

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



January 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

January is always an exciting month at Burnett. Not only is it the start of a new calendar year, but it is also the month that we begin planning for the next school year for students. We have been focusing on building new connections with the Gr. 7 students in our feeder schools and welcomed our Gr. 7 students and their parents to virtual Orientation on January 25th.

It is an exciting time for our Gr. 12 students as they start to receive information about post-secondary entrance offers. Many of the offers they receive are conditional based on their achievement for the remainder of the school year, emphasizing the importance for remaining focused on their studies. It is also an exciting time for our current Gr. 8-11 students, as we begin the program planning process and students select the courses they wish to enrol in for the next school year. During this time, we encourage parents and guardians to remain involved in their child's learning and to continue to partner with us to support their child.

The end of January is also the half-way point of the school year and as the calendar flips to February, we start the second semester on the 1st. This an opportunity for students and teachers to get a fresh start with new courses and new classmates. This is a crucial time for students to set new goals and refocus on their schoolwork, to devote time each day reviewing and studying at home, and to strive for their personal bests.

February is a very busy month at Burnett. Please take the time to review the events calendar and read the Weekly WAAG. Take time for personal wellness, pay attention to mental health, sleep well and exercise regularly. Students are encouraged to reach out for help at any time. Finally, Gung Hei Fat Choi! Gong Xi Fa Cai! Happy Lunar New Year to all!

Sincerely,
M. Jaswal
Principal JN Burnett Secondary School

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 1 First Day of Semester 2
- Feb 6 Semester 1 Final Report Card Published
Staff Meeting
- Feb 7 Collaboration Day
- Feb 9 Collaboration Day
- Feb 13 Ed Fac Meeting
- Feb 15 Re-Imagining Secondary Schools
- Feb 16 Burnett Community Night
Meet the Teacher
- Feb 17 Professional Development Day (No School)
- Feb 20 Family Day (No School)
- Feb 21 SBT Meeting
- Feb 22 Pink Shirt Day
SCC Meeting
- Feb 24 Conference Day
- Mar 1 Interim due to Office



Burnett Breaker Robotics – in Competition Season

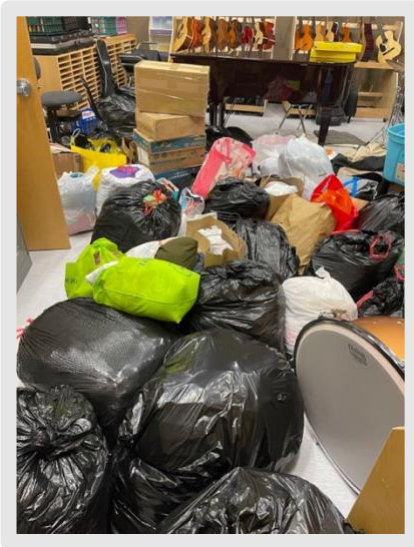
The competition season has begun, and the robotics team has had an eventful week with the kickoff of the 2023 FIRST Robotics Competition, CHARGED UP. On January 7th, the team attended the game reveal at BCIT with many other BC teams in the area. Presented with many competition details, the team also received their Kit of Parts, and began to brainstorm design and strategy ideas. With the season's theme "Charged Up", this season's goal revolves around power, as robots need to "Charge Up" communities through creativity and teamwork. Many challenges lie ahead, including the robot design, materials, construction, and testing of the bot. Following the principles of FIRST and the term "Gracious Professionalism", all members will learn and grow as a team, developing core skills to Power the future.



Team at BCIT Burnaby at the 1st BC 2023 Kickoff

If you are interested in mentoring, any mentors in engineering and/or business would benefit the team greatly. Due to the high costs of materials, travel, and registration (~\$30,000 yearly), funding, donations and/or sponsorships are also deeply appreciated. Please talk to Mr. Bevan through the school office if you are interested in supporting the team.

Band News



BIG thanks to all the families that have supported the clothing drive to benefit Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and the Burnett band students going to Whistler for music festival. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Burnett welcomed Blair and Thompson elementary students in a concert on Jan 24th in the large gym at 6:30. The concert was to showcase the mentorship program we have been running with these two elementary schools. It was a fantastic concert event!





It's that time of the year!

February 10th is your last chance to order a yearbook! After this date, we will not be taking any orders and there will not be yearbooks to purchase in June.

So, don't miss out! Go to your cashonline account to purchase! Our yearbook is looking great this year!

Don't miss out!

**Feeling sick?
Stop the spread**



Lots of people are getting sick this season. It could be a cold, the flu, or COVID-19. If you're not feeling well — no matter what virus you have — help stop the spread.

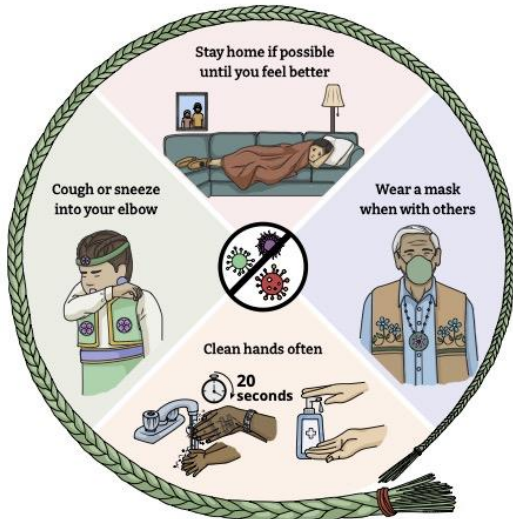


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Keep up to date with your vaccines. Check with your healthcare provider for more information.



For more information, visit www.bccdc.ca

Questions? Call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1



Our First Responder Team has set up a bottle drive to raise money for new supplies, guest speakers and so much more. Next time you return your cans at a Return-It depot, use the code (000) 000-1234 at the kiosk. A sticker will print out which can be placed on your bag of bottles. This is an amazing way to support our staff and students!

Counselling Centre News:

New Counsellor's Case load:

Ms. Takada A-H Monday/Tuesday/Thursday
Ms. Austin A-H Wednesday/Friday
Ms. Murad I-Se Monday-Friday
Ms. Chen Sh-Z Monday - Friday

My School Day App: Please encourage your child to register to our counselling channel in the app. All our announcement including university admission information and scholarship will be sent via this app.

Grade 12's scholarships and Common APPS:

If you require a reference letter or help with a post-secondary application, you are asked to give staff a minimum of two weeks' notice. The earlier you contact us, the more effective the outcome will be.

Grade 8/9 Guys and Girls clubs: We are happy to continue for the second consecutive year our grade 8/9 guys and girls club to promote social skills and as an opportunity to make new friends. These clubs are led by two of our district adolescent support workers. If your child is interested in joining this club, please tell them to go to their counsellor.

Help for the hard times workshop: A Workshop for Richmond and Vancouver families whose child or youth is or has been a patient in a psychiatric unit and/or had an ER visit because of their mental health. Please registered at <http://www.familysmart.ca/workshops>

Burnett's hardship program: If your family struggles financially to the point you can't pay school fees and need help with food for your family, please email your child's counsellor and they can present to you some of our programs dedicated to struggling families. Some of our programs are St. Albans Hamper Food Program and Student and family affordability fund. For more information, please email or call your child's counsellor.



As Term 1 ends, we will be sending paper statements out to parents for any required fees that are still outstanding for Term 1 and past years. If you have questions about any of the fees, please contact our Business Assistant, Mrs. Trow. Fines for lost textbooks will be removed if the textbooks are returned to the library.

If you are having financial difficulties due to any circumstances, please contact your child's counsellor and we can help.



Career Centre

Ms. Carter

Career Information Advisor located in the Counselling Centre

J.N. Burnett Secondary School Career Centre News

Here is a list of Career Programs offered at SD38 [Career Programs brochure 2022-23.pdf](#)

Here is a fillable application form

[Application Youth TRAIN-for 2023-2024.pdf](#)



INTRODUCING TWO NEW DISTRICT CAREER PROGRAMS!

SD38 students in Grades 10 or 11 may APPLY NOW!

Parents and Students:

JOIN OUR UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS ON ZOOM!

Hear from ECE / MEC program instructors*!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://sd38.zoom.us/j/7947759488>

For meeting passcode email careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca by noon of info session day

1. *NEW* Early Childhood Education Assistant Certificate

*Information Session – Thursday, January 19th 6:30 – 7:00pm on Zoom (see above)

- Runs July 4th – 28th (full-time) in summer between Grade 11/12
- Students earn both high school and post-secondary credits (dual credit)
- **FREE program TUITION** for the ECE courses
- This program is designed to develop and enhance practical skills, increasing students' knowledge for a successful ECE career.
- Students will obtain daycare work experience during the program
- A partnership between SD38 Career Programs and Delta Continuing Education* (*a provincially certified training institution for ECE Basic and Post-Basic Certifications)
- **ECE Applications due March 8th, 2023 (Gr 10/11's apply)**



2. *NEW* Manufacturing and Engineering Co-op (MEC)

*Information Session – Thursday, February 9th 6:30 – 7:00pm on Zoom (see above)

- Runs Semester 2 mornings (1st three blocks) @ Burnett Secondary; last block at home school
- Earn three high school courses = 12 credits (Grade 11/12 level)
- Includes Work Experience in the manufacturing industry
- Option to earn an industry certification through North West Skills Institute
- Learn about concepts and applications in engineering, machining, manufacturing and fabricating
- **MEC Applications due March 30th, 2023 (Gr 10/11's apply)** (on our website)



Join our Parent Information Session (covers all programs)
Wednesday, January 25th 6:30 – 7:30pm on Zoom (see above)

- Our office offers several other programs, including trades training with SkilledTradesBC
- View our [program brochure](#) or our website: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca>
- **TUITION IS FREE** for many of our dual credit programs
- Check out our Career Programs slot board inside or just outside your counselling area

For more information contact our office at 604-668-6000 (extension 3766). Email: careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca



Brewing & Brewery Operations

Study the science, art and business of brewing at KPU – BC's only brewing diploma program — where you'll receive hands-on training in our state-of-the-art teaching brewery.

KPU's two-year Brewing and Brewery Operations Diploma was created to meet the unprecedented demand for knowledgeable, trained brewers with an education in brewing science in the rapidly growing craft beer industry. For more info go to: [kpu brewery](http://kpubrewery)

Gr 9-12 STUDENTS

Q&A Sessions 2022-2023

3-4pm ZOOM DROP-IN

Ask any questions you may have about our programs and opportunities available to students in our school district!

Learn about our DUAL CREDIT program offerings - FREE TUITION:

- **take a trade apprenticeship and get certified while in high school** (e.g. Plumbing, Professional Cook, Carpentry, Electrician, Aircraft Maintenance etc.)
- **academic programs** (KPU dual credit programs (LinK38 and Strive), and our **NEW Early Childhood Education Certificate**)
- how to get both high school credits and industry credentials with our programs
- how to receive **FREE tuition** to take one of these programs
- how to earn high school credit (and award \$\$) for paid work in a trade
- how to apply
- program entry requirements

PICK A DATE THAT WORKS FOR YOU!
Drop in between 3-4 PM on ZOOM.

November 2nd & 16th @ 3 PM
December 7th @ 3 PM
January 4th & 18th @ 3 PM
February 1st & 15th @ 3 PM
March 1st @ 3 PM

[Parents welcome too!](#)

For Zoom link and password go to the Career Programs Slot Board in or near your school's counselling area or email our office for the details.

SD38 Parents Are Invited!

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

PICK A DATE

CHOOSE the VIRTUAL session that works for you:
Option 1: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 6:30-7:30pm
Option 2: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 6:30-7:30pm
(Please sign in around 6:20pm, so we can start promptly @ 6:30pm)

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 619 4912 1628
Passcode: Coming soon to Gr 9-11 Parents via email!
Also found on the Career Programs slot board in/near counselling area of your child's high school

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- **TRADES TRAINING and APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**
 - Earn trades certification (Level 1) + dual credits while in high school
 - **Tuition is covered** and students graduate with college/industry credit
 - Students are employable immediately upon completion
- **OTHER DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS (tuition covered)**
 - **LinK38** – Students choose from a list of Kwantlen courses – take one course for credit in high school AND for credit at post-secondary
 - ***NEW*** – Early Childhood Education Assistant Certificate
 - **STRIVE** – KPU Arts 1100 course for academically challenged and/or BIPOC students (lots of student support provided) – ease into university through Strive!
- Hear from **INDUSTRY GUEST SPEAKERS!**

FEB 5/23 from 12-4 PM The Royal Canadian Navy Job Fair

This free event will give you the chance to gain a deeper understanding of the Royal Canadian Navy and learn about the great experiences you will have in the Navy.

For details and to register,

visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navy-job-fair-tickets-513244637527?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

FEB 8/23 Future Business Leaders 2023 at KPU 5PM-8PM Surrey Campus

Registrations are now open for our 7th year of Future Business Leaders! This year's competition will be held in person and hosted at KPU's Surrey Campus alongside YELL Canada for Grade 11/12 high school students. Each member of the winning team will be given a \$1000 Entrance Scholarship to KPU's Melville School of Business and will be crowned the Future Business Leaders of 2023.

I encourage you to let your students know to register as soon as possible if this is an event, they would be interested in. Last year we had over 200 students register and had a long waiting list. Please have your students self-register early to guarantee a spot. Teams will be assigned randomly. To register go to: [KPU future leaders](#)

FEB 9/23 at 5 PM Douglas College Online Program Information Sessions for Students and Parents via Zoom

Join this online session to learn more about Douglas College programs, admission requirements, the application process and more!

Douglas College Advisors will be available to follow-up with any questions you may have.

There is a session covering different programs FEB 7/23. For session details and to register for one or both sessions, visit: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions>

FEB 9/23 from 4-4:45 PM SFU Beedie Online Webinar for High School Students

Join for a free, interactive webinar where you will learn more about the program and admission requirements and find out if SFU Beedie is the right fit for you! Program information:

<https://beedie.sfu.ca/programs/undergraduate/bba-major> To register for the online session, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfu-beedie-high-school-webinar-registration-122494204463?aff=Website>

FEB 11/23 Green Collar Conference 9 am -2:30 pm for Grade 9-12 secondary students held virtually this year. This is a FREE event.

The "green economy" is changing the face of the workplace in BC and around the world. This day is dedicated to students in secondary school to learn about exciting and endless career opportunities. This interactive career workshop will be offered free of charge to 150 young people and will allow participants the opportunity to:

- Meet and interact with amazing and successful people who will share their sustainability career paths in breakout sessions where career mentors will share their career journeys

- Learn about emerging sustainability career opportunities in B.C. and internationally
- Listen to an inspirational keynote address from Marissa Bergeron, founder of Eat the Dishes: Zero waste street food
- Find out what it takes to reach your goals

The workshop will conclude with a wrap-up session and a chance for the participants to win prizes, including a \$500 scholarship. **Apply now – space is limited!**

You must be registered to

attend. Register: <https://greenbricks.ca/conference-registration/>

FEB 23/23 Preview Night at Corpus Christi & St. Mark's College 6:00 PM (In Person & Online)

What's it like being a student at the colleges? Preview your first-year experience by attending our open-house event. Take a campus tour and have the unique opportunity to chat with our deans, advisors, faculty, and current students to have your questions answered by the experts.

In-person spots are limited but we will be live streaming the event via Zoom for those who cannot make it to campus. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/preview-night-at-corpus-christi-st-marks-college-at-ubc-hybrid-tickets-489912771287>

MAR 7/23 from 5-6 PM JIBC Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies BLES Program Online Information Session

Attend a virtual online information session for the JIBC Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies BLES Program and have your questions answered about this flexible degree program. JIBC will email you a link to the info session on the day of the event when you register on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bachelor-of-law-enforcement-studies-bles-virtual-info-session-tickets-482573920587>

Jobs & Volunteer

Check out these website links for jobs and volunteer positions:

[Richmond jobs](#)

<http://careers.richmondoval.ca/#job-openings>

<https://www.yourlibrary.ca/about/jobs-at-rpl>

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth>

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/ca/en-ca/careers.html>

[McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Jobs](#)

<https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/about-us.page>

SEEKING MORE SCHOLARSHIPS OR CAREER INFORMATION! GO TO THE CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE AT:

[https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/du6o2hu/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/du6o2hu/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/=)

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Scholarships for Sports in Canada



<https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/awards/scholarships>

Disability Awards and Scholarships

<https://www.disabilityawards.ca/british-columbia/>

FEB 23/23 (Noon) The Cmolik Foundation In-School Nominated Scholarship deadline to apply

Are you a student graduating from a BC high school? Have you demonstrated a strong work ethic and tenacity in overcoming adversity and in achieving your goals? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Every year, we award up to 20 scholarships each with a maximum value of \$40,000, paid over five years, to deserving students.

In order to be eligible for a TCF Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a current resident of BC
- Have lived in Canada for at least 7 years
- Be in Grade 12 or a recent secondary school graduate
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Have faced adversity
- Plan to be a full-time student
- Be ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care)
- Use funding for a post-secondary institution or college
- Be endorsed by their school principal

For more information and to apply go

to: <https://thecmolikfoundation.com/undergraduate/>



Soroptimist International of Vancouver since 1926

Violet Richardson Award

The award that recognizes your volunteer action

(The Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women between ages 14 and 18 who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts)



APPLY ONLINE:



Eligibility Requirements:

1. Girls who are currently between the ages of 14 and 18,
2. resides or volunteers in Vancouver or Richmond,
3. have demonstrated initiative in both identifying a problem and trying to solve it, and
4. have had significant and noteworthy accomplishments as volunteers

How to Apply:

Apply online at www.SoroptimistVancouver.org by **February 14, 2023**

Questions: vra@SoroptimistVancouver.org (Committee Chair: Donna Webb)

BC Hydro Power Pioneers Community Service Award

Applications accepted January 1–March 31.

We're looking for students who have made outstanding volunteer contributions in their community. There are up to twenty \$500 awards available in British Columbia.

Application forms and further details are available online at powerpioneers.com.



BC HYDRO PowerPioneers

FEB 28/23 - Singspire Youth Scholarship Deadline 11:59 PST

This annual \$500 scholarship is awarded to support a young musician in their musical development. This award may be used to pay for private lessons, choir fees, purchase of music or instruments, travel to a music program, participation in music festivals, post-secondary tuition or any other item relating to music education.

Eligibility:

- the applicant's primary residence is in Metro Vancouver or the applicant has graduated from a Metro Vancouver high school. For a list of eligible municipalities, see [this link](#).
- the applicant identifies as a woman and is between the ages of 15 and 20 on the application deadline
- the applicant has been involved in a school or community choral program
- the applicant does not have to be pursuing a career in music

Visit website for more details and how to

apply: <https://elektra.ca/community-engagement/youth-scholarship/>

MAR 6/23 11:59 PT DIABETES HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE TO APPLY

Available to young adults living in the Province of British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, Canada who are successfully managing the challenges of living with diabetes. This program supports post-secondary academic endeavors and recognizes the personal triumphs of exemplary young adults who demonstrate active involvement in community and/or sports activities while engaging in healthy self-management of their diabetes.

For details & to apply, go

to: <https://diabeteshopefoundation.com/how-to-apply/>

The PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

BC ACHIEVEMENT
8000 INVITED
\$1250
TOP ACADEMICS
Application not required
Eligible students automatically considered

DISTRICT / AUTHORITY
5500 INVITED
\$1250
7 AREAS OF INTEREST
Apply to high school by its deadlines

BC EXCELLENCE
55 INVITED
\$5000
SERVICE, LEADERSHIP & CAREER PATH
Seek high school's nomination
Apply to Ministry of Education and Child Care in February

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION
20 INVITED
\$5000
K-12 EDUCATION CAREER
Apply to Ministry of Education and Child Care in February

ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES

- Canadian citizen/permanent resident
- Complete graduation and scholarship specific requirements

What TO DO

APPLY

- DISCUSS scholarships with your school, such as how to be nominated for BC Excellence, apply for District/Authority, or seek reference letters
- SUBMIT District/Authority application to your school
- SUBMIT BC Excellence and/or Pathway to Teacher Education application to the Ministry
- GRADUATE! MEET eligibility requirements

How TO REDEEM

FIND OUT if you've been awarded a scholarship
Vouchers mailed to students in late fall after graduation, and scholarship notices posted on www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca

- 1.** ATTEND designated post-secondary institution or approved program provider
- 2.** SUBMIT your voucher to the Ministry for reimbursement of tuition paid
USE before it expires
- 3.** WAIT for your cheque to arrive, in the mail, in about 8 weeks.

WWW.GOV.BC.CA/SCHOLARSHIPSPROGRAM

Explore Your Future

at Canada's Largest International University and Student Travel Expo

THURSDAY
MARCH 2
Vancouver Convention Centre



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About Connections

Connections Community Services Society (CCSS) works with the community to make certain that children, youth and families in Richmond thrive and are given every opportunity to succeed today and tomorrow.

At Connections, we offer programs in several key areas: we support children through our Before and After School program and our School Break Camps; we offer youth volunteer and leadership opportunities through our Intergenerational Programs; we support Indigenous Youth and Families through our Outreach and Support Program and we work with youth in our Employment Programs.

Contact Us

Connections Community Services Society
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strategicplanning@ccssociety.ca
connectionscommunityservices.com

#110 - 5751 Cedarbridge Way
Richmond, BC V6X 2A8

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Student Connect Program
2022-2023
connectionscommunityservices.com

APR 18/23 Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundations Scholarship 2022 Deadline (opens on JAN 17/23)

Are awarded annually to applicants that demonstrate the values of the Future Aces Creed. Successful students contribute to society by having exhibited good citizenship through community service, character-building initiatives and/or by participating in humanitarian causes. The foundation has provided support to close to 900 students with \$1,000 scholarships.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Hold Canadian citizenship, permanent resident, landed immigrant or refugee status.
- Be in the graduating year of uninterrupted full-time studies in high school or CEGEP. Exceptions may be considered for those who have undertaken a gap year.
- Student between the ages of 16 to 24.

Financial need is taken into consideration.

For application go to: <http://futureaces.org/scholarship/>

We believe in supporting youth in a welcoming space to strengthen the pathways and tools they need for improved well-being and opportunities for development.



What is Student Connect?

Student Connect is a program dedicated to creating connections and providing support to youth who find themselves sometimes struggling with the day to day aspects of school.

This is a referral only program and consists of three subprograms: High School, Transitional Youth, and Post-Secondary Support.

The Student Connect High School Program is offered to students attending Grades 8 to 10.

The Transitional Youth Program is offered to student attending alternative school.

The Post-Secondary Support Program is offered to Grade 12 students and existing post-secondary students in all schools.

High School Program

Onsite facilitated program in three targeted schools to support youth in grades 8 – 10. This age group has been identified as the most at risk of leaving school.

- Health Wellness Support
- Academic Support
- Weekly after-school groups

Transitional Youth Program

This cohort consists of students who, due to mental health challenges, require one to one support to help them identify and enroll in post-secondary schooling.

- Financial Aid
- Health Wellness Support
- Post-Secondary Enrolment Support
- One-on-One Support

Post-Secondary Support Program

This program offers support to existing post-secondary students who are at risk of not completing their studies due to mental health challenges or financial hardship.

- Financial Aid
- Health Wellness Support
- Academic Support

Big Info – BCIT - British Columbia Institute of Technology

Big Info is back in-person and online. Big Info is the largest program expo and information session at BCIT. It's your chance to find out about all our programs – from business and media, and computing and IT, to engineering, health sciences, trades and apprenticeships, and applied and natural sciences.. It's free.

www.bcit.ca



MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS WINTER 2023

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge called "in the know."

JANUARY

Self Harm: There is Always Help, There is Always Hope
Speaker: Kim Leifso, RCC and a Youth Peer Support Worker

FEBRUARY

For Families: A Conversation About Eating Disorders
Speakers: Carmen Kauffman, Eating Disorders Therapist & Educator with

Jessie's Legacy, Rylee McKinlay, Young Adult with lived experience and Terri McKinlay, Parent with lived experience

MARCH

A Conversation for Families About Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health
Speaker: Dr. Kristy Goodwin, Digital Wellbeing and Productivity Researcher, Speaker, Author and Consultant

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

familysmart.ca/events



BECOME A HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT



Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.



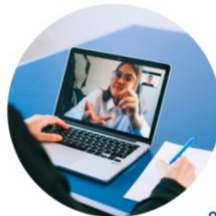
study@sd38.bc.ca 604-668-6217

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY
JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER INTERPRETER POOL

The Cultural Interpreter Team of Richmond School District is looking for passionate individuals fluent in English and another language to join our Volunteer Interpreter Pool.

LANGUAGES NEEDED

Cantonese, Farsi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Mandarin, Mongolian, Russian, Somali, Swahili, Turkish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.



TRAINING PROVIDED

Volunteer interpreters will support parent-teacher conferences and info sessions after receiving a 5-session training.

Contact Sarah Zhao to learn more: szhao@sd38.bc.ca 604-358-4921



This Summer Do Something Different

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a national exchange program, funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage, offering 16 and 17-year-old youth the opportunity to experience another community, second official language, and culture.

For six weeks in July and August, participants travel to a community in a different part of the country where their second official language is spoken. They live with a host family, work at a full-time paid job at a local non-profit

and participate in group activities all while supported by a YMCA Local Coordinator.

Youth, adults and non-profits are able to benefit from the program as participants, hosts or employers.

To keep everyone as safe as possible during the current pandemic, we will be following the direction of government and local health authorities regarding travel and other health protocols.

To learn more and apply go to: www.summer-work.com

Ask us questions at: info-SWSE@ymcagta.org

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Happy New Year! Welcome to January 2023!

A message from Fundraising Committee Chair Emily:

A **BIG THANKS** from the PAC to parents! The PAC have received over **\$2000** of donations for Band, Home Economics and Grade 8 Retreat. But We are not close to **our goal of \$7,000** - just \$5,000 away!

We need Parents like you to help support these projects that enrich our children's lives and education, and to help the school fund the Music class and upgrade the equipment in Home Economics department.

- (1) The music department: transportation for busses, ferries, and timpani in addition to repair and replacements, and entry for three festivals (\$2000)
- (2) The HEC (Home Economics) department: one sowing machine (\$2000)
- (3) Grade 8 Retreat: Grade 8 starter supplies and fund-oriented events. (\$3000)

Please show your Burnett Breaker Spirit by sending a donation. Remember, every dollar will go directly to support Burnett students.

PAC's Donation Letter/ Form

https://1drv.ms/w/s!Av3lWVjvezzzjwn6_8HF1TCeC5a4

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We really appreciate your help! Parents can easily donate on Cashonline or by Cheque.

Cashonline:

<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/27280/125/false/true>

OUR MISSION IN FEBRUARY

- PAC Meeting on **Thursday, February 2nd**, 2023 at **7:00 PM** in the school Library



DRY GRAD NEWS

Dry Grad update from Jennifer Dahl, the Dry Grad Committee's Chair:

- Thanks to Kennice and Carlo for doing a presentation on Dry grad to our grad class. Thanks to Ms. Rodriguez and the Grad Committee, we were able to survey grade 12 students about the event.
- Approximately 117 students filled out the survey, only 7 said they would not go.
- There is enough interest and the committee is moving ahead with planning. The students also picked their top 3 choices for activities/entertainment.
- We need to sell at least 100 tickets to be able to go ahead with the event.
- The committee will start contacting vendors to see if we can make any reservations without putting down non-refundable deposits.
- Dry Grad tickets are available on School Cash Online. The early bird price ends January 27.

If any grade 12 parents are interested in helping with planning, please contact Jen Dahl: jendahl@shaw.ca and Jen will add you to the WhatsApp chat.

TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS

Pick - Up and Drop -off at Burnett

Please consider the following to improve safety and decrease congestion during heavy traffic times.

- Please **turn Right only** during busy times at both the south and west exits onto Granville
- Avoid dropping children off at the side of the road or on the meridian on Granville Avenue and McCallan Road
- Encourage students to walk or bike to school
- Drop your children off several blocks away (Thompson Community Center recommended) from the school instead of entering the parking lot
- Leave a few minutes earlier to avoid the rush
- Please pick up your children in the Parking Lot or pick/ drop off area in the front of school after school
- Don't double-park

If you have any questions and suggestions related to school or PAC, please feel free to contact me at: jnbpac1968@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 was Lunar New Year! Year of Rabbit 🐰!

Gong Hei Fa Choi! 恭喜發財!

Xin Nian Kuai Le! 新年快乐!

Connie Huang
PAC Chair