

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct.5	World Teacher Day
Oct. 5	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Oct.6	Photo Re-Takes
Oct.9	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
Oct.19	Semester 1 Interims
Oct.20	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
Oct.23	EducationUSA Info Session 6:00pm
Oct.25 & 26	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct.25 & 26	Early Dismissal – 12:50pm
Oct.31	Halloween
Nov.1	Take our Grade 9 Kids To Work Day
Nov.2	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Nov.8	Post Secondary Fair at lunch
Nov.10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov.13	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov.23	Semester 1 Report Cards
Nov.23	Grad Winter Formal
Nov.24	Pro-D Day (School Closed)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome students and parents to the 49th year at Burnett Secondary School – and our 22nd graduating class! Our first month back has been a busy one, but it is always great to see everyone again and meet all of our new students.

On September 5, we held grade assemblies to go over school policies and expectations and to talk about the various student activities planned for the year. We always emphasize the importance of student leadership and participation in shaping the school year. We encourage all students to do their best in their classes but to make sure to balance this with leisure activities and time to relax.

With the help of teachers, Student Council, Breaker Crew, Leadership students, and Grade 8 Buddies, we held a variety of activities throughout this month to welcome our new students, help them meet new friends and encourage them to become involved in the school. Highlights included our very popular Grade 8 Retreat at Camp Stillwood, a welcome back Grade 8 barbecue, Math Olympics scavenger hunt, and a Grade 8 dance!

This year, to support the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, the entire school participated in the Terry Fox Run on Sept 28. The event was kicked off with all staff and students on the back field for a school photo, thanks to Ms. Carvalheiro, and it is now our new newsletter banner above!

Our Meet the Teacher night was held on Thursday, September 21st and was, as always, very well attended. It is always nice to see that so many of you are able to join us for this very important evening. We appreciate your support.

On Friday, September 22, we held our first Professional Development day. At our Pro-D days throughout the year, staff work together to address our school goal to provide an enriching environment that respects, values, and celebrates diversity, promotes individual growth, and prepares the learner to be a well-rounded and responsible member of the larger community.

Please encourage your teen to set realistic goals and support them in becoming actively engaged in their learning and to participate in different aspects of the Breaker community. I encourage parents and guardians to stay connected, follow us on social media and subscribe to our website for the latest news and upcoming events.

I am looking forward to another great year and encourage you to continue to be part of your child's secondary school experience.

Mrs. Walker
Principal



Ms. A. Boni (EA)
Mr. B. Gresko (SS/ELL)
Ms. D. Keng (Resource)
Mr. J. Lim (SC/Resource)

Ms. K. Louie (French/English)
Ms. M. Murad (Counselling)
Mr. N. Rikukawa (Japanese)
Ms. J. Russell (Eng/Hum/Res)

Mr. I. Simpson (SS)
Ms. D. Verma (Librarian)
Ms. C. Yen (Math)
Mrs. L. Collins (VP)

GRADE 8 RETREAT AT CAMP STILLWOOD

What happens when you mix our Burnett staff, leadership students, and over one hundred and sixty enthusiastic Grade 8 Breakers? You get a combination of school spirit and a great beginning to a new school year. We hosted our 17th annual Grade 8 Camp September 18-21. This year the Grade 8 Retreat was held at Camp Stillwood and extended over three high-energy days.

Grade 8s engaged in a series of informative, active and fun events and team-building activities, enjoyed three meals together and BEAT the teachers at charades! The retreat aimed at fostering leadership skills and bringing together the school community.

Every aspect of the event was facilitated and led by a tremendous group of 40 student-leaders and supervised by many staff. A huge thank you to teachers Mr. Giesbrecht, Ms. Meralli, and Ms. Cain for their leadership and to all the other staff who helped make this event a success.



Outstanding start for the Grads of 2022!

GRADE 12 – GRAD 2018 NEWS

Grade 12 is a big year and there is a lot of information, deadlines and events for students and families to know. Grade 12s are encouraged to attend the university and college info sessions at Burnett, do their research, and make an appointment to see our Career Counsellor, Ms. Borres. Our next event is on Oct. 23 at 6:00pm where students are encouraged to attend the EducationUSA session. Our Burnett PSI Day is on Nov. 8th.

The Grad Boat Cruise was on Friday, September 15th. Grads cruised the downtown inner harbour and enjoyed the last few rays of evening sunshine. The next grad social event is our Grad Winter Formal on Nov. 23rd, please see Ms. Trouw now to pay for this fabulous event.

**ATHLETICS & CLUBS DAY – GET INVOLVED!**

All Burnett students are encouraged to get involved in at least one positive activity this school year. Try out for a team, volunteer as a manager or come out to games and cheer on your Breakers! We encourage you to join a club, audition for a play, participate in Spirit Weeks, or raise awareness or funds for local or global causes.

Check out our athletics website jburnett.sd38.bc.ca/breakers-athletics or contact Ms. Bateman, our Athletic Director for more information on our Fall and Winter Sports teams.



We hosted a very well-attended Clubs Day at lunch on Thursday, September 21st. This year, we will have over 30 clubs at Burnett! Listen to our student announcements for club meeting days and locations or read our Daily Announcements online on our website. We have also installed a new school calendar in our front entrance that will display and advertise school events.

TERRY FOX RUN 2017

A huge thanks to all staff and students for making this year's Terry Fox Run a great success! In particular, a special thanks to Ms. Bateman's PE 10 Incentive class for marshalling the race, ensuring everyone stayed on course, Ms. Cain's Planning 10 class who designed and created an awesome Terry Fox banner, Ms. Carvalho's Photography class who captured all the wonderful moments and memories, Burnett's STUCO crew who helped with set up, cheering students

along and positive school spirit, and Ms. Fackler's English 12 class who helped to collect over \$682 of donations!

Also, a big thanks to other student volunteers who took the initiative of designing promotional posters to inform students about the details of the Terry Fox Run. We were fortunately to have a beautiful sunny day for the Terry Fox Run, raised a considerable amount for cancer research and helped Terry's legacy live on.



"Anything is possible if you try" ~ Terry Fox.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – FOR RECONCILIATION & HOPE

September 30th is Orange Shirt Day which honours the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and remembers the thousands of children who did not survive.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's account of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission School and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Consider joining a newsletter to keep informed

<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=ofntvfdab&p=oi&m=1102923281582&sit=abvgjfyeb&f=ac33a2b9-7def-488f-ad66-9d5c32935be9>

WORLD TEACHER DAY

Just a reminder to all students and parents that Thursday, October 5th is World Teacher Day. Be sure to show your appreciation of the very important work our teachers do in helping prepare our children for a successful future!



PHOTO RE-TAKES

Any new students, or those who missed the original photo day, must have their photo taken on Friday, October 6. This photo is used for the student ID card and Translink.

As communicated on all of their print materials that students received, Artona requires students to submit their Student ID card when wanting a retake. All students wanting to retake their photo must bring their ID card to the camera. Translink only allows 1 active card.

If you are returning your photo package please give to photographer at the time of your retake.

CAFETERIA

Welcome back to Stacey Green and Heron Island catering. Students are always welcome to bring a healthy lunch, but there are times when you may choose to purchase food from our cafeteria. The food is healthy and inexpensive. They are open before school for some breakfast foods; offer a series of hot foods, and snacks for lunch, and close every day at 1:30pm. They have daily specials, so be sure to check out what they offer!

PARKING LOT AND DRIVING

A notice to parents and students about our school parking lot. We encourage our students to walk to and from school whenever possible or use public transportation. For families choosing to drop off their children, please follow our drop-off zone rules: do not idle your car or park your car in the drop-off lane unattended.

Our parking lot can be quite congested and at times, dangerous. If we can do more to limit the number of cars in the

parking lot, it will benefit the environment as well as all of our students.

P.E. CHANGEROOMS

Just as a reminder to all students who need to use the changerooms during their PE block or for afterschool games or practices. The changerooms are locations where thefts can and do occur. We strongly advise students against bringing anything of value to these areas, and if they must bring something important to them, they should have a lock to secure their items.

The PE staff will be locking the gate to the changeroom areas after students have had time to change, and will not be opening the doors again until class ends, so if you need to be dismissed early, you will have to make alternate arrangements.

WRITING A CHEQUE TO THE SCHOOL

Parents, when making payments by cheque for any school fees, please ensure the cheque has your child's name and student number in the memo line. The Business Assistant has some cheques that were misplaced from receipts that have no student name or number on them. Because parents' names may be different from their child's, we are unable to trace whom these payments are from.

If you have noticed any of your payments you may have made have not cleared your bank account, please contact Mrs. Trouw at 604-668-6478.

TEXTBOOKS

During the first weeks of school, textbooks were issued to your son/daughter. We have stressed with students that it is their responsibility to take good care of all textbooks. At the time the textbook is issued, the number and condition are recorded. At the end of the semester, students are expected to return the textbook that they were issued, in the same condition that it was when issued, accepting that there may be normal wear and tear.

Textbooks are very expensive and our supply is very limited. Parents should be aware that students will be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks (beyond wear and tear) at the end of the

semester. It is important to emphasize that students are required to hand in the textbook that has the number that they were issued, not simply a textbook that they may have ended up with. We do not wish to charge someone unfairly for a missing textbook that they are unable to return because someone else has it.

EXTENDED STUDENT ABSENCES

Just a reminder to parents that an extended absence from school affects a student's ability to keep up with his/her coursework, especially in a semester system. If your son or daughter will be absent for more than three days due to illness, please call the school so that we may inform the staff and gather homework.

EARLY WARNING CALL-IN PHONE LINE

The Early Warning phone line is up and running. Please phone 604-718-4007. Parents are asked to call the Early Warning line before school starts to report any absences or for the late arrival of their child(ren). Please call, and leave a message with your child's name and student number and the reason for their absence. You may call this number at any time – in the evening, during the night, or in the early morning. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of your child.

STAYING CONNECTED

We know that every member of our community leads a very busy life, balancing school, work and family responsibilities. At Burnett, we will do our best to communicate regularly with students, parents, and members of our wider school community. We invite everyone to bookmark and subscribe to our school website – it is the best source of the most up-to-date school information. Please stay connected!

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

Follow us on Twitter @BurnettBreakers



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS



Our mission: The Burnett PAC works to enhance communication between parents, students and the Burnett staff and administration. This is done through monthly meetings, and through certain special events. PAC meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the school staff room.

PAC Meetings: All parents/guardians of Burnett students are Burnett PAC members, and are invited to attend the PAC meetings, where we learn about events around the school and important issues affecting our children's education.

Our upcoming PAC meetings are the following Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.:

October 5 November 2 December 7

Dry Grad: In June, the PAC hosted a successful Dry Grad event for graduating Grade 12 students. Sarah Banno and Laura Smith, as co-chairs, worked incredibly hard to make the event a success. A huge **Thank You** to both of them, and to the close to 100 parents who volunteered their time.

It is never too early to volunteer for next year's Dry Grad, which will be held June 8, 2018. A Dry Grad Information meeting will be held in a couple of months. Please attend that meeting, or speak to one of the PAC Executives, if you are interested in helping. Parents/guardians of children in all grades are encouraged to volunteer.

PAC Legacy Scholarships: The following 2017 Burnett Grads received PAC Legacy Scholarships at the Valedictory Ceremony at the end of June: Vanessa Chan, Jerry Chung, Stefan Nagy-Gyorgy, Kitty Tu, Justin Yau, Brian Nei, Stephanie Chen, and Sunny Zhang. Congratulations to these students, and all the best in their future endeavors!

Donations: Please consider making a financial contribution to the PAC to be used for student activities throughout the year. The PAC provides support for extracurricular clubs and sports teams, conference days, Fine Arts, First Responders and Dry Grad, as well as provides monies towards scholarships each year. Donation forms will be sent out to parents in October.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns relating to the school or the PAC. My email is sholeh.salehi@gmail.com.

Along with 2017-2018 PAC Executives Razzak Paracha (PAC Vice-Chair), Zoilo Herico (PAC Treasurer), and Suzy Buckley (PAC Secretary), I wish you and your children a great school year.

Sholeh Salehi
PAC Chair

CAREER INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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/parents/newsletters>

Around the school campus: Announcements, school TV, bulletin boards outside the Counselling & Career Centre and Multi-Purpose Hall.



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

UPCOMING FALL 2017 EVENTS

Please mark your calendar for these important major events:

Mon, Oct 23/17 - EducationUSA Information Session

EducationUSA Information Session will be on October 23, Monday, at 6:00 pm, at JN Burnett Secondary School Multi-Purpose Hall. This is open to all Grades 9-12 Secondary students and parents. The US Embassy Ottawa's EducationUSA Advisor in Canada will discuss the admission requirements, tuition, scholarships, deadlines, student activities and residence. This is a great opportunity to get the information you need to plan ahead.

Information about EducationUSA can be found at <https://educationusa.state.gov/expe.../experience-studying-usa> Either register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/education-usa-information-sessi...> or drop-in on Oct 23, Monday, on or before 6:00 pm at JN Burnett Secondary School.

Wed, Nov 8/17, 12:43 – 1:28 pm, Gymnasium - PSIBC Event

Grades 9 to 12 students are invited to attend J.N. Burnett Secondary's Post-Secondary Institutions of BC (PSIBC) Fair. Representatives from various BC institutions will answer questions on programs, admission requirements, scholarships and more.

School Information Sessions

Oct 4, 1:00 pm, Library – University of California
 Oct 16, 11:24 & 1:33 pm, 2 classrooms – Savannah College of Arts
 Oct 17, 2:53 pm, Library – European Universities Consortium
 Oct 18, 2:53 pm, Library – University of Western Ontario
 Oct 23, 1:00 pm, Library – University of Fraser Valley
 Oct 23, 2:53 pm, Library – University of Guelph
 Oct 30, 1:00 pm, Library – Ryerson University
 Oct 31, 1:00 pm, Library – University of Victoria

APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY**FALL 2018 APPLICATIONS START OF ACCEPTANCE:**

UBC	Early September
Emily Carr University	Sept 15
Douglas College	Oct. 1
Langara College	Oct. 1
SFU	Oct. 1
KPU	Nov. 1
BCIT	Nov. 1
VCC	Continuous

FALL 2018 APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Emily Carr University	Jan. 15; Slideroom opens Nov. 14; Portfolio Feb. 1
Capilano University	Mar. 31
SFU	Feb. 28
UBC	Jan. 15 (Dec. 10 for Scholarship Consideration)
UVic	Feb. 28
Other Canadian Universities	End of Dec.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Tue, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm – Langara School of Management Information Session
 Sat, Oct 14 – Bishop's University Open House
 Fri, Oct 20 – Kwantlen Polytechnic University Richmond Open House
 Sat, Oct 21 – Thompson Rivers University Fall Open House
 Sat, Oct 21 – University of Alberta Open House
 Sat, Oct 21 & 28 – Carleton University Fall Open House
 Sat, Oct 28 – University of Ottawa Fall Open House
 Mon, Nov 6 – Langara College Fine Arts Information Session & Creative Arts Open House
 Thu, Nov 23 at 6:00 pm – Langara College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Information Session
 Sat, Mar 10 – Bishop's University Open House

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

Sat, Oct 14 (Sat 9-1:30pm) – SFU Go Eng Girl 2017 Event
 Sat, Oct 14 – UBC Engineering Exploration for Gr 9 High School Girls
 Wed, Oct 18 (Wed 5-6:30pm) – SFU Technovation Info Session
 Wed, Oct 25 – Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship Program application deadline
 Sat, Nov 4 – UBC Engineering Exploration for Gr 12 High School Girls
 Sat, Nov 17 – UBC Applied Science Open House
 Mon, Nov 20 – SHAD Summer Opportunity for Exceptional High School Students application deadline

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL

Fri, Oct 6 – Loran Scholarships Program In-School deadline
 Wed, Oct 11 – The University of Toronto National Book Award In-School Nomination Deadline
 Sat, Nov 4 – University of Toronto National Scholarship Deadline
 Sun, Nov 12 midnight PST – Vimy Pilgrimage Young Canadians Award
 Fri, Dec 1 – UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Application Deadline

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND EVENTS

Thu, Oct 12 – Carnegie Mellon University (USA) Information Session in Metro Vancouver