



JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

- Jan.7 1st Day back from Winter Break
- Jan.10 PAC Presentation 7:00pm
- Jan. 17 Meet the Teacher / Open House 6:30pm
- Jan.24 English 12 Provincial Exam 9am
- Jan.24-25 Numeracy Exam
- Jan.28 ProD DAY – School Closed
- Jan.29 Semester Turnaround– School Closed
- Jan.30 First Day of Semester 2
- Feb.4 Report Cards Published
- Feb.7 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
- Feb.8 Conference Day
- Feb.15 ProD Day – School Closed
- Feb.18 Family Day – School Closed

As this is our last newsletter before the new year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff at Burnett, to wish you a very happy holidays and a safe and restful winter vacation! We hope the new year brings good health, prosperity, and happiness to all of our Burnett community.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO....

... **our Breakers that Believe Club**, for their eagerness to work with Mr. Joe, Mr. Leung, Mrs. Collins and myself to organize our annual Christmas brunch for the senior citizens in our community. This year was another fantastic event! Thank you to Stacey Green Catering for their sponsorship and help with catering this year’s luncheon!

... **Ms. Freeman and our Band and Choir** students for a festive and merry Winter Concert! The Grade 8 Band, Concert Band, Choir, and Jazz Band impressed our parents, staff, and friends.

...**the entire student body and staff at Burnett**, all of whom participated in our recent Conference Day. Special thanks goes out to Mr. Bevan for facilitating the day. And to Ms. Carvalho-Nunes, Mr. Joe, Ms. Mason, and Ms. Taylor for their work on our Conference Day Committee.

... **our new Athletic Council**, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Carv., and Mr. Lim for their organization of our Intramural lunch time activities and Pep Rally. The Athletic Council held their first intramural event for our Grade 8s – Dodgeball! This amazing team of students will be adding more lunch events in the new year.

... **our new Junior Leadership program leader** – Mr. Lim! Any students interested in leadership opportunities at lunch or after school should visit our new Junior Leadership classroom in room D135A. It will have a fresh coat of paint in the new year!

A very special thank-you to our PAC once again for putting on a remarkable staff appreciation breakfast on December 14th. Our PAC members continue to work tirelessly to support our school. We are very lucky to have the support and commitment from our PAC group and appreciate all that they do for us.

Mrs. Walker
Principal

STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

On December 14th, the PAC hosted a Staff Appreciation Breakfast to show our gratitude to the staff for their hard work and dedication to enhancing our children's education. We had a great turnout, and hope the staff enjoyed themselves and the delicious food.

A big thank you to Shilpa Sharma for organizing the breakfast. Thank you, also, to Mellissa Yu, Garrie Chan, Melody Shi, Alice Fung, Suzanne Judge, Janice McGill, Harjeet Manhas, Helen Dong, Jen Dahl, Kelly Qiao, Razzak Paracha, Suzy Buckley, Lucy Lee Bae, Grace Qin, and Jade, who volunteered their time and breakfast dishes. This event could not happen without you! We would also like to thank Sarah Banno, Laura Smith, and Stephanie and John Nomellini, who have been the backbone of the breakfast crew for years, and have been instrumental in its continued success.



JNB'S ANIMAL RESCUE AND CARE CLUB (ARC)

JNB's Animal Rescue and Care Club (ARC) is looking for donations of items, gift cards, or gift certificates for their e-auction in the new year. Funds raised will go towards helping domestic and wild animals in need through our partner rescue groups and our own dog rescue and training program. Please contact ARC sponsor teacher Margaret Galan at Burnett if you are able to donate.



BLAIR BUDDIES WINTER READING PARTY



Blair Dragon grade 2 and 3 came to visit their big reading buddies in the library. Ms. Galan's and Ms. Wu's students had worked hard to bring magical picture book stories to life. What can be better on a dreary winter day than great stories and some friends to share them with?

YEARBOOK

This year we are selling our yearbooks on our 50th Anniversary year. There will be everything from flashbacks of our 50 years to all the events that are happening all year. Come and buy your yearbook before they sell out as we have limited numbers. See Ms. Trow to get your order in as the last day to order is coming up very soon!

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SENIORS' BRUNCH

On Friday, December 21st, students from JN Burnett Secondary's Breakers that Believe Club hosted our annual Seniors' Brunch. It was a fabulous holiday celebration for 108 seniors from the Richmond community. They enjoyed entertainment from the Jazz Band under the direction of Ms. Freeman, the Glee club and Ms. Zuccolo, a visit from Santa and student MCs. The students spent the morning serving soup, sandwiches and dessert, while also getting to know the seniors through conversations, singing, and even some dancing!

A big thank you to Mr. Joe who worked with the Leadership students to organize this wonderful event. At the end of the brunch, the seniors received a Santa ornament prepared by Ms. Taylor and her Art students. Well done and a big thank you to everyone who participated and helped.



PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Not too long after the holidays, we will be near the end of Semester One and Grade 12's will be preparing for their provincial exam. The provincial exams that will be written that week are: **English 12 (January 24)**. This information and much more is also available on the Ministry website, which is www.bced.gov.bc.ca/.

NUMERACY EXAM

Course-based provincial exams are being replaced by Numeracy and Literacy assessments. This move was based on consultation with the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment.

The Numeracy exam is scheduled for Friday, January 24 - 25th. Detailed information about the numeracy assessment can be found under [Graduation Assessments](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation). <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation>

SEMESTER 2 MEET THE TEACHER / OPEN HOUSE

Parents/Guardians are asked to mark January 17th, 2019 on their calendars.



We will be hosting our Semester 2 Meet the Teacher evening on this date. As well, we are planning for an Open House and our 50th Anniversary Celebration! Parents, students and alumni are welcome to view student work from all areas of our school. The evening will end with a presentation by our counsellors for Grade 8 – 11 parents/guardians on our Program Planning process for 2019-20.

NEW! ATHLETIC COUNCIL



Dodgeball at lun

PROGRAM PLANNING 2019 - 20

Included below are the dates for our Parent Program Planning meetings and Student Program Planning sessions in February 2019. Please mark these dates in your calendar as we look towards programs for next year.

- Jan. 11 Hand out Semester 2 timetables
- Jan. 17 Grade 7 Parent Information Evening (For parents of students who will be in Grade 8 next year)
- Jan. 17 Grade 8 - 11 Program Planning Night
- Feb. 28 Deadline for school transfer applications



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 have had several recent thefts in December of items that were left in the PE changeroom in UNLOCKED lockers. 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.

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 – www.jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca



Follow us on Twitter @BurnettBreakers

SNOW DAYS

The snowflakes we saw in early November may be a sign of snowy winter season! Parents are reminded that our **SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN**, unless officially closed by the Richmond School District. If it is snowing, please do not phone the school – listen to the radio and check the school and SD38 websites for updates. <https://www.sd38.bc.ca/Pages/Weather-Alerts-School-Closures.aspx>

IDLING CARS

Attention all drivers: idling is a violation under the traffic bylaw 5870 Section 12.15.1 and carries a fine of \$75.00 but also doing so is not sustainable or saving the planet No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle at any one time:

- a) For more than three minutes unless queued with stopped traffic in the travel portion of the street; or
- b) While unattended

If you have stopped your car in a parking space or in front of the school, please ensure that you turn your car off if you are waiting for someone. Please do not sit in your car and let it idle.

REMINDER TO PARENTS – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS



Burnett Secondary School
WILL BE CLOSED

December 25, 2018 to January 5, 2019

First day back to school is:
Monday, January 7, 2018

AND

January 28 and January 29, 2019
First day of Semester 2 is:
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Have you heard the latest buzz?

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

Zoom on down to the L.C. for all your homework needs to be sure to Zap 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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Celebrating our International Student Birthdays!



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.

Upcoming Events

January 10, 7:00 pm: Continuing the parent information sessions, the PAC is sponsoring a presentation by Constable Eric Chan, the school RCMP liaison officer, on Internet Safety and Toxic Socialization through Social Media. As parents, we all worry about social media and how it is affecting our children, and Constable Chan will address some of these issues. This is an important topic, and we hope to see you there. Note: The PAC meeting scheduled on that day is cancelled.

February 7, 7:30 pm: PAC Meeting

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and very best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year!

Suzy Buckley
PAC Chair

DRY GRAD

The sign up list for Dry Grad 2019 has now been posted online and is ready for you to sign in and volunteer for this year's event (June 7-9, 2019). The sign up can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4eabab2ca0f58-burnett1>. **Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success!**

If you do not want to sign up for a shift, you can also help out by making a donation to the dry grad of cash or a prize that can be given away as part of the prize draw on the night of the event. If you prefer one of these options, please contact the dry grad committee (Kathy, Laura and Sarah) at jnburnettdrygrad@gmail.com for further details on how to make such a donation.

Any form of assistance is appreciated!

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>



CAREER INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

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, Sheila Carter: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:

EVENTS:

Canadian Forces Info Sessions - Coming up in 2019

Jan 10th Thursday, from 6-8 PM at the CAF office located at 620 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

-Paid Education Opportunities. This will be the last information session on paid education for this year's intake as the deadline to apply is January 31st

Jan 24th Thursday, from 6-8 PM at the CAF office located at 620 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

-In-Demand Trades

Feb 7th Thursday, from 6-8 PM at the CAF office located at 620 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

-General Information Session

Feb 21st Thursday, from 6-8 PM at the CAF office located at 620 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

-In-Demand Trades

Mar 7th Thursday, from 6-8 PM at the CAF office located at 620 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC

-General Information Session

For more information, contact: Simon.chow@forces.gc.ca / Tel: 604-694-6390 ext 6311 / Cell: 604-417-2466

INTERESTING PROGRAMS:

Tue, Jan 8/19 - Deadline to apply to UBC's Sciences Po Dual Degree Program - This program is a great fit for students who are interested in politics, international relations, and global issues. Many Dual Degree students aspire to study law or to work in public policy, government, diplomacy, or humanitarian and international organizations. Applying to the UBC Sciences Po Dual Degree program involves a two-step application process: first, students apply for a UBC BA and then submit a supplemental application. Successful students will be shortlisted for an interview. More info at <http://sciencespo.ubc.ca>

Mon, Dec 3/18 - Queen's University Enrichment Studies Unit Online Registration Opens

The enrichment Studies Unit at Queen's University has connected students in Grades 7 – 12 with challenging and inspiring academics alongside the dynamic learning and living environment of university life. Financial Aid and Awards are available for students who require financial assistance. For more information, visit <https://esu.queensu.ca/programs/#esu-programs-list>

University of Toronto Summer Programs

DEEP Summer Academy

Offered each summer by the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, the Da Vinci Engineering Enrichment Program (DEEP) gives high school students a taste of what it's like to study science, technology, engineering, and business at an advanced level. Grade 10 and 11 students with a passion for the applied sciences to complement their studies with this unique experience are invited. For details, check <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GU8gWX1lwKg>

Youth Summer Program

Every summer, high school students are offered an exclusive glimpse into the world of Medicine and Law through the Youth Summer Program (YSP). Students participate in the exploration of the respective fields, career opportunities, and what they should be thinking about and doing in high school to prepare themselves for post-secondary admission and education. For details, check

<http://yssp.utoronto.ca/>

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

University of Alberta Updates

Wed, Dec 12/18 - Scholarships and Awards Deadline

Be one of the recipients of the over \$28 million in awards each year through UofA's admission-based and application-based awards programs. Students can learn more about the available scholarships at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards?v=canadian> New this year: one application for all application-based awards!

Jan 29 – 31/19 - UAlberta Info Week

Get a chance to:

- Learn more about what you'll study
- Find out what you'll need to get admitted into various degree programs
- Discover career paths
- Ask admission questions

For more information visit uab.ca/infoweek.

Deadline Reminders:

Mar 1/19 - Application deadline for most direct-entry programs

Apr 30/19 - Deadline to submit updated courses and marks

Apr 30/19 - Deadline to apply to residence for a guaranteed spot

May 1/19 - Deadline to accept an admission offer

For more information visit uab.ca/apply.

Wed, Jan 16/19 - Schulich Information Session

Learn more and register at uab.ca/schulich.

Sun, Feb 10/19 - Boarding UAlberta

Out of province grade 11 students are invited to take off to Alberta's capital city and discover everything the University of Alberta has to offer. Their first class experience will include flight reimbursement, accommodation, and a whirlwind weekend of exciting events!

Students must apply by February 10, 2019 at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/boarding-ualberta?v=canadian>

Campus Tours

Let UofA show you around! A campus tour is the best way to discover everything that the U of A has to offer. Faculty and general one-on-one advising sessions are available, as well as individual and group tours. Note: campus tours will be closed from December 15, 2018 through January 7, 2019. Learn more and book at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/campus-tours?v=canadian>

Online events

Students are invited to an online chat where they can speak with UAlberta Advisors and get their questions answered. Students can RSVP and find more information on additional presentations and chats scheduled throughout the year at <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/online-events?v=canadian>

UBC Science One

This is UBC's flagship first year science program to prepare students for any honours level science degree, and provide a foundation for graduate school or professional schools. Students who have a genuine interest in science and want to join a community of scientists are encouraged to apply. Though the program is rigorous, they're not necessarily looking for students with the highest grades. They're looking for people who want to pursue science. Students should know that competitive programs like CAPS and Medical School recognize Science One as being a strong foundation.

CSP is for students who want exposure to all the sciences in a cohort setting. It is a standard time-table and is first come first serve during registration in June. Because it's first come-first serve and has a standard time table, the program attracts very strong students.

In addition to applying for Admission to UBC in the Faculty of Science, students must apply to Science One with a separate on-line application form <https://scienceone.ubc.ca/apply>.

University of Calgary Update

How to Series: Uploading documents to your undergraduate application

Advice for how to upload digital documents to your undergraduate application for admission at the University of Calgary. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ud2kRtMyPcM>

University of Toronto Updates

Mandatory Self-Reported Grades

Each eligible applicant's Join U of T (<http://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/applying>) account will specify the self-report form in the Required Documents section. To complete the form, students need only have a copy of their transcript, report card or academic report on hand: they can then simply enter their Grade 11 final grades, as well as their Grade 12 courses and midterm grades.

In addition to completing the self-reported grades form, students should **also** upload their transcripts, report card or academic reports. While uploaded files are considered unofficial, they can be used to begin the assessment process.

Admission Rounds

New for 2019, all admission decisions for high school applicants will be released in three rounds (February, March/April, and May) to ensure that the most competitive students from all jurisdictions will be admitted. Please start your applications early and submit materials as soon as you can, so you'll have ample time to identify and fill any gaps. If documents do arrive after the published deadline, the admissions committee will still review the application—space permitting—but be aware that once a program reaches its enrolment capacity, admission to that program closes.

Entrance Scholarships

To be considered for entrance scholarships that take financial need or community involvement into account, eligible students should complete their Awards Profile no later than February 1, 2019. Applicants can access the Awards Profile through the Join U of T website. All applicants, of course, are automatically assessed for academic merit-based awards.

March Break Law School Experience at U of T

The University of Toronto Faculty of Law is once again pleased to offer a March Break module for students in grades 10 – 12 interested in discussing legal concepts, learning about the realities of our legal system, and applying their knowledge in a variety of engaging interactive activities.

In the Shoes of a Law Student: The Complete Law School Experience

How do you get into law school? What is it like being a law student? What types of careers are available in the field of law? The brand new March Break youth program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law explores these questions and more. This one-week module offers grade 10-12 students a unique glimpse into the study of law at Canada's leading law school. Through interactive workshops, lectures, field trips and legal simulations, students will immerse themselves in the world of legal education and step into the shoes of a law student. Register at:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/UniversityofTorontoYSP#/selectSessions/2490804>

FINANCIAL AID

Fri, Jan 11/19 - Western University National Scholarship In-School Deadline for Nomination Consideration

An original 1000-1250 word essay on a public concern issue which is important to you (in pdf format), and written by you is required. To access the National Scholarship online application, you will need your OUAC reference number. With the exception of the International President's entrance Scholarship applicants, National Scholarship applicants must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada. All applicants must have obtained a minimum overall academic average of 90% on all Grade 12 U/M courses (or equivalent) and applied for admission for full-time studies at main campus.

The deadline for schools to submit nominations is Feb 14 2019. For full scholarship details visit: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/nationalscholarshipstudent/students/nsintropage.cfm>

Fri, Feb 8/19 - The British Columbia School Superintendents Association (BCSSA) Scholarship Application Deadline

The BCSSA will award six scholarships to students planning to pursue post-secondary studies. Applicants must be in grade 12 in BC. One finalist chosen from each of the six BCSSA provincial chapters to receive a \$1000 scholarship.

The scholarship committee will consider demonstrated exemplary service and leadership within the school and community. Letters of reference will be required affirming the applicant's accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of life for young people through volunteer work and other activities. In addition, the applicant must submit a 450-word-description of how his/her volunteer service has made a difference in the lives of others. For details, please visit <https://bcssa.org/2018/10/23/2019-student-scholarships/>

Fri, Feb 15/19 - Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Deadline (New this year)

Beedie Luminaries is a social-profit enterprise designed to help remove barriers to education and provide support for promising students who are facing financial adversity. Students who are smart, but constrained by circumstance. There are 50 scholarships in 2019 (pilot year): \$40,000 per student for a 4-year undergraduate degree and \$15,000 per student for a 2-year college or trade-school diploma. Also includes "Stay on Track" student support, annual student team-building retreat, access to mentors and summer paid internship opportunities. Complete details and the application link available at <https://beedieluminaries.ca/program/>