



The Bagpiper

Argyle Central School Newsletter

Superintendent's Message

Dear Argyle Community Members:

We have had a great start to the 2022-23 school year. I would like to thank the entire Argyle CSD faculty and staff for the great efforts they make each day to create a welcoming, engaged and safe environment for learning. I would also like to thank our students for the effort they put in during class and being so supportive of one another.

So far this year we've had some great events including open house, spirit day, senior picnic, fire safety as well as our fall athletic programs. All of these events have been planned by our faculty and staff and supported by various community groups including the Booster Club, PTSA, Argyle Fire Department, Washington County Sheriffs' Department and American Legion. Thank you to all for your support.

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We have many special school events coming up including the Veterans' Day assembly, Elementary Parent Conferences, concerts, a dance as well as many other various grade level events. We look forward to seeing parents, students and community members at these events.

We are the Scots!

Mark Bessen, Interim Superintendent

October and November 2022

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SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The Board of Education Wants Your Input!

The Argyle Central School District Board of Education is conducting a survey to gather input from parents, students, staff, and community members to identify the characteristics and traits of the next superintendent of the district. The Board encourages all stakeholders to participate in the survey.

You can find the link to the survey on the school's website www.argylecsd.org. You will also be receiving a post card that will include a QR code that you can complete the survey with your smartphone. The survey will open on October 21, 2022 and close on November 4, 2022.

Thank you for assisting the Argyle Board of Education in the search process!



Junior/Senior High Principal's Message

Dear Argyle Families:

It is hard to believe that we are at the half-way point of our first quarter of the school year. We are off to a fantastic start and our students and staff members have been performing quite well. I continue to be impressed with the entire staff and our student body. The Argyle Jr./Sr. High school continues to offer meaningful learning opportunities in a safe and supportive learning environment.

It was nice to see so many families at our Open House back on September 29. I understand this is the first opportunity many of you have had to have face to face interaction with your child's teachers. It is our desire to have continuous communication with our families and I encourage you to reach out to your child's school counselors with questions or to schedule a meeting with a staff member. In addition, I encourage all families to make use of the e-School Parent Portal. Parents have access to current grades, attendance data, along with any information regarding any discipline issues. I encourage parents to contact the office if we can be of assistance in helping you take advantage of this service.

It is hard to believe that our fall sports seasons are beginning to wind down. Our student athletes have done an outstanding job in positively representing the school district on our various athletic teams. There are many positive lessons to be learned in athletics and I am hopeful that we can get more students involved in athletics and other co-curricular activities in the winter and spring seasons. Feel free to reach out to our coaches and Mr. Jensen, Athletic Director, for additional information.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support and I believe by working together we can create the best possible environment that allows students to achieve success. As always, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Doody

Interim Jr./Sr. High School Principal

ACS Announces DAR Good Citizens Recipient



Argyle Central School proudly announces that senior Emilie Wood has been selected as the 2022 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen. She was nominated by the faculty at Argyle Central and voted by her fellow class members as best exemplifying the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. She is the daughter of Audrey McKernon and Michael Wood.

Emilie is very active in school and has participated in a variety of extracurricular activities including: Student Council, Class Treasurer, Yearbook committee, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Volleyball, National Honor Society, Art Honor Society, Natural Helpers, Ski Club, and Art Club.

Argyle Central School takes great pride in selecting a young woman of Emilie's caliber for such a prestigious award.

Elementary Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2022-23 school year is off to a successful start! Our students and teachers are doing great things. It's nice to have our classrooms back to normal. We are able to collaborate in groups, work on classroom projects, and take local field trips. It was also very exciting to welcome our families back in the building for our annual Open House. Thank you to all who attended. Be sure to check out our school Twitter and Facebook pages to view our Open House video.

The October character word of the month is RESPECT. Our students and staff have been learning and talking about ways we can show respect. On Friday, October 28th, we will be celebrating our first Student of the Month assembly. We will recognize those students who have been respectful. A letter will be attached to the student of the month certificates. Please take some time to read this letter with your child. Our teachers have listed the ways your child has shown respect throughout the month. We will continue to highlight character words throughout the year. The November word of the month will be GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

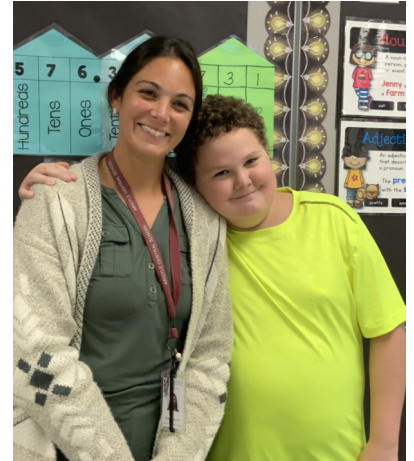
Below are some highlights and important information:

- A big thank you to our Argyle Fire Department! On October 11th and 12th our K-6 students visited the Argyle Firehouse to learn about fire safety. On Friday, October 14th, the Argyle Fire Department brought their fire truck to school for our Pre-K students to explore.
- Earlier this month our 4-6 grade students were introduced to various instruments. Students were able to pick an instrument of interest and sign up for lessons to become part of our Cadet Band. On October 13th, parents were able to join a Google meet to learn about this exciting opportunity.
- On October 31st we will host our annual Halloween Parade. We have planned an outdoor event, weather permitting. More information will be sent home soon.
- In November, we will honor and celebrate our veterans. This year's event will be an indoor assembly. We hope to see you there!
- Mark your calendars for November 14th and December 1st. Our classroom teachers will be sending home information regarding our fall parent conferences. We look forward to talking with you about your child's progress.
- Just a reminder ... When you enter our building, please sign in at the Main Office. If you need to walk to your child's classroom for any reason, you will need to wear a visitor's badge. Thank you for keeping our school SAFE!

Please know my door is always open. You can contact me anytime and I will do my best to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you at our family events.

Sincerely,
Dawn Wood







Can you believe it is time to start thinking about Christmas? ACS will once again participate in the OSC program. If you know of a family that would qualify for this assistance (clothing, food, and toys), please notify Kim Humiston at 518-638-8243, ext. 504 for an application. Applications are also available on the school website (www.argylecsd.org). Even if you received this service previously, you must still apply each year. Applications are due November 9, 2022 and will be reviewed carefully.

Other options for assistance include the Salvation Army and Family Services for food, clothing, and toys, and the Marine Corps for toys. **You cannot apply to more than one agency for the same service.** For example, you can apply for toys from Marine Corps and for clothing from OSC.

Fundraisers for this program include:

- On Sunday, November 6, 2022, the Community Choir led by Joyce Durkee will present a concert at the Argyle Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm.
- Our annual “Pool Your Pennies” event on November 10th. Please be saving your coins. Bills are also joyfully accepted!

In the past, we have had individual families and organizations anonymously “adopt” a family by purchasing food, clothing, and/or toys. If you would be interested in adopting one of the OSC families this year, please contact Kim Humiston at 518-638-8243, ext. 504 or email her at humiston_k@argylecsd.org by November 9, 2022.

Thank you to all who generously give to help make Christmas merry for those less fortunate.

NYS Digital Equity Survey

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey each year (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten-Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. Please complete a short survey for each student in your family on the eSchool Parent Portal.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

eSchool Parent Portal

- Each parent or guardian needs to have an eSchool Parent Portal Account (see below on how to create an account if you do not already have one).
- Log into your eSchool account.
- Click on the student’s name.
- Verify student information if you have not already done so.
- Student photo will show up if there is one.
- Digital Access Survey will be a blue rectangle below the student’s name, grade, and email address.
- Click on Digital Access Survey—There are 9 questions, question 1 is read only.
- Survey is now complete
- Thank you!

Instructions for creating a Parent Portal Account in eSchool:

- Go to Argyle CSD webpage (www.argylecsd.org).
- Scroll down to the Quick Links on the right hand side.
- Click on “For Parent” this will take you to Parent Portal Login page.
- Click on Parent Portal Registration.

Argyle Thanksgiving F.E.A.S.T.



Plans are underway for the 28th Annual Argyle F.E.A.S.T., to provide Thanksgiving meals to residents of Argyle and surrounding communities. Our committee is reaching out for volunteers and donations! Volunteers are needed for meal preparation and cleanup on Wednesday, November 23rd and preparation and deliveries on Thanksgiving, November 24th. Donations will be greatly appreciated also ... monetary, canned goods, and pies.

If you can volunteer, donate, or have questions, please contact Patty Hammond at 518-638-8362.

Elementary Students Visit Argyle Fire House

Our elementary school students visited the Argyle Fire House during Fire Prevention Week! Students spent time with firefighters learning about fire hazards in the home, how to stop, drop, and roll, what to do in a house fire, helmet and seatbelt safety and even had a chance to use a real fire hose!

“We are grateful to the Argyle Fire House for welcoming our students. The kids love visiting and they learn such valuable information,” said Principal Dawn Wood.



Guidance Office News

Juniors and Seniors

The following colleges will be at ACS:

October 28—Visit to Siena College

November 4—SUNY Brockport

November 4—University of New Haven

November 7—HVCC Admission Day

Sophomores

PreACT November 9th: The PreACT provides indicators helping students, parents, and educators determine their readiness for college and career success.

ACS INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Adult district residents may use the building to walk November–April. There will be designated hours before and after school when participants may walk the hallways of the schools.

Participants must pre-register in the Main Office to participate in this independent activity.

ACS Art Students Visit Salem Art Works

Our Art Honor Society and Art Club students recently visited the Salem Art Works. Our ACS students experienced three workshops: glass blowing, blacksmithing, and stone carving. Each student was able to take their finished product home.



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Calendar of Events

- November 1 PTSA Meeting 7pm
November 4 Superintendent's Search Survey Closes
November 9 Veterans' Day Assembly 9am
November 9 Pre-ACT for Grade 10
November 10 Emergency Go-Home Drill—K-12 students dismissed at 2:15 pm
November 10 Board of Education Meeting 7pm
November 11 Veterans' Day—School Closed
November 14 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
PreK-Grade 6 Dismissed at 11:30
November 22 Grades 7-12 Report Cards Issued
November 23-25 Thanksgiving Recess
December 1 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
PreK-Grade 6 Dismissed at 11:30
December 2 PreK-Grade 6 Trimester I Report Cards Issued
December 6 PTSA Meeting 7pm
December 8 Board of Education Meeting 7pm
December 12 Grades 7-12 Winter Band & Chorus Concert 6:30pm
December 16 Grades 3-6 Academic Awards Assembly 1:30pm
December 19 Elementary Winter Concert 1pm
December 22 Grades 7-12 Interim Reports Issued
December 23-January 2 Holiday Recess
School Closed

Maple Experience



Mrs. Wilkins worked with Cornell Cooperative Education to bring the Maple Experience to ACS! The Ma-

ple Experience is an educational event that works with NY State maple producers to raise awareness of the importance of maple syrup! They travel to NY State schools from September through November and then again March through June. We are thankful they visited us and we had fourth, fifth, and sixth graders go through the truck!

