



JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

- Mar. 18-29 - Spring Break
- Apr. 1 School Re-opens
- Apr. 4 PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
- Apr. 19 Good Friday - school closed
- Apr. 22 Easter Monday - school closed
- Apr. 26 Report Cards published
- May 2 PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
- May 3 Conference Day
- May 17 Pro-D Day – school closed
- May 20 Victoria Day – school closed
- May 31 Grade 7 Orientation
- June 6 PAC Meeting (7:30pm)
- June 7 Grad Dinner & Dance (5pm)
- June 8 Dry Grad (12am)
- June 20 Awards Ceremonies
- June 27 Valedictory (7pm)

On March 5th, we welcomed girls' and boys' basketball teams from Blair, Grauer, McKay, Spulukwucks, and Thompson elementary schools to our annual Breaker Classic. Thank you to Ms. Reidy and Mr. Morra, their leadership students, and many of our basketball team members for running an amazing tournament for our future Breakers! The next event for all incoming Grade 7s will be our *Grade 7 Orientation & Fun Day* on May 31st.

Congratulations to Ms. McNee and Theatre and Company's 2019 Main Stage presentation of *subText!*

Our Semester 2 Interim reports went home with our students on March 5th. We encourage parents and students to sit down together and discuss progress to date. Celebrate the successes and speak honestly about areas that may need some improvement before the end of the school year.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our Collaboration Time Committee parent presentation on March 7th. Parents provided valuable feedback to our committee. We would like to provide any parents that were not able to attend an opportunity to provide our committee additional feedback using the following link:

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=823K652#>

For more detailed information regarding Collaboration Time, please visit our website to download the committee's proposal.

We are also very proud of the accomplishment of our Reach for the Top and Robotics teams! Please read the teams' write up in our newsletter.

We wish all members of our Burnett community a well-deserved spring break! The important final three months of the school year are typically very busy for students, so we look forward to seeing everyone feeling rested and ready to go again on Monday, April 1.

And lastly, we say a fond farewell to our Superintendent, Sherry Elwood. Ms. Elwood has been a dedicated, respected, and passionate leader. We wish her all the best in her retirement. We welcome Scott Robinson, as our incoming Superintendent, and look forward to his leadership in the next phase of our district's growth and development.

Mrs. Walker
Principal



HOUSTON, HERE WE COME! BURNETT ROBOTICS

When the J.N. Burnett Secondary Robotics team pressured their teacher into entering the Canadian Pacific Regional Championships in Victoria, they barely had enough cash to build a robot. Seeded last of 35 in a competition awash with decorated and richly sponsored rivals from around the world, the first hurdle for the rookie team's cheap and cheerful 125-pound, 30-square-inch wooden invention was passing the pre-event inspection. Other teams had laundry lists of corporate sponsors, with budgets in the hundreds of thousands. Burnett's team started with no sponsorship and no budget. What they did have, was a belief that they could compete if given the opportunity.

Fast forward to the climax of the two-day event last weekend and the eight-strong Burnett team – mostly Grade 11s – stood together, staring at the giant scoreboard waiting for the results of their final match to be posted.

The scores flashed up and, to their amazement, Burnett, allied with number one seed Hawaii and New Zealand, had shocked everyone by winning the team alliance category and were on their way to the world championships in Houston, TX next month.

The boys are now desperately trying to fund the \$5,000 (U.S.) entry fee for the world finals and the estimated \$12,000 (U.S.) flight, accommodation, and food costs.

Through a very generous donation by Charitable Impact's CEO, Dan Brodie, Arora Industrial Machines, and a grant from FIRST Robotics Canada, the team is almost half-way to their goal to raise \$20,000 before they depart on April 17th, 2019.

Please consider donating to our team by using the following link. A tax receipt is automatically generated when using the site.

<https://chimp.net/groups/robotics-world-championships-school-district-38>



Visit the FIRST website: <https://www.firstchampionship.org/houston> for details of our trip.

A few links to articles of our journey:

<https://www.btvancouver.ca/videos/richmond-teens-to-represent-canada-at-robotics-world-cup/>

<https://www.richmond-news.com/news/wooden-robot-steers-cash-strapped-richmond-rookies-to-world-championships-1.23664270>

<http://www.richmondsentinel.ca/Lateststories/5960/burnett-grabs-robotics-crown>

JUNIOR REACH FOR THE TOP – GOES FOR BRONZE!

The Junior Reach for the Top Team overcame a bottom-of-the-bracket placement after the round robin to capture the bronze medal at the Provincial Championships. They shocked rival (and past Provincial Champions) fourth-ranked Churchill in the round of sixteen.

Four exciting games, including a stunning victory over University Transition (top private prep school), led to their third place finish. Organizers were so shocked that a public school from Richmond reached the podium that they had to ask our name several times prior to our announcement. Congratulations to our outstanding team!

BURNETT GRADS 2019 ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

There are thousands of dollars worth of scholarships that are available to Burnett grads every year. These will be awarded at this year's Valedictory Ceremony.

To be eligible for these scholarships, students must complete and submit the online application form by April 18, 2019.

Included in this Online Scholarship Application Form is a section to apply for District Authority Scholarships. These scholarships require a teacher nomination. If you feel you are a candidate for one of these scholarships, please see a staff member to be nominated. More information about the District Authority Scholarships is included on the Online Scholarship Application Form.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Mrs. Keogh or your counsellor.

The application form can be found on our school website by using the following link:

<https://survey.sd38.bc.ca/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=923H752&Preview=true#>

CANUCK PLACE – COOKIE DAY

Congratulations to our Quarter for Change Club and our Junior Leadership students for raising \$170 for Canuck Place's inaugural Cookie Day fundraiser.

Our senior students mentored our junior leadership students in baking and entrepreneurship skills. Thank you to Mrs. Keogh and Mr. Lim for their support!



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.

PAC LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

All interested Grade 12 students are invited to apply for the Burnett PAC Legacy Scholarships. Please encourage your grad to have a discussion with their counsellor or Mr. Bevan about this scholarship. The PAC Legacy Scholarship presentations allow grads to showcase their work and reflect on how their time at JN Burnett has helped shape them and their goals, and make them eligible to win a scholarship. Parents will judge the student presentations in late May (time TBA).

Based on our current budget, we will be giving out five \$500 scholarships.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to enable the PAC to increase the number of scholarships given. Please contact Suzy Buckley or the school for a donation form. Cheques MUST be made out to School District #38 for a tax receipt to be issued. Thank you!

Please note these dates for upcoming events:

Thursday, April 4 at 7:30pm – PAC meeting

- We will choose a date in May for judging the PAC Legacy Scholarships

Thursday, May 2 at 7:30pm – PAC meeting

- The Annual General Meeting with elections for 2019/2020 PAC executives
- We will plan for the June Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, June 6 at 7:30pm – PAC meeting

Dates TBA:

Late May - PAC Legacy Scholarship judging. Parents will be needed to help judge - no experience necessary!

June - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

For information or questions about the Parent Advisory Council please contact
Suzy Buckley at sbuckley@yahoo.com

DRY GRAD COMMITTEE

Dry Grad is an event that provides students with a safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation. It is a fully adult-supervised fun event, sponsored by the PAC, where the grads can celebrate their graduation with their friends in a safe environment. It was established at JN Burnett in 2005. The Dry Grad committee, along with many other volunteers, decorates the school gyms, arranges a fun night of games and entertainment and provides lots of food and refreshments! There are some prizes, too!!

Although this event is for Grade 12 students, we need all JN Burnett parents to volunteer.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!!

What we need from you?

1. Grade 12 Parents/Guardians: Have your child buy their ticket (if haven't done so already). We need to know our numbers in order to make this event as fabulous as possible!!
2. ALL Parents: Volunteer -- please! We need you! Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4eabab2ca0f58-burnett1>
Any amount of time you are able to contribute is welcome and greatly appreciated! (You can help a little, or A LOT!)

For more information, please contact the Dry Grad Co-Chairs (Kathy, Laura and Sarah) at jnburnettdrygrad@gmail.com

CAREER 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. Carter.**

MY BLUEPRINT WEBSITE - <https://www.myblueprint.ca/>

Plan your education, career and your future with myBlueprint. myBlueprint helps students keep track of education and career plans. It provides detailed information on a variety of occupations and will link these occupations to training or educational facilities in Canada and the USA. Create a new account by visiting [myblueprint.ca/sd38](https://www.myblueprint.ca/sd38). Click “Sign Up,” select “School” (JN Burnett Secondary School) and “Create Account.”

CAREER CRUISING WEBSITE - <http://www.careercruising.com/>

Visit the Career Cruising website to take an ‘interest test’ (Matchmaker section). Career Cruising provides detailed information on a variety of occupations and will link these occupations to training or educational facilities in Canada and the USA. See your Career Advisor for the username and password.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

“Selecting A Skilled Trade? Here Are 7 Things To Keep In Mind”

<https://talentegg.ca/incubator/2016/03/07/selecting-skilled-trade-7-mind/>

APR 5/19 - Final Deadline to Apply for Youth Train in Trades Career Programs

For more information about opportunities to learn while in high school.

see: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/our-programs>

**Post-Secondary Open Houses in April****APR 6/19 - UAlberta Registration Sessions in Vancouver**

U of A will be offering sessions to students who have received offers of admission to U of A, to help them determine which classes to register for in first year, how to design their schedule and how to register using ‘Bear Tracks’.

Location: Four Seasons Hotel. Vancouver, Garibaldi Room, (791 W. Georgia Street)

Time: Session 1: Science Programs, 9:00 am

Session 2: General Programs, 11:30 am

RSVP at: <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/admission/register-in-courses/reg-101-workshops>

APR 7/19 U.S. College Expo in Vancouver

Meet U.S. college and university representatives and guest speakers at this one day event which is free of charge. At this event students will gain an understanding of the US admissions process, including the application and selection process, financing, and student athlete applications.

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm - US College Admissions Panel Discussion
2:00pm - 4:00pm - Public Exhibit

Place: Vancouver Sheraton Wall Centre, 1088 Burrard St., Vancouver

Register: <http://uscollegeexpo.com/vancouver-sheraton-wall-centre>

Vancouver Police Department Information Sessions

Interested applicants for Police Officer or Special Municipal Constable positions are invited to attend an Information Session with our recruiting staff. Come hear a brief overview of policing as a career, and what is involved in the VPD's selection process. Pre-registration for Information Sessions is not necessary.

Information Sessions are held in the auditorium of the Justice Institute of B.C. Police Academy at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The JIBC is located at 715 McBride Boulevard in New Westminster.

**2019 INFORMATION SESSION DATES**

Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, Oct 5, Nov 9, Dec 14.

Summer Camps**APR 1/19 New Westminister Student Police Academy**

Are you a grade 11 or 12 student who is curious about a career in policing? Want to learn from the best about investigative methods and advanced driving techniques? Then consider applying for the New Westminister Police Department Student Police Academy. Application deadline is April 1, 2019 and the fee to apply is \$50.

2019 Student Police Academy Application Form

The Academy runs from July 2 – July 12, 2019.

This two-week program gives you a behind the scenes look at all aspects of being a police officer. From physical conditioning and self-defence tactics, to scenario-based simulations and firearm safety, you'll receive from police the most up to date tactical training.

You will learn about the many different aspects of policing from exciting guest speakers. Meet members of the K9 Unit, see the police helicopter – Air 1 up close, and get out on the water with the NWPD Marine Unit.

This is your opportunity to see what it takes to be a police officer.

<https://www.nwpolice.org/join-nwpd/student-police-academy/>

APR 5/19 eMentoring program deadline

eMentoring is a unique mentoring program for high-school aged girls who are interested in or curious about STEM careers. eMentoring is a **free 8-week** program that pairs girls in high schools across BC with female role models in science, tech, engineering and math careers. Students and their mentors are sent weekly discussion questions, covering topics such as their career path, post-secondary life, work environments, finances, work/life balance, and what to do with your degree. eMentoring is done entirely over email. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour a week and the next round runs from April 7 to May 31, 2019.

Apply <http://www.scwist.ca/programs-and-events/msinfinity/ementoring/>

MAY 31/19 Camp Ignite 2019 deadline

A free four-day camp to women in grades 11-12 (ages 16-18)

- This camp offers an introduction to firefighting
- Participants will also learn about fitness, nutrition, health and teamwork
- The camp runs from August 8-Aug 11/19

Email applications to WHENG@Richmond.CA

More details and application at: <http://campignite.com/>



Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries

Apr 12/19 Community Mental Wellness Association of Canada (CMWAC) Bursary deadline

There are four (4) X \$500 bursaries available to Gr 12 students in Vancouver and Richmond school districts who are going into full-time studies in any of the following fields: Social Work, Psychology, Nursing or Counselling

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be experiencing financial hardship
- Have graduated from Grade 12 by August 31 of the current year and be enrolled in full-time studies in any of the following fields: Social Work, Psychology, Nursing or Counselling
 - Note: Bursaries are awarded to the selected candidates only after their proof of enrollment or continuing studies letter have been received by CMWAC
- Submit a copy of their latest report card
- Complete the application form:
- Describe any extracurricular activities, hobbies and/or volunteer history in a paragraph
- In addition to describing career objectives, research interests, and how the CMWAC bursary program will meet your career goals, the *personal statement* (500-700 words) Include a resume
- The Topic is “*You(th) & Mental Health*”
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Available to attend the award ceremony at a fundraising event



For full details and the application form: <http://www.cmwac.ca/bursary.html>

Apr 12/19 Indo Canadian Business Association of British Columbia (ICBABC) 2019 scholarship

ICABC is proudly celebrating its 20th Annual Student “Achievement Awards” Banquet on May 10, 2019. Last year they were able to award 16 scholarships to a group of outstanding students. This year, they hope to be able to grant just as many, if not more scholarships, as thus the Scholarship Committee has been diligently raising funds since the banquet last May.

The application is accessible as an online fillable PDF document <https://icbabc.com/>

The application requires students to also submit their *complete transcripts* and two reference forms. For students applying in the Sports Achievement Award or the Special Needs Award category, they will have to answer an additional essay in addition to the two essays all applicants will answer, as indicated on the application.

If applicants have further questions regarding the scholarship, they are welcome to email awards@icbabc.com, or to contact jasleenr.8@hotmail.com.

Apr 15/19 Steveston Community Society for Steveston-London and R.A. McMath Secondary students who intends to pursue a post-secondary education in recreation. Priority consideration will be given to students who:

- Have volunteered for the Steveston Community Society
- Demonstrate strong leadership at school and in the community
- Demonstrate a strong history of volunteerism at school and in the community



- Are planning a career in recreation or similar field to benefit the community
- <http://stevestoncommunitysociety.com/2015/03/15/steveston-community-society-scholarship/>
- **Apr 15/19 2019 Carol Young Scholarship**
- *Carol Young is a testament to success through hard work and perseverance. During her time at the Chamber she overcame adversity, but nonetheless grew as a leader in the Richmond community and was an inspiration to all staff who had the pleasure of working with her, and all Members who crossed her path over her quarter century at the Chamber. In 2014, Carol Young was honoured with the Ethel Tibbits Community Professional Award, a testament to her commitment to making Richmond a better place to live and work.*
- *This \$2,500 scholarship is intended to recognize students who exemplify the traits which Carol lives by and to assist them in beginning their post-secondary journey, be it academic studies or the trades.*
- The Carol Young Scholarship will be awarded to students who have overcome significant adversity in their lives. In spite of the challenges they have faced, they will have demonstrated improvement through their work ethic and have inspired fellow students.
- [Carol Young Scholarship Program 2019 FINAL\[1\] \(1\).pdf](#)
- **APR 27/19 EFMABC Bursaries deadline**
- These bursaries are offered to secondary students completing their grade 12 year who will enter a recognized post-secondary educational institution in the 2019/2020 term. Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and/or special needs.

Preference will be given to students entering the fields of engineering, architecture, or building technology. Should there not be suitable applications received in these fields, students in other courses of study will be considered, however, **all applicants MUST be dependents of school district employees in in the school plant area** (i.e. Maintenance or Custodial).

[2019 Bursary Information - Bob Hardy Honourary Bursary Information - 2019 Bursary Application Form](#)

Apr 30/19 - The Howard Legacy Youth Fund deadline

This \$1000 bursary was established with a donation from Peggy Howard in 2012, and is made available to applicants who are current or former youth in care.

https://www.bcadoption.com/bursary?fbclid=IwAR0wes26Aa4t8kQVEV6jYsTS3bEx4Bp0mb9f8r3XcP_8upyo-JNGyCMd1HQ

Apr 30/19 - The AFABC Youth Bursary deadline

This \$1000 bursary was established in 2014, with funding from the Adoptive Families Association of BC, and accepts applications from youth who have joined their family by legal adoption.

For more information , visit our bursaries webpage:

https://www.bcadoption.com/bursary?fbclid=IwAR0wes26Aa4t8kQVEV6jYsTS3bEx4Bp0mb9f8r3XcP_8upyo-JNGyCMd1HQ

MAY 1/19 United Croats of Canada King Tomislav Branch Vancouver Scholarship and Bursary deadline

Scholarships and bursaries in the amounts of \$500 and \$1,000 are available for students for full time attendance at a university, college, or technical/vocational institute. In the event of a large number of qualified applications lesser amounts may be awarded. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit and bursaries on financial need. Both applications require a copy of a school transcript, two letters of reference, and a short essay. The bursary also requires the completion of a form in order to provide the student's financial background as well as that of their parents. This is partly accomplished by providing a copy of the family's last completed income tax return(s). The information from the income tax return(s) will be held in the strictest of confidence. At least one parent must be of Croatian ancestry. See website for details. <http://www.croatiancentre.com/croatian-services/scholarships>

Questions? Contact The Croatia Cultural Centre King Tomislav Branch in Vancouver:
Tel: 604.879.0154
Email: scholarships@croatiancentre.com

All completed applications should be emailed to:
scholarships@croatiancentre.com
or sent to the address below:
The United Croats of Canada
King Tomislav Branch
Croatian Cultural Centre
3250 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC. V5N 4E4



Any questions regarding any information please contact Ms. Carter the Career Information Advisor working in the Career Resource Centre located in the Counselling Department *on Tuesday and Thursday alternate Wednesday's.*

Check out this career quiz.

<https://www.workbc.ca/CareerCompass/Career-Quiz.aspx>

Do you know what the NOC means?

Check out the website and calendar” <https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/du6o2hu/Pages/default.aspx>

To make an appointment to see Ms. Carter drop in or email shcarter@sd38.bc.ca