



J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that we are already past the mid-term point of Semester 1. Report cards were sent home on November 24, 2016. I encourage families to take this opportunity to take a step back and reflect on how the school year is going. The report card provides important indicators of progress in both academic achievement and work habits.

On November 10, our Fine Arts Department presented a moving and meaningful Remembrance Day ceremony. Through art displays, music, interpretive dance and spoken word, and multi-media presentations our students remembered the sacrifices of our veterans, and were encouraged to do their part to build a positive community. I would like to congratulate and thank Ms. McNee and the theatre students, Ms. Freeman and the music students, as well as Ms. Carvalheiro, Ms. Moss and Ms. Taylor for a wonderful ceremony. Also special thanks to Katisha Paul for her presentation of two aboriginal songs, and to our guest trumpet player Bomdardier Darrel Penner of the 15th Field Artillery Band who led the "Last Post" and "Minute of Silence".

We are looking forward to our first Conference Day on December 8. Our Leadership club will be hosting about 140 Seniors' for the Annual Christmas Brunch. These students have worked hard to prepare for this wonderful event with the help of Ms. Musani, Mr. Blair and Ms. Cain. As well, on this conference day there will be a variety of speakers and workshops for our students, which are all part of our Educational and Health Planning curriculum.

Our Fall Athletic season has come to an end, and our Basketball teams are practicing, getting ready for the upcoming season. A big Thank You to all our Fall sports coaches for their commitment, and to our Athletic Director, Ms. Bateman, for her tireless effort in organizing our teams. These opportunities are only possible through the time and commitment of the coaches and sponsors.

In the last few weeks before the Winter holidays, our music department is preparing for the Winter Concert on December 14, and our Student Council is busy planning to host our students a Breakfast with Santa on the last day of classes, as well as our Santa Food Fundraiser. These are only a couple of the many events that enrich our school community.

Please take some time to read through the different events in our school community highlighted in this newsletter.

Sincerely,
Bert Wiens

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec.1 PAC Meeting 7:00pm
- Dec.5 Pro-D Day – School Closed
- Dec.14 Winter Concert – 7:00pm
- Dec.16 Last Day of School Before Winter Break
- Jan.3 School Re-Opens
- Jan.5-10 Grad Photos (Mobile Studio)
- Jan.5 PAC Meeting – 7:30pm
- Jan.23 Last Day of Semester 1
- Jan.30 First Day of Semester 2



LEGO WANTED

- If you have any Lego at your home that you wish to pass on to a "new home", the JNB Games Club and the Learning Strategies Lunch Room Crew would be more than willing to receive your generous donation, which can be dropped off at the main office.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
ANNUAL FOOD BANK FUNDRAISER**

**We would like to invite all students,
staff, parents and community members
to the Annual Burnett Breakfast With
Santa Food Bank Fundraiser**



Student Council is hosting a breakfast event on Friday, Dec 16 from 8am-9am in support of the local Richmond Food Bank. Students, staff, parents, and past graduates are invited to attend this most worthwhile event! Last year's breakfast was a huge success raising just over \$2000 for the Food Bank, and we are hoping to donate even more this year!

We encourage those interested in attending this event to purchase tickets ahead of time through the school office. A full breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausages, pancakes, mandarin oranges, coffee, tea or juice will be served. A host of entertainment will be on hand at the breakfast fundraiser including Burnett's Concert Band, Glee Singers, Teacher Song Performances, Santa Photos, and much more. Tickets are \$5 each or four for \$15 if you make your purchase before Dec 15. Additionally, tickets will be sold at the door on the morning of Dec 16; however, we sold out early last year. To avoid disappointment, advance ticket purchase is recommended.

Please join us on Friday, Dec 16, for a fun-filled breakfast in celebration of the holiday season and in support of the Richmond Food Bank.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH
WONG**

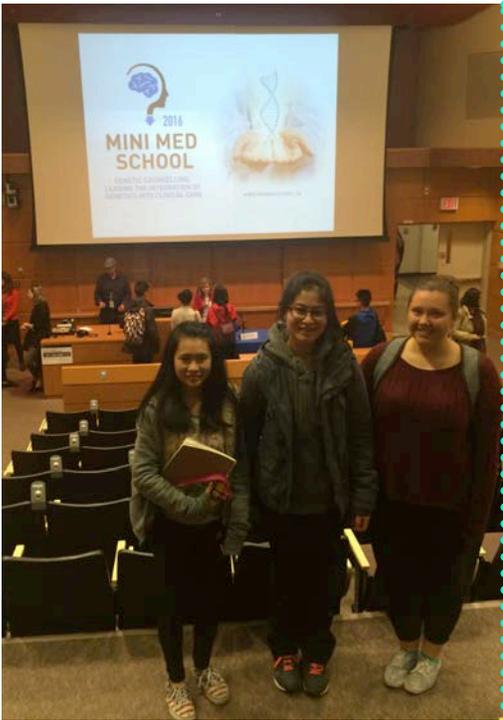
On November 4, Sarah was featured in a Benefit Concert for the Cancer Rehabilitation Association. The concert was held at the Norman Rothstein theatre in Vancouver. Sarah was one of the organizers of this concert, as well as giving performances on various instruments including piano, flute and drums. As an accomplished musician, Sarah also had a song and dance number. Congratulations to Sarah on the wonderful event for a very worthwhile cause!!



WINTER CONCERT - December 14, 2016

Please let us help you get into the spirit of the season by joining us for our annual Winter Concert, Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 pm in the Burnett Theatre. Admission will be by donation to the Food Bank so that we can help those in need at this important time of the year. The musicians have been working very hard and we know that you will be impressed with their performances. We look forward to sharing the joy of the season with you!

MINI MED SCHOOL



J.N. Burnett Secondary students Winnie Pan (left), Clarisse Echavez (middle), and Shannon Turner (right) were selected to attend Mini Med School 2016 at BC Children's Hospital. Mini-Med School, a six-week, seminar based program, features Genetic Counselling as this year's topic. Seminars cover all aspects of genetic counseling from applications through all walks of life, to more concise applications in specific fields. These students thoroughly enjoyed their time and following is what they have to say; "Mini-Med school inspired me to pursue my dream of working as a health professional even though the road ahead is extremely difficult." - Winnie Pan, "I found Mini Med School to be an incredibly informative and engaging program that I really enjoyed" - Clarisse Echavez, "Mini-Med school has opened my eyes to the vast world of medicine and broadened my horizons in terms of possibilities for specializing in different fields." - Shannon Turner

For more information on Mini Med School and watch past episodes...check out: <http://bcchr.ca/news/mini-med-school>

Ms. Jessa

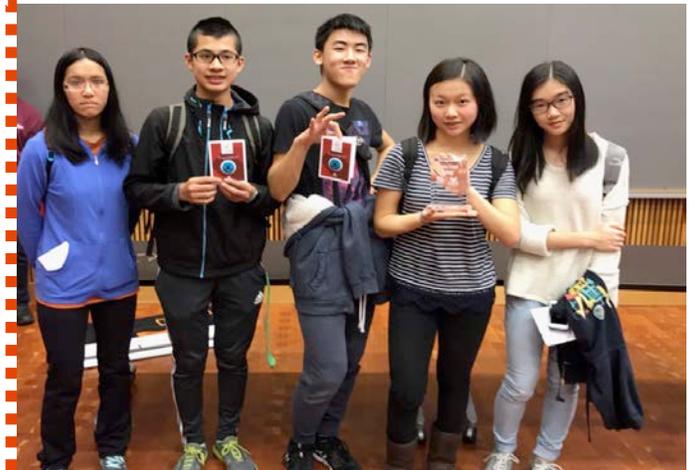


SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Congratulations go out to Jasmine Huang, Wendy Cai, Chris Lam, Horman Qian, and Adrienne Chu, members of the Burnett Jr Science Challenge team, for winning second place and best in overall design.

They have worked hard for months training on their own with very little assistance to prepare for this challenge. Well done!

Ms Jessa



Note to Parents/Guardians re: Student Drop Off

With the colder weather we have noticed an increase in traffic in our drop off area. A reminder to parents not to use the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up.

Parents/guardians are asked to consider dropping students off on Riverdale Drive, a block west of our school, or on Lynas Lane, a block east of our school.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are significantly more impaired driving accidents during the **Christmas** and **New Year's** holiday periods than the rest of the year? If you drink, don't drive! Designate a driver, use transit, take a cab, or try:

<http://www.operationrednosedelta.com>

Don't drink and drive!

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

PAC NEWS

It is great to see so many faces, new and returning, at our PAC meetings.

All parents and guardians of Burnett students are members of the PAC, and are encouraged to attend our meetings as one way to learn more about the school.

Our next PAC meeting will start in the school's multipurpose room on December 1 at 7:00pm (note the early start time). Our school administration will lead a session for parents on changes to BC's curriculum and how that is affecting our children in the classroom.

We hope you are able to join us for this informative evening!

As in previous years, we will be hosting the **Teachers Appreciation Breakfast** on **Friday, December 2, 2016** in the staff room at the school.

If you wish to donate food for the breakfast, items can be dropped off at the PAC meeting on December 1st (7pm to 9pm) OR on Friday morning any time before 7:00 am.

To volunteer to help or to contribute food, please contact Stephanie Nomellini at stephnomellini@gmail.com

PAC DRY AFTER GRAD

The Dry After Grad (**DAG**) was established at J.N. Burnett about 10 years ago. It is supported by BCAA, the BC Liquor Control Board and is sponsored by the Burnett PAC. **The event provides a fun and safe After Grad Party for the graduating students.** The DAG committee arranges games such as Laser Tag and Giant Sumo Wrestling; entertainment includes a caricature artist, tattoo artists, a magician, food and prizes, too!!

As this event is for Grade 12 students, parents of the Grade 12 students plan and organize the Dry Grad. Generally, the grade 12 students do not like to have their parents at the event, so we try to have the overnight party chaperoned by parents of the Grade 8-Grade 11 students.

The Dry Grad committee needs another person to co-coordinate this event.

We have parents who are willing to coordinate, but only if they have someone else with which to share responsibilities.

We need volunteers from the parents of all students at the school (grades 8 to 12) to make this event a success.

Contact Stephanie Nomellini at stephnomellini@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

CAREER CENTRE

Career Center Office and Websites to Regularly Check

Richmond District Career Centre News at: <http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/>

Visit "**JN Burnett Career Information Center**" **facebook page** for important info and up-dates including scholarships at <https://www.facebook.com/JN-Burnett-Secondary-School-Career-Information-Center-676894562416136/>

JN Burnett Secondary's Monthly School Newsletter: Contains up-to-date post-secondary events and deadlines at <http://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca/>

Around the school campus: Announcements, school TV, bulletin boards outside the Multi-Purpose Hall and around the campus.

Appointments: Drop in or make a 30 min appointment to see the **Career Information Advisor, Ms. Borres: Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, Dec 2 - UBC Sauder School: University Life and Expectations

A Campus Ambassador Program Regional Coordinator from UBC Sauder School of Business will meet with potential students about the academic opportunities and social resources offered by UBC. The event will be held on Dec 2, 1:00 pm at the Library.

Tue, Dec 6, 1:00, Library – Bishop’s University School Information Session

A School Representative from Bishop’s University will come to answer questions on programs, admission requirements, scholarships, student activities, residence, and more.

Tue, Dec 13 - UBC Academic Programs and Services for International Students

The International Associate Recruiter & Advisor will meet with JN Burnett International Students on December 13, 1:00 pm at the Library, to discuss about undergraduate programs open to international students, admission requirements, application process, English language admission standards, tuition, scholarships, housing, campus tours, and transition services.

Thu, Dec 1 - Deadline for the UBC Entrance Scholarships. Check

<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/mes.ezc>

Thu, Dec 1 – UBC Scholarship deadline – considered automatically if applied by Dec 10th

Thu, Dec 1 – UBC early admission deadline

Thu, Dec 1 – Queen’s University Major Entrance Award Scholarship deadline

Early Dec – Scholarships Deadline: UNBC Leadership Awards

Mid Dec – SFU Self-Reporting Grades website opens

Thu, Dec 15 – U of Alberta early admission deadline

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

You may now **apply to ALL Canadian universities**. When applying, you must pay your application fee so that your application will be processed. Do not forget to print out your application confirmation. Some universities will require you to self-report your Grade 11 and completed Grade 12 marks and report in- progress Grade 12 courses while other universities may require you to up-load a pdf of your grades or mail an official paper transcript to your admissions office.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Thu, Dec 1/16 - Glazing Contractors Association of BC Bursary Program

These bursaries are available to persons interested in pursuing a career in the glazing installation and/or fabrication apprenticeship program. http://www.fes-bc.org/pdf_downloads/GCABC-Apprentice-Bursary.pdf

Mon, Dec 12/16 - Arts Umbrella Electronic Arts Teen Animation Scholarship 2017

This full-scholarship 15-week program concludes with a group exhibition at Electronic Arts.

Scholarship value: \$700. <http://www.artsumbrella.com/scholarships-bursaries/ea-scholarship/>

Mon, Jan 9/17 - BC Excellence Scholarships in-school deadline

There are 55 BC Excellence Scholarships available to recognize well-rounded BC graduates with demonstrated service and leadership. A \$5,000 voucher will be awarded for post-secondary tuition. See your in-school Scholarship Rep for nomination details as soon as possible. One nomination per school.

*Completed school nomination forms must be mailed to Ministry of Education in Victoria by Feb 15, 2017.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/provincial/bc-excellence-scholarships>

Sun, Jan 15/17 - UBC International Major Entrance Scholarship

Each year, International Major Entrance Scholarships (IMES) are awarded to exceptional international students entering undergraduate programs at UBC. Students receive their scholarships when they enter their first year at UBC, and the scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years of study. The scholarship totals up to \$40,000 CAD, payable at up to \$10,000 CAD per year for four years.

Demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, intellectual promise, as well as impressive extracurricular and community involvement and apply to UBC by January 15.

Sun, Jan 15/17 – UBC Outstanding International Student Award

The Outstanding International Student (OIS) Award is a one-time merit-based entrance scholarship awarded to qualified students when they are offered admission to UBC. OIS amounts range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 CAD. Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and strong extra-curricular involvement and apply to UBC by January 15.

Sun, Jan 15/17 - 1 800 Wheelchair Scholarship

The 1800wheelchair scholarship fund now bestows two \$500 awards each year. Applicants are asked to explore mobility issues on campus, overcoming personal challenges, and much more.

<http://www.1800wheelchair.ca/scholarship/>

Thu, Jan 26/17 – in-school deadline for 2 nominations permitted from each school of the Cmolik Foundation (TCF) Scholarship

TCF awards scholarships to deserving BC students who have met adversity during their life and demonstrated a good work ethic, tenacity, and other commendable attributes in achieving their academic and social goals; and without TCF's support may not have the means to attend a post-secondary institution. A letter of nomination from your secondary school is required to be attached with applications for each of the 2 permitted nominees. Students who are nominated shall submit applications via mail or submitted online by February 24, 2017.

<http://www.thecmolikfoundation.com/scholarships>

Sat, May 20/17 - CN Diversity Scholarships

CN offers grants to support the post-secondary education of women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, military veterans and people of Aboriginal heritage in Canada. As part of this program, and to support its hiring needs, CN sponsors these deserving, best-in-class students enrolled in programs relevant to CN's core business. Selected students will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship, tenable for one academic year.

<http://jobs.cn.ca/en/CanadianScholarships/- .WDNB5GczWUI>

EVENTS

Sat, Dec 3 – National Portfolio Day at Emily Carr University of Art & Design

Visit www.portfolioday.net for information

Mon, Dec 5/16 - An Evening with UVIC Hear from recruiters, admissions representatives and current students. Find out how UVic can help you accomplish your goals and connect with other future UVic students who share your interests. Register at <http://www.uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/connect/events/>

Space is limited! Registration closes Dec 1. Time and venue: 6-9pm, The Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, 6083 McKay Ave, Burnaby

KPU Discovery Days

High school student...discover what it's like to be a KPU student: attend Discovery Day at the Richmond Campus!

Attend a mock KPU class (Science, Business, or Design option).

2016 Richmond Discovery Day

Mon, Dec 05, 2016, 09:30 AM to 01:30 PM

Visit: <https://connect.kpu.ca/events/eventRegistration.do?eventRegistrationAction=registration&from=myEvents&stringEventID=MTU5>

2017 Surrey Discovery Day

Fri, Feb 17, 2017 10:00 AM to 02:30 PM

2017 Langley Discovery Day

Fri, Feb 24, 2017 10:00 AM to 02:30 PM

Tue, Dec 6/16 - KPU Nursing Information Session at the Langley Campus

Information about the Health Foundations, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing will be given on Dec 6, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Location: On-campus... Langley South Building Room 1805

For more information about Nursing,

visit: <https://www.crnbc.ca/WhatNursesDo/NurseStudying/Pages/RequiredSkills.aspx>

Tue, Dec 6/16 - Langara College Design Formation Program Information Session

Design Formation is a two-year, multidisciplinary foundational program that prepares students for further specialized studies or entry-level jobs in fields ranging from visual merchandizing to event, graphic, or interior design. The session will be held on Dec 6, 2016, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Langara College, room A109. <http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/design-formation/information-sessions.html>

Thu, Dec 15, 2016 - Douglas College Information Session

Attend an information session in person to find out more about programs offered at Douglas College!

Information Session will be held on Dec 15, 6pm at NWC room N3406

<http://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/information-sessions>

Fri & Sat, Jan 13 & 14/17 - McGill University (Schulich School of Music) Undergraduate Audition Dates

McGill University will be coming to Vancouver to hold auditions for applicants. Apply by December 1st to be eligible. Location: Vancouver Academy of Music – Koerner Recital Hall, 1270 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9. Auditions: Fri, Jan 13th, 3:00 to 6:00pm & Sat, Jan 14th 9:00am to 9:00pm.

Warm-up: Room 42B.

Piano Master class: Friday, January 13th, with Kyoko Hashimoto from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

For more information, visit: <https://www.mcgill.ca/admi/undergraduate/auditions/dates>

<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/>

Sat, Jan 21/17 - KPU Wilson School of Design Open House

Check out KPU's studios, labs, and workshops from 9 am to 3 pm. View some of their advanced technology, from laser cutters, to seam sealers, 3D printers, Mac labs and much more.

Portfolio Drop-in Workshops: Some programs require a portfolio for admission. Through various workshops, learn about the process. View student portfolios; get feedback on your own portfolio. These workshops are a unique opportunity for on-the-spot feedback and information.

Information Sessions: Learn about the Design programs. What will you learn? Who will be teaching you?

To register for a Portfolio/Information session in a specialized area, visit:

<https://connect.kpu.ca/events/eventRegistration.do?eventRegistrationAction=registration&from=myEvents&stringEventID=MTkw>

Langara College Social Service Worker Information Sessions 2017

Langara College's Social Service Worker Program prepares students for entry into all social service sectors, as well as for further education in Social Work and other helping professions. Upcoming sessions will be held on:

January 23, February 27, March 20, April 24

All sessions will be held at 6:30 PM in the Langara Staff Lounge. For more information, visit:

<http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/social-service/information-sessions.html>

Capilano University Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management Info Sessions

Faculty and staff will be on hand to share information on our programs and how an education in this field builds exciting careers. Current students will answer questions on their experiences and how studying in this department offers more than classroom learning. Date, time and venue: Tue, Feb 7, Tue, Mar 9 2017, 7 pm, Library building, room LB321, Capilano University, North Vancouver campus. Please

RSVP to outdoor@capilanou.ca or express interest via Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1877904029108391/#>

Virtual Tour of the University of New Brunswick

Would you like to know more about the University of New Brunswick? If so, take a UNB Virtual Tour. Tours for both the Fredericton and Saint John campus are available. See the link below for your virtual tour. <http://www.unb.ca/admissions/virtual-tours.html>

Richmond International Student Program

Interested in opening your home up for a rewarding experience....

The International Student Program allows overseas students to enter Grades 8 through 12 at selected secondary schools, and under certain circumstances, Kindergarten to Grade 7 at selected elementary schools in Richmond, Greater Vancouver. The program gives overseas students the opportunity to study alongside Canadian students in the BC public education system. As a Host Family, you will have an opportunity to welcome into your home, students from around the world. Your family will have a profound influence on the students' study abroad experience. Both your family and the students you host will ideally gain a mutual understanding and respect for each other's culture and world-view. In addition to economic remuneration, your reward will be the realization that your commitment to host international students will, in some small way, contribute to global understanding and world peace.

Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.



If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an e-mail for information.

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