



Dear Families of Incoming Grade 8 Students,

Welcome to École Argyle Secondary! We have enjoyed meeting many of our incoming students this spring and are excited to welcome the full Grade 8 class in September. This letter contains important information about the first day of school as well as the Grade 8 retreat at the Cheakamus Centre.

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

We will be hosting a special orientation for Grade 8 students where they will receive their **class schedules** and important start-up information.

Schedule for the Day

- **8:45 – 9:00 AM** | Arrival at Argyle, meet in the large gym
- **9:00 – 9:30 AM** | Welcome Assembly in the gym
- **9:30 – 9:35 AM** | Transition to homerooms supported by Leadership students
- **9:35 – 10:05 AM** | Homeroom Sessions with teachers and support by Leadership students
- **10:05 – 10:35 AM** | Classroom Orientation – Grade 8 teachers available in their classrooms to welcome students

The first day will conclude at **10:35 AM** for Grade 8 students. **Full classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9th.** The rotation will be 5,6,7,8.

Information Package for Students and Action required from parent/guardians

Students will receive the following information package at the homeroom on the first day:

- Class schedule
- Block rotation schedule
- **Cheakamus Retreat Consent Form (green)** – sign and return
- **Student Verification Form (white)** – sign and return

Please ensure both the **green consent form** and the **white verification form** are completed and returned to the main school office by Sept. 11th.

Verification Form Instructions

- Please review the information on the **white Student Verification Form** carefully.
- If all information is correct, leave the form blank and sign at the bottom.
- If changes are needed, enter them directly on the form.
- **Address changes** require additional documentation. Please visit the North Vancouver School District website for details: [Required Documents - North Vancouver School District](#)

Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat – Thursday, Sept. 24th, 2026

All Grade 8 students will attend a one-day retreat at the Cheakamus Centre in Squamish. This retreat is an important community-building event designed to:

- Set the tone for a positive and inclusive start to secondary school
- Build friendships among Grade 8 students and connections with senior Leadership students
- Strengthen the Argyle community through outdoor learning and team-building activities



Details of the Retreat

- **Date:** Thursday, Sept. 24th, 2026
- **Departure:** 7:30 AM from Argyle
- **Return:** Approximately 3:45 PM to Argyle
- **Cost:** The cost of the retreat is \$135.00 and can be paid via the School Cash Online payment system found on the Argyle homepage after September 8th, 2026. The NVSD has subsidized the cost of the retreat to ensure that the cost is as low as possible for families. Financial support is available, please contact Vice-Principal Tim Ireland; tireland@sd44.ca
- **Included:** Coach transportation, meals and snacks, activities and programming at Cheakamus Centre, supplies and materials, and program facilitation

What to Bring

Activities run rain or shine, so students must come prepared for all weather. Recommended items include **rain jacket** and **warm layers, toque/hat, sunscreen, water bottle, closed-toe footwear**, and a **backpack**.

Technology

Phones are discouraged. If brought, they must stay in backpacks all day and cannot be used for photos or social media. Parents may contact the school in an emergency.

Attendance

Our hope is that all Grade 8 students attend this retreat. No regular classes will be scheduled for Grade 8 students on this day. Please contact ssmart@sd44.ca by **Friday, Sept. 18th** if your child is unable to attend.

Grade 8 Parent Night:

You are warmly invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the large gym** for an evening of information and Q&A.

Additional Information

- The Grade 8 counsellor and go-to contact is **Ms. Erin Malone** (emalone@sd44.ca) who will be back at the school beginning Tuesday, **Sept 1st**.
- Students will need basic supplies (binder, pens, pencils, gym strip) for the first week of school. An agenda will be provided.
- Students will receive a teams link to the form to request a locker during the first week of school.

For more information, please visit the Argyle Secondary website: Argyle website.

We are very excited to welcome our new Grade 8 students and are committed to supporting them as they begin their high school journey at Argyle.

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