



BURNETT WAAAG

January 29 – February 2, 2024

Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
(School Closed) Semester Turnaround	(ABCD)	(ABCD)	(ABCD)	(ABCD)
Preparing for Semester 2 (Burnett Staff)	First Day of Semester 2	Project Service Bubble Tea Sale @Lunch	Grad Photo Sessions (must sign-up for sitting)	Grad Photo Sessions (must sign-up for sitting)
International Student Orientation & School Tours 10am and 1pm (Library and Multi-Purpose)	Semester 1 Final Marks Evaluations, & Comments due @ 8:30am in MyEdBC	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @1pm to 6pm (Gym)	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @1pm to 6pm (Gym)	Burnett Grade 8 Basketball Tournament @1pm to 6pm (Gym)
Department Lunch hosted by Math	RTA General Meeting		Dry Grad Meeting Library @ 6pm	
			Burnett PAC Meeting Library @ 7pm (or Teams)	

Listening, Learning, and Leading

Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

“Your mind is precious. It has the power to unlock infinite possibilities.”

Joel Annesley

Success gets into our heads and changes them. This is a simple and proven concept. Neuroscientists have shown time and again, that the human brain can and will re-wire itself in response to experiences. This re-wiring phenomenon, known as neuroplasticity, is especially triggered by “success,” positive feedback.

Neurons in the brain, specifically the ones in the prefrontal cortex and the striatum, keep track of recent successes, playing a role in guiding the learning when the next opportunity arises.

As educators and parents, it is important to understand this link between success, increased brain activity and new learning. It does not matter how big or small a success is. All accomplishments release the neurotransmitter dopamine which boosts your mood, motivation, and attention. It also signals the brain to keep doing the activity again and again. Neural processing improves after a recent success, and the brain craves new learning.

Success causes the gray matter in our brain to become “plastic”, and to begin changing which leads to new learning. Equally important and this may surprise many, that the opposite of success, failure, has no impact. Failure does not re-wire the brain and the brain is not activated when we fail. Neural processing doesn't improve after a failure; there is no impact on the brain; the brain does not crave new learning after failure.

This does not mean that we ignore or avoid failure and only focus on success. Although failure doesn't activate the brain, it does help us understand why we are not successful. Reflecting on failures helps us identify behaviors and actions that led us to a lack of success. Reflecting on failures, challenges us to change our processes, behaviours and approaches so that we can overcome and succeed. However, it is true that learning from failure is not as beneficial as learning from success. Exposing students to success will give them the best chance to learn.

Championing Students and Their Learning

Program Planning Timeline 2024 – 2025

February 13	Program Planning for Grade 11 during BLT
February 15	Program Planning for Grade 10 during BLT
February 15	Gr. 7 Parent Info Night & Open House 6:30pm – Program Planning Parent Meeting 7:00pm – Open House/Meet the teacher
February 20	Program Planning for Grade 9 during BLT
February 22	Program Planning for Grade 8 during BLT
March 1	Deadline: enter course requests/ submit option sheets

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 29	Semester Turnaround Day (No Classes – Non Instructional Day)
Jan 30	First day of Semester 2
Jan 30	All Marks due in MyEd BC
Feb 1	PAC Meeting at 7pm (Teams or Library)
Feb 1-7	Grad Photo Sessions (Sign-up required)
Feb 5	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published
Feb 6	SBT Meeting
Feb 9	Department Lunch hosted by Home Ec./Art/Bus. Ed.
Feb 12	Ed. Facilitators @Lunch
Feb 15	Staff Collaboration Day (Students start at 9:30pm)
Feb 15	Burnett Info Night & Meet the Teacher (starts at 6:30pm)
Feb 16	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Feb 19	BC Family Day (School Closed)
Feb 20	SBT Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 21	SCC Meeting @ Lunch
Feb 22	Pink Shirt Day (ACT)
Feb 22	Staff Collaboration Day (Students start at 9:30pm)
Feb 23	Conference Day

First Day of Semester 2 January 30, 2024

We look forward to welcoming students for Semester 2. All students will follow their schedule which is visible on MyEducation BC. Students will also receive email with their course schedule for Semester 2. If students have a course change request, please use the online form. All requests will be reviewed, and students and parents will receive status updates throughout the process. Please keep in mind that the “course correction request form” closes on January 31st @ 10pm.

Communicating Student Learning

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 courses will be published in MyEd BC on February 5th. Please ensure you have access to MyEd BC. Also, before we turn our attention to Semester 2 classes, please take a moment to reflect on learning and teaching that has occurred in Semester 1. For teachers and students, this is an opportunity to celebrate their successes, learning, hard work, and determination.

Report Card Timeline – Semester 1 Final

Jan 26 - Jan 29	Prepare all final marks & comments in MyEdBC
Jan 30	All marks and comments posted in MyEdBC Modified reports emailed to office
Jan 30 - Feb 2	Admin/counselling review of all report cards
February 2	Additional attachments due to office
February 5	Semester 1 Final Report cards published to MyEdBC

Grad Photos – February 1 to 7 (Burnett Parking Lot)

All grade 12 students are required to have a grad photo taken by Artona. These photos will be used in our yearbook and grad composite displayed in the school hallway. Artona will have a mobile studio in the Burnett parking lot to take these photos.

1. Appointments are required. Go to Artona.com "Graduation" tab.
2. Dress: formal clothes. Arrive 15 mins. early for 1hr appointment.
3. Bring a \$60 deposit. This will be applied to any photo orders and is 100% refundable if pictures are not ordered and the preview portfolio is returned. Your portrait session includes: (1) A Diploma Folder, School Graduation Certificate, Grad Composite given to grads at the Valedictory Ceremony. (2) A 5x7 Commencement Photograph. These are FREE of charge, regardless of whether you order a photo package.