such deluxe comfort on an Argyle music tour.

The final concert was at the Shanghai Commercial School and our sharing time with the students was very special. It was followed by a last day of shopping and serious bartering, visiting the beautiful silk factory and final preparations to come home.

It was a tour to remember for so many reasons and our student musicians were excellent ambassadors. A huge thank you to all the chaperones: Mrs. Craik, Mrs. Mulder, Mr. Osterreicher, Mr. Peake, Miss Reid, Monsieur Royer, Mr. Smith and our superintendent Mr. John Lewis who helped out in every way to make this tour so successful and memorable for all involved.

Frances Roberts, Choir Teacher



STUDENT CABARET 2010 *"SHALL WE DANCE?"*

The Annual Music Event not to be missed is rapidly approaching… Dance music from 50's rock to 80's disco and everything in between and beyond is on:

Friday May 7th from 3:00pm – 4:30pm in the Argyle Gym

Come and enjoy the live show and kick up your heels to some great dance songs performed by our Jazz Bands and Choirs. Table seating. dessert and refreshments are included in the ticket price!

Tickets on sale in the library foyer during the lunch hour from Monday May 3rd – Thursday May 6th

Student cost is $4/ticket. There will be **NO** ticket sales at the door
For every table of 4 bought you will get one free ticket
For every table of 6 you will get 2 free tickets
For every table of 10 they get 3 free tickets

GRADUATION 2010

TRANSITIONS PLANNING 12

Transitions Planning 12 students should have booked and completed their Portfolio Presentations (Exit Interviews) with their Transitions Planning 12 teachers by May 31st.

ALCOHOL AND GRADE 12 EVENTS

Safety is of paramount importance during school sponsored events. Therefore, all school sponsored grad events are **alcohol free.** We request the cooperation of grads and parents in making certain **no alcohol** is consumed before or during these events.

VALEDICTORIAN

Valedictorian nominations will take place May 3rd -7th. Students can pick-up and hand in the nomination forms in the counselling centre between 8:30am and 3pm May 3rd -7th. The Election of a valedictorian will take place Thursday May 20th. Students can pick-up and hand-in ballots in the counselling area between 8:30am and 3:00pm on Thursday May 20th.

GRADE 12 FAREWELL CEREMONY REHEARSAL & GOWNS

The Rehearsal for the Grade 12 Farewell Ceremony will take place 11:35am-12:50pm on June 10th in the small gym. Attendance is compulsory for all participants!

Grad Gowns will need to be picked up on Thursday June 17th by all students participating in the farewell ceremony. Students whose last name begins with letters A-J will pick up their gowns from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Library Foyer. Students whose last names begin with letters K-Z will pick-up their gowns from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Library Foyer.

PROVINCIALLY EXAMINABLE COURSES

Any students not currently enrolled in a provincially-examinable course but wish to take the provincial exam (re-takes, etc.) must let Mrs. Craik know by Tuesday May 4th in order to be registered with the Ministry.

FAREWELL CEREMONY PROFILE

Each grade 12 must hand in their profile write-up in the counselling centre before 3:00pm on June 1st. The Grade 12 Farewell Ceremony Profile is for every grade 12 student participating in the Farewell Ceremony. It is read as they cross the stage at the Orpheum. If students do not hand in a write-up nothing will be read.

GRADE 12 FAREWELL CEREMONY

The Grade 12 Farewell Ceremony will take place at The Orpheum beginning at 5:00pm on Saturday June 19th. Grads are asked to arrive at 4:00pm and enter through the Granville street entrance wearing their gown. The gown is their ticket into the event. The entrance doors on Smithe Street will open for guests at 4:30pm. Tickets for the event will go on sale at Argyle in the counselling centre at lunch from May 25th to June 4th. Tickets will per $10 each. There will be no restrictions on ticket sales. Purchase with cash or please make cheques payable to Argyle Secondary. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. LATECOMERS WILL NOT BE SEATED UNTIL THERE IS A BREAK IN THE PROGRAM.

GRADE 12 BANQUET

The Grade 12 Banquet will take place Saturday June 5th at the Vancouver Convention Centre, from 6:00pm-midnight. Tickets will go on sale at the school from Tuesday May 11th - Friday May 21st at lunch in the counselling centre. The ticket price will be $97 per ticket. There will be no restrictions on ticket sales. Purchase with cash or please make cheques payable to Argyle Secondary. Seating will be arranged at the time of ticket purchase. Tables will be set for 10 people; seats will not be added to any tables. Incomplete tables will be collapsed and guests moved to new tables at the discretion of the planning committee. A final seating plan will be posted Friday May 28th. We ask that guests be at their tables at 7:00pm for the start of the formal dinner program. All guests will have to clear security before entering the event. Security will open at 6:00pm. There will be NO COATCHECK at this event. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Scholarship Winners

If you are in grade 12 and a recipient of a scholarship this year please email Mr. Schutz oschutz@nvsd44.bc.ca or drop a note in his office indicating the **name and the amount** of the scholarship before **Friday May 14th**. Please also include your full name and student number. This information will then be included in the graduation ceremony program and announced when you cross the stage.

Argyle Final Exam Schedule June 2010

Date	Exam/Course	Time	Venue	Prov/School Exam
Wednesday, June 16	FRAL 9	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	FRAL 8	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	English 11	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	Chemistry 11	11:00-1:00pm	Small Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	English 8	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	FRAL 10	1:30-3:30pm	Small Gym	School
Wednesday, June 16	English 9	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Physics 11	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Beg. German 11	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Social Studies 8	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Sciences Humaines 8	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	FRAL 11	11:00-1:00pm	Small Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Social Studies 9	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Sciences Humaines 9	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Spanish 9	1:30-3:30pm	Small Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Calculus 12	1:30-3:30pm	Small Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Social Studies 10	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Thursday, June 17	Sciences Humaines 10	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Friday, June 18	Biology 11	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Friday, June 18	Language Strategies	8:30-10:30am	Rm 421	School
Friday, June 18	Math 9	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Friday, June 18	Spanish 10	11:00-1:00pm	Small Gym	School
Friday, June 18	Math 8	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Friday, June 18	French 10	1:30-3:30pm	Small Gym	School
Friday, June 18	Math 11	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	French 11	8:30-10:30am	Small Gym	School
Monday, June 21	Science 9	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	Sciences Naturelle 9	8:30-10:30am	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	Spanish 11	11:00-1:00pm	Rm. 421/423	School
Monday, June 21	Science 8	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	Sciences Naturelle 8	11:00-1:00pm	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	French 8	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	French 9	1:30-3:30pm	Large Gym	School
Monday, June 21	Earth Science 11	1:30-3:30pm	Rm. 421/423	School
Monday, June 21	Physics 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Monday, June 21	Geology 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Monday, June 21	Math 12	1:00-4:00pm	Small Gym	Provincial
Tuesday, June 22	English 12	9:00-12:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Tuesday, June 22	Social Studies 11	1:00-4:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Tuesday, June 22	Sciences Humaine 11	1:00-4:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 22	EXAM CONFLICTS	9:00-11:00am	Rm. 421	School
Wednesday, June 23	English Literature 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Wednesday, June 23	Communications 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Wednesday, June 23	Chemistry 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Wednesday, June 23	History 12	1:00-4:00pm		Provincial
Wednesday, June 23	English 10	1:00-4:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Thursday, June 24	French 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Thursday, June 24	Biology 12	1:00-4:00pm		Provincial
Friday, June 25	Science 10	9:00-12:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Friday, June 25	Sciences Naturelle 10	9:00-12:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Friday, June 25	FRAL 12	1:00-4:00pm	Small Gym	Provincial
Monday, June 28	Math 10	9:00-12:00pm	Large Gym	Provincial
Monday, June 28	Geography 12	1:00-4:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 29	Spanish 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 29	Japanese 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 29	German 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 29	Mandarin 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial
Tuesday, June 29	Punjabi 12	9:00-12:00pm		Provincial