



J. N. Burnett Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our semester 1 interim reports and parent/teacher conferences have been completed. It is important for students and their families to monitor the progress in all the courses through goal setting, and discussion about the overall strengths and areas in need of improvement.

October was a busy month at Burnett, as our fall athletics season and our clubs are now in full swing! There are so many positive activities that our students are involved in, both in and out of school. These are so important in the development of well-rounded students and young adults. Our student council hosted a dance for all Grade 8 students in the second week of October. The entire event, including the DJ, was organized by our student council, sponsored by Mr. Yamamoto. In the last week of this month, we had a great Halloween dance, once again organized by student council. The month ended with many staff and students coming to school on Monday demonstrating school spirit by dressing up in a variety of costumes. Well done, Breakers!!

Please take a minute to read about other highlights and happenings in our J.N. Burnett school community.

Sincerely,
B. Wiens
Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov.2	Take our Grade 9 Kids to Work Day
Nov.3	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Nov.10	Remembrance-Day Ceremony
Nov.11	Remembrance Day-School Closed
Nov.17	Grad Winter Formal
Nov.18	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Nov.24	Semester 1 Midterm Report Card
Dec.1	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Dec.5	Pro-D Day – School Closed
Dec.16	Last Day of School Before Winter Break

NEED INFORMATION? HAVE YOU CHECKED THE BURNETT WEBSITE?

<http://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca/>

There is a great deal of important information that you will find useful. Parents can check the school calendar as well as read about the latest Burnett news. Grads can get their grad transition information, news from our counselors, student council and much more.





REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

We are busily planning two large assemblies that will take place in the large gym. Due to fire regulations, we are not permitted to have the whole school in the gym at one time. Each assembly will be approximately 30 minutes long and will take place on Thursday, November 10th. We encourage parents to attend and will set aside a seating area for all visitors who are able to join us. At the time of writing this newsletter, plans for the ceremonies are well on their way. The first ceremony will begin at approximately 9:50 and the second one at approximately 10:45. Those parents planning to join us may wish to call the school the week of November 2 to confirm the exact times of the assemblies. This year's ceremony will be a result of the contributions of many students from a variety of subject areas. **We will be collecting contributions for the Headstones of deceased veterans who do not have these markers. Collections will occur throughout the week and we encourage all students to do their part. Poppies will be handed out just before the ceremony on November 10.**



TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

This year *"Take Our Kids To Work"* day is **Wednesday, November 2nd**. This is a National Day started over 10 years ago that involves Grade 9 students across the country. All Grade 9 students are encouraged to participate by going to work with their parents to job shadow for the day. Students may also job shadow a relative, family friend or volunteer host. This is an opportunity for students to get a sense of what it is like to be part of the work world and think about what they might like to do in the future. If you will be taking your Grade 9 child out of school on November 2 to participate in this day, please fill out the paperwork (available in the office or on line at <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/document.doc?id=416>) and inform the school at 604-668-6478.

Parent Advisory Council News

Upcoming PAC meetings:

November 3 at 7:00pm—allocation of Gaming Funds from staff requests
December 1 ---Parent Ed topic by the school administrative team. "New Curriculum Update"

The BC government, through its Gaming branch, gives Parent Advisory Councils at BC schools an allotment of money based on the school's student population. The Burnett PAC uses this money to fund clubs, sports and classroom "extras".

At the November 3 PAC meeting we will decide on the allocation of the Gaming Funds. Please join us at 7:00pm on November 3 to help determine how the funds will be spent. We will also start planning the December Staff Appreciation Breakfast at our November meeting.

The Dry Grad Committee needs a coordinator(s) AND volunteers! The Dry Grad is a safe secure party for grade 12 students after their dinner/dance in June.

Parents of Grade 10, 11 & 12 students, this event will not happen without YOUR HELP!

All parents at Burnett are encouraged to volunteer for the Dry Grad

Helping with Dry Grad is FUN, especially in the fun, celebratory atmosphere that surrounds the Dry Grad party!

*****Many hands make light work*****

I hope you join us at our next meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2016!
Stephanie Nomellini, PAC chair

SCHOOL CONNECTS AND ATTENDANCE

We continue to send home emails and phone messages to inform parents about attendance concerns and other important school-related information. If you feel you are not getting the information because our email address and/or phone number for you is incorrect, please contact the school.

MAGAZINES NEEDED



Do your old magazines need a new home? If yes, please consider donating them to the Home Economics Department, as we are always on the lookout for magazines for home economics related projects. We are interested in magazines that deal with food, fashion and family related issues.

All magazine donations can be dropped off in the main office



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT!

DRAMA Students are working on spooky scripts for presentation on Halloween. Classes are invited to come and see "How to survive the Zombie Apocalypse" by Dan Zoldis, in blocks C and D.

On November 3rd - **Drama and Dance** students will be attending a Ballet BC Dress rehearsal at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

DANCE students are working with local choreographer (and Burnett Grad) Jasmine Chiu, creating a beautiful lyrical dance for the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10.

THEATRE COMPANY students are very busy! We are putting together a script for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, rehearsing the play "Pronoun" to be presented as part of this December's Conference Day and beginning work on our sure to be fantastic main stage Spring Production of the Noir-Murder-Mystery-Comedy, "Kill Me, Deadly", by Bill Rosen, hitting the stage in May.

CAREER INFORMATION

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

Representatives from various BC institutions will be here to answer questions on programs, admission requirements, scholarships and more on two major occasions:

1. Attend J.N. Burnett Secondary's **Post-Secondary Institutions of BC (PSIBC) Fair on November 17, 2016, Thursday, 12:43 – 1:28 pm at the Gymnasium.**
2. Participate in the **school information sessions** scheduled from November to December 2016.
November 2, Wednesday, 1:00, Library – Carleton University
November 8, Tuesday, 1:00, Library – Kwantlen Polytechnic University
November 10, Thursday, 1:00, Library - University of Regina
November 14, Monday, 1:00, Library - McGill University

November 14, Monday, 2:53, Library – University of Toronto
November 15, Tuesday, 1:00, Library – University of New Brunswick
November 15, Tuesday, 1:00, Library – University of Alberta
November 16, Wednesday, 1:00, Library – Waterloo University
November 16, Wednesday, 2:53, Multi-Purpose Hall – Simon Fraser University
November 30, Wednesday, 2:53, Library – Mount Royal University
December 6, Tuesday, 1:00, Library – Bishop's University

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Sat, Nov 5 - MacEwan University (in Edmonton) Open House

Join MacEwan staff and students at the upcoming Open House. The event includes: information sessions, program displays, campus tours and student performances on two campuses. Whether you're interested in business, liberal arts, science, health, or the performing arts, discover the options at MacEwan U. For more Open House details, visit: <http://www.macewan.ca/wcm/MacEwanEvents/OpenHouse/index.htm>

Sun, Nov 13 - Western University Fall Preview Day

Get an in-depth look at your future academic program, residences, the strong network of support services, and the beautiful campus. Register online at <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/liaison/FPD/FPDapp.cfm> or phone Undergraduate Recruitment and Admissions at 519 661 2100.

Campus tours are also available weekdays at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, and 1:30 pm

Sat, Nov. 19 – University of Alberta - Application Workshops

Grade 12's may register to attend this workshop and be guided through the application process to complete and submit an online application. This will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the 4Seasons Hotel on 791 W. Georgia St. Vancouver at 9:30 am 11:00 am or 12:30 pm. To register, visit:

http://www.admissions.ualberta.ca/recruitment-events/application-workshops.aspx?utm_source=mailoutinteractive&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=UAlberta%20Counsellor%20E-News%20-%20October%202016

Fri, Nov 23 - Explore Capilano Info Night 6:00-8:30 pm

Explore Capilano campus and learn about programs, admission requirements, student services, application and course registration. Event location: North Vancouver Campus, Birch Building Atrium.

For details and to RSVP visit: <https://www.capilano.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/>

Quest University Open House

Quest is unlike any other university in Canada. Visit the campus and experience the academic, environment and unique culture of Quest University. Open House events present a comprehensive overview of Quest's academic programs, the block program, and admission procedures. Take sample classes, attend Q & A sessions with faculty members, tour the campus, and experience Quest's dining facilities. Open House dates for 2016-2017 are: Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, and Mar 4. For further details, visit: <http://questu.ca/admissions/plan-a-visit/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Mon, Nov 7 – In-School Deadline Queens University Chancellor Scholarship Nomination

If you feel you are qualified for this \$36,000 (\$9,000 x 4 yr) scholarship, fill out a scholarship nomination form and give to your counselor, by the in-school deadline. The criteria for this scholarship are: superior academic ability 90+% average, and demonstrated leadership and original thinking. If you are the one chosen, you will be asked to complete the application.

<http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financial-assistance/admission-scholarships-bursaries-and-awards/major-admission-awards>

Fri, Nov 18/16 TD Canada Trust Scholarships for Community Leadership deadline

Twenty TD Scholarships for Community Leadership are awarded to students in their last year of high school who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community. Each scholarship has a value of up to \$70,000.

<https://www.tdcanadatrust.com/products-services/banking/student-life/scholarship-for-community-leadership/index.jsp>

For more information contact: 1-800-308-8306

Thu, Dec 8 - Schulich Leader Scholarships 'in-school nomination' deadline

50 Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students, across Canadian universities. Schulich Leader Scholarships are open to students who have an interest in pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) at one of the partner universities. In order to become a Schulich Leader and receive the scholarship, a student must first be selected by their high school as a Schulich Leader Nominee. BC HIGH SCHOOLS may select one nominee each. Each scholarship includes up to \$100,000 in funding to attend one of the 20 partner universities, plus additional

benefits. Nominees must possess at least two of three criteria. For more information visit: <http://www.schulichleaders.com/> <http://www.schulichleaders.com/about-scholarship>
To view a list of eligible STEM programs at each university, click the university's logo at: <http://www.schulichleaders.com/universities>

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

“Education in Action” Workshops

ACE IT Plumbing (at Palmer Secondary School) – Tue, Nov 8 or Thu, Feb 9/17

ACE IT Professional Cook (at Richmond Secondary School) – Tue, Nov. 8 or Thu, Feb 9/17

Spend a morning in our Professional Cook or Plumbing ACE IT programs. This fantastic opportunity allows Grades 8-11 students to work alongside the current ACE IT students and instructors, experiencing first-hand what it would be like to take a college training program while in high school.

Register now to find out if one of these programs is a good fit for you! Space is limited and priority will be given to those in Grades 10 & 11. To find out how to register, see your Career Information Advisor.

Tue, Nov 15/16 - CPA Career Event for High School Students

This is a free high school event for both students and parents to find out about the different university business program requirements, scholarship opportunities, and what content is covered in business/accounting programs. A panelist of CPAs will discuss how to get your first accounting job, skills for a successful career, and what accountants actually do!

When: November 15, 2016

Where: Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Hotel, 1128 W Hastings St

Time: 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: Complimentary

For more information and to register: <https://www.bccpa.ca/becom.../cpabc-events/high-school-events/>

Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Participating Universities

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

Douglas College

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU)

Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Trinity Western University (TWU)

University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

University of British Columbia, Diploma in Accounting (UBC DAP)

University of Victoria (UVIC)

Mon, Nov 28 – SHAD Summer Experience Application deadline

SHAD offers a one-month in-residence program each July across our Canadian host university campuses for 700 students (approximately 50 students per campus) who are in Grades 10, 11, and 12. This unique program focuses on science, technology, engineering; arts and mathematics (STEAM) disciplines, with the goal of helping exceptional students envision their extraordinary potential as tomorrow's leaders and change makers.

For more information and to apply: <http://www.shad.ca/apply>

EVENTS

Vancouver Police (VPD) 2016 Information Sessions

Interested applicants for Police Officer, Jail Guard, Community Safety Officer, and Traffic Authority positions are invited to attend an information session with VPD's recruiting staff. Come and hear a brief overview of policing as a career and what is involved in the VPD's selection process. Information Sessions are held at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 12

Saturday, December 10

Registration is not required. Information Sessions are held in the auditorium of the Justice Institute of B.C. Police Academy. The JIBC is located at 715 McBride Boulevard in New Westminster.

For details, visit: <http://vancouver.ca/police/recruiting/police-officers/information-sessions.html>

<http://canadianuniversiti.wixsite.com/cuebc>

VOLUNTEER

Mon, Nov 7 –Volunteer - RCMP Youth Advisory Committee Application Deadline

The RCMP is looking for youth between the ages of 14 and 18 who have something to say about the issues facing young people today, to get involved and be part of the conversation. They are looking for youth to join its YAC (Youth Advisory Committee). By participating, youth will be part of an exciting volunteer experience, be able to talk about youth issues and solutions, and have opportunities to connect with youth across BC using Facebook. For an application, email: yacbc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca