

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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)
Dec.7	Conference Day
Dec.7	Seniors' Brunch
Dec.7	PAC Meeting 7:00pm
Dec.22	PE Dance Showcase 1:30pm
Dec.22	Last Day before Winter Break

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Jan.8	1 st Day back from Winter Break
Jan.11	PAC Meeting 7:00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our Semester 1 Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences were completed last week. Two-thirds of our available slots were booked! It is encouraging to see the support Burnett families demonstrate to build student success by helping their children monitor their progress in all their courses through goal-setting, and discussions about their overall strengths and their areas in need of improvement.

I hope that the recent Thanksgiving long-weekend and Diwali Festival provided all members of our community an opportunity to reflect and appreciate everything we have to be thankful for – family, friends, prosperity, and good health. Living in Richmond puts us amongst the most fortunate citizens in the world. Our city is renowned for its innovative programs in the areas of environmental sustainability, accessibility, and inclusivity. I encourage our students to embrace the incredible opportunities they have at Burnett Secondary to learn and pursue any future that interests them, and to engage and grow as thinkers, problem-solvers, and as socially responsible citizens.

On October 18th, a group of enthusiastic Breakers attended the 2017 We Day celebration at Rogers Arena. Students from schools across British Columbia joined together for an unparalleled event inspired by world-renowned speakers, performers, and tens of thousands of youth to celebrate a year of action that transformed communities and changed lives. Our Student Council hosted a spooktacular Halloween Dance, with over 130 students coming together for a fabulous evening. Well done Breakers!

Mrs. Walker
Principal

NEW CURRICULUM TRANSITION EXTENDED FOR GRADUATION YEARS

Education Minister Rob Fleming announced on October 24th, that teachers, school districts, and post-secondary institutions will have one more year to prepare for the implementation of the new Grade 11-12 curriculum.

The additional year of transition is in response to feedback from educators in the K-12 sector, along with post-secondary partners, who need to ensure alignment of the new 10-12 curriculum with their admission processes and requirements. Students will also benefit from educators having more time to develop classroom supports such as instructional samples and assessment resources, and incorporate the curriculum's core competencies and Aboriginal content into their classrooms.

"BCCPAC appreciates that all educators want to be fully prepared to facilitate a smooth transition to the new curriculum," said Jen Mezei, president, B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

The Grade 11-12 curriculum will now be mandated for use in all B.C. classrooms starting September 2019. The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018. Meaning all current Grade 9 students will continue their learning with the new curriculum throughout their graduation years.

The first provincial-literacy graduation assessment will be moved to align with the new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum implementation, with the first assessment scheduled for January 2020. Our Burnett Math Department will participate in the staged roll-out of the provincial-numeracy graduation assessment in January 2018, with another session in June 2018.

2018 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are proud to announce that Neel Lahiri has been named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program! Approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the US and Canada are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES



In today’s fast-paced world, it can be easy to take our way of life for granted, and forget what so many men and women sacrificed for our freedoms. Our Remembrance Day assemblies will remind us to take time to honour those who have dedicated their lives to serve our nation. Each assembly will be approximately 30 minutes long and will take place on Friday, 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 9:50AM and the second one at approximately 10:45AM. This year’s ceremony will be a result of the contributions of many students from a variety of subject areas. Through your donations to the Legion Poppy Fund, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families who are in need.

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 10th.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross-Country season is in full swing and, even with the short season, we have lots of good news and great results. First off, from a team of 2 runners just 2 years ago, we now field a team of 17 runners and have a nice balance through all the grades.

Some highlights – Grade 8s Lianna Holz and Ethan N. Chin, have both won 3 races so far. Another newcomer – Everett Zhang has consistently finished top 5 in a competitive Junior Boys Division. The team veterans, Alison and Klara Marsh and Ben Huber continue to lead the team and have recorded a number of top 3 finishes.

On Wednesday, October 25th the team competed in the Richmond and Zone Finals. In the Junior Division (Gr 8 -10), Everett Zhang (5th) and Ethan Chin (14th) in the boys and Lianna Holz (17th) in the girls qualified for the Provincial Championships with Alison Marsh (27th) and Gary Xiang (24th) narrowly missing out. Both Junior teams finished 2nd in Richmond. In the Senior Division (Gr 11 - 12), Klara Marsh (21st) and Ben Huber (33rd) had excellent races against an extremely strong field.

Up next – Provincial Championships at Jericho Park in Vancouver on November 4th.

Coach: Dave Giesbrecht

Teams: Grade 8’s and 9’s – Ethan Chin, Brady Gear, Liana Holz, Louise Cham
 Grade 10’s – Alison Marsh, Jaia Manhas, Jensine Galano-Tan, Everett Zhang, Larry Long, Aidan Galan, Terence Yuen, Gary Xiang

Grade 11’s and 12’s – Steven Li, Eddie Kwok, Ben Huber, Klara Marsh, Gita Manhas



Ducks got into the action at the MacNeill Race Finish Line – October 18th

UBC ENGINEERING EXPLORATIONS

We had a lot of fun learning about engineering in UBC at Engineering explorations 9! We learned about robotics and made a Lego robot that can pick up a stuffed animal. We also toured around campus and met scientists who are doing interesting projects including building a Sailboat, a boat that can automatically sail to Hawaii.

Submitted by: Megan Ong
 People who went: Megan, Mary, Sarassa, Natalie, Anna, Samantha, Jacquelyn, Wendy, Serena and Alissa



WILD IN RICHMOND AT THE RICHMOND NATURE PARK

A group of Ms. Jessa's Science 9 students attended Wild in Richmond at the Richmond Nature Park on September 24th, in which they actively learned about the biodiversity of the park from a Naturalist. During this pleasant experience, they found out about the migration trails of hummingbirds, the feeding habits of local wildlife, and befriended Nippy the snake.

Submitted by: Louise Cham



Top Row (left to right): Beatrix Pinter, Kalina Winkelman, Louise Cham, Sam Jia, Alissa Chen

Bottom Row (left to right): Derek Dong, Kelvin Wong, Alex Li, Jacquelyn Tang, Nicole Jia



opportunity for young people to think more about the knowledge, skills, and competencies they may need to pursue a career that interests them. If you will be taking your Grade 9 child out of school on November 1st to participate in this day, please fill out the paperwork – available in the office or on line and return the forms to the school.

VANCOUVER WRITERS FESTIVAL

Ms. Russell, Ms. Verma and the Humanities 8 classes recently attended the Vancouver Writers Festival at Granville Island where students weighed in on climate issues and their role as young people to help save the planet. They also discovered two novels, one by Metis writer Cherie Dimaline titled "The Marrow Thieves", and the second by Vancouver-born author Ari Goelmam titled "The Innocence Treatment".



JNB ANIMAL RESCUE CLUB

Congratulations to the ARC club for a successful airport intake of our latest rescue dog, Odin. Odin had a very bumpy flight to Vancouver because of typhoon weather conditions, but he is now relaxing in his foster home with his new toys. Special thanks to all ARC Council members who prepared for his arrival and came to the airport to welcome this deserving dog to the start of his new life in Canada.



MS. JESSA'S SCIENCE 9 STUDENTS GO TO KPU'S OPEN HOUSE

Witnessing something in real life is nothing like having it described through the words of others. The 4-hour experience at KPU really opened a new door and allowed us to see what awaits us as we transition into our adulthood. From the dried ice soup bubbles to the towering bookshelves, we saw things that were beyond our comprehension, something new, something that motivated us to rethink, and make the best out of our futures!

Submitted by: Sarah Wong



TAKE OUR GRADE 9'S TO WORK DAY



This year Take Our Kids To Work day is Wednesday, November 1st. 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 guardian or family friend. This is a valuable

MRS. KUSEC'S WANDERING "INFECTIOUS DISEASES"



BURNETT ATHLETICS

Help Wanted! We have over 100 student-athletes representing our school in the RSSAA fall seasons, including Junior Girls' volleyball, Junior and Senior Boys' volleyball, Senior Boys' soccer, Swimming and Cross-Country. A special thank you to all of our staff and community coaches, as without your dedication, we do not have teams. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in coaching or helping to coach a Breakers Basketball team from November to March, please contact our athletic director Ms. Bateman at 604-668-6478 or email at: cbateman@sd38.bc.ca

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

On October 21st, staff participated in the Province-wide Professional Specialist Association Day. Our staff participated in a variety of professional learning activities throughout the Lower Mainland and had the opportunity to connect and learn with professionals in other schools, districts and with professional associations. This school year, there will be one Curriculum Implementation Day on Friday, November 24th. The purpose of this day is to provide teachers with time to work collaboratively with peers across the District on the revised curriculum. There will be no school for students on November 24th.

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION DAY

Wednesday, November 8th

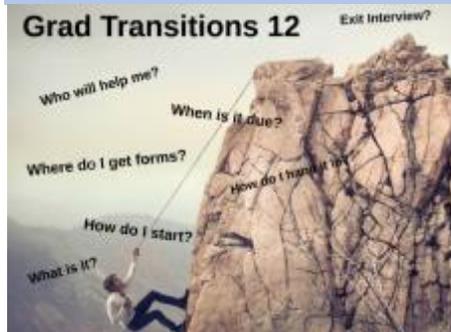
12:43pm – 1:30pm in the Large Gym

Universities and Colleges from all over BC will be coming to Burnett. Our Grade 10-12 students will get the opportunity to choose from 14 different schools. This is an amazing opportunity for all students to get information about the post-secondary institutions of their choice.

Mark this important date on your calendar.



GRADUATION TRANSITIONS



All Grade 12 students must complete all the requirements of the 4-credit Graduation Transitions or GT to graduate this year. Once completed, students receive a grade of RM for Requirements Met on their report card and Ministry Transcript. More information is available from Ms. Musani in room D207, if you have any questions or need help.

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.

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.

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



Have you heard the latest buzz?

The new L.C. (Learning Centre) will now be offered at lunch and after school Monday to Friday.

Room on down to the L.C. for all your homework needs to be sure to zip up your mark!

Need to make up a test? Zip on over!

OPEN @ LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL Mon-Fri

SOCIALS & ENGLISH Ms. Zuccolo ABCD days (Mon, Wed & Fri 1) Room D110	MATH & SCIENCE Ms. Zindler BADC days (Tues, Thur & Fri 2) Room D129	CHECK THE BOARD NEXT TO D129 FOR DETAILS & CALENDAR
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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.:

Thursday, November 2 (allocation of Gaming Funds from Staff requests)

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 2nd PAC meeting we will decide on the allocation of the Gaming Funds. Please join us at 7:00pm on November 2nd to help determine how the funds will be spent.

We will also start planning the December Staff Appreciation Breakfast at our November meeting.

Wednesday, December 6 (Parent Education night on "Anxiety" by Dr. MacNamara. This event will be held in the school theatre, and parents from Boyd Secondary School will also join us! **Please note that this is on a Wednesday, not the usual Thursday.**

Dry Grad: 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 ***

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.

I hope you join us at our next meeting Thursday, November 2, 2017!

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.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wed, Nov 8/17 - 12:43-1:28 pm, Gymnasium - PSI-BC (Post-Secondary Institutes of BC) visits JN Burnett Secondary School

School Information Sessions:

Mon, Nov 6/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – University of Calgary
 Tue, Nov 14/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Library – Kwantlen Polytechnic University
 Wed, Nov 15/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – University of Regina
 Mon, Nov 20/17, 1:00-1:28 pm., Room D124 – University of Alberta
 Mon, Nov 20/17, 2:55-3:55 pm, Multi-Purpose Room – University of Toronto
 Tue, Nov 21/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – Vancouver Community College
 Wed, Nov 22/17 – 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – University of Waterloo
 Thu, Nov 22/17, 2:55-3:55 pm, Multi-Purpose Room – University of British Columbia
 Mon, Nov. 27/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – Mount Royal University
 Mon, Nov 27/17, 2:55-3:55 pm, Room D124 – McGill University
 Tue, Nov 28/17, 2:55-3:55 pm, Multi-Purpose Room – Simon Fraser University
 Mon, Dec 4/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – Corpus Christi College
 Wed, Dec 6/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – Utah State University
 Tue, Dec 12/17, 1:00-1:28 pm, Room D124 – Langara College

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 file of your grades or mail an official paper transcript to your admissions office.

UBC and the Personal Profile

UBC has published new, helpful information for writing the Personal Profile, and they want all UBC applicants to have the benefit that comes with reading these tips.

Visit the Personal Profile page <http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/personal-profile/> to learn more about what to consider before writing your personal profile. Be aware of how UBC evaluates personal profiles.

Grade 12 students...If you submitted a 2018 Winter Session UBC online application for undergraduate admission prior to October 4, 2017, and you wish to resubmit your Personal Profile after reviewing the new profile information, contact the UBC Undergraduate Admissions Office at: <mailto:admissions.inquiry@ubc.ca>

Wed, Nov 1/17 - University of Toronto Application Suggested Deadline

Be familiar with admission requirements, important deadlines, how to apply, and submit documents.

The U of T Student Recruitment Office strongly encourages students to apply before their stated application deadlines and to submit all supporting interim/self-reported documentation as early as possible. In particular, students are strongly encouraged to apply by November 1, 2017. If you are a Canadian resident or international applicant (not currently attending an Ontario high school), apply to U of T via OUAC

at: <https://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/> <https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/105-toronto/>
<http://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates> <https://www.utoronto.ca/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID:

Fri, Nov 17/17 - Queens University Chancellor's Scholarship Nomination ~ In-School Deadline

Fri, Dec 15/17 - Burger King Scholarship Program

For details visit: <https://bkmclamorefoundation.org/who-we-are/programs/burger-king-scholars-program/>

Fri, Dec 15/17 - University of Calgary Prestige Awards deadline

Prestige Awards Competition

[Chancellor's Club Scholarships](#)

[Leader in Health Sciences Scholarships](#)

[Schulich School of Engineering Scholarship and Awards](#)

For awards information visit: <http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards/entrance/high-school>

Fri, Dec 15/17 - Schulich Leader Scholarships "in-school nomination" deadline

Nominees should be planning to enroll for STEM programs at one of the partner universities

For more details, visit: <http://www.schulichleaders.com/>

Sun, Jan 10/18 – Western University National Scholarship Program In-school Nomination Deadline

The awards are:

President's Entrance Scholarships

International President's Entrance Scholarships

National Scholarship Study Abroad Awards

National Merit Awards

For details, check: http://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/national_scholarship_program.html

INTERESTING PROGRAMS:

Thu, Nov 16/17 or Wed, Feb 21/18 - Youth Train in Trades Workshops (Plumbing or Professional Cook)

The Career Programs Office is offering the 'Education on Action' series in 2017/18. Experience a morning in the SD38 'Youth Train in Trades' Professional Cook Program or the Plumbing Program. Acquire practical hands-on skills. These workshops are open to Grade 8 - 12 students. Limited seats available. Register on or before Nov. 9/17 or Feb 14/18 for the Nov 16/17 and Feb 21/18 events respectively. To register for one of the workshops, contact Ms. Mah at: sumah@sd38.bc.ca or 604-668-6000 ext. 3766.

<http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/.../education-action-ace-it-...>

<http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/about-us/forms-flyers>

Varied Dates – Encounters With Canada

Learn more about Canada's diverse cultures, and its history, leaders, accomplishments and important institutions. For details, check

https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/begin_your_adventure

To register: <https://www.ewc-rdc.ca/pub/en/register>

EVENTS:

Sat, Nov 4/17 - KPU Music Information Session, Langley Campus- West Room 1030, 1:00 PM

Sat, Nov 4/17 – UBC Engineering Grade 12 Girls Conference

Tue, Nov 7/17 - Acadia University Parent & Student Night 2017 in Vancouver

Wed, Nov 15/17 - BCIT Big Info Night, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Fri, Nov 24/17 - Discovery Day - KPU Richmond

Sat, Nov 25/17 - University of Alberta Vancouver Advising Session

Sat, Nov 25/17 - UBC Sauder (BCom) Fall Preview Event

Sat, Nov 25/17 - Bosa Centre for Film & Animation Open House at Capilano University

Sat, Dec 2/17 - National Portfolio Day at Emily Carr University of Art + Design - Great Northern Way Campus, 520 East 1st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5T 1V7 on Saturday, December 2, 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Fri, Dec 22/17 - French For The Future National Essay Contest