

JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Important Upcoming Events

September

- 6 Labor Day/Rosh Hashanah
- 7 First Day of School
Grade Assemblies
Homeroom/Student Schedules
- 8 First Day of full Classes (ABCD)
- 12 Grandparents' Day
- 14-15 Yom Kippur
- 16 PAC Meeting
- 21 Burnett Learning Time Starts
- 21-23 Gr 8 In-school Retreat
- 23 Terry Fox Run/Meet the Teacher
- 24 Pro-D
- 28 Photo Day
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

- 8 Conference Day
- 11 Thanksgiving Day
- 15 Dassehra
- 18-19 Mawlid-al-Nabi
- 19-20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire staff of J.N. Burnett Secondary, I am pleased to welcome **everyone** back to school. I hope that summer was restful, relaxing, and restorative for you and your family. As a community we continue to navigate these complex times together, caring for one another with respect and kindness while remaining safe. As a school we have had an excellent record of health and safety throughout the pandemic. We thank every student and their family for their continued support. We are confident that Burnett will remain a safe and excellent place to learn and work during the 2021-2022 school year. I encourage everyone to review the Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Education at [K-12 COVID-19 Safe Schools](#). Currently, there is a Provincial Health Order for mandatory masks for all staff, students, and visitors to the school. We have included further information about Burnett's Health and Safety procedures and protocols in this newsletter.

I would like to welcome the graduating *Class of 2026*. You are joining the proud Breaker tradition of reaching for your potential while maintaining a strong commitment to our school and community. A welcome orientation video can be found [Here](#). A special welcome back to our graduating class – *The Class of 2022*. As senior students in the school, you have an important role to play in our school culture. You provide both leadership and mentorship to the student body. We encourage everyone to make this year one that you will remember for the positive experiences you had, both as an individual and as a grad class.

In June 2021, we informed our learning community that we were introducing a new *Learning Schedule for the 2021-2022* school year. It is like our 2019-2020 schedule with some important changes to personalized *Burnett Learning Time* (BLT) and staff Collaboration time. BLT will not start until Tuesday September 21st to allow students, parents, and staff an opportunity understand how BLT will be implemented to enhance student learning. Please visit [JN Burnett 2021 2022 Learning Plan and Schedule](#). We have included some important information in this newsletter.

We have an excellent Parent Advisory Council at Burnett. Your involvement is most welcome and necessary. Our PAC meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the library, or on Zoom or Microsoft TEAMS. The first meeting this year is on Sept. 16th to accommodate the start of the school year.

As a learning community, we remain committed to our [District Five Year Strategic Plan](#). We encourage everyone to read it. As a school we deeply value the principles of Equity and Inclusion. We have made a collective commitment to deepening our understanding and making Burnett Secondary the best possible environment to learn for every student. Throughout the coming school year will be working to review and renew the current learning focus developed in 2019 with students, staff, and parents.

On behalf of Ms. Collins, Mr. Leung, and all our staff,

Mr. D. Ratzlaff

Opening Day Assemblies for September 7th, 2021

All students arriving should wear a mask and remain as physically distant from others as possible. Homeroom room numbers will be posted on the large garage doors at the front of the school. Students are encouraged to arrive between 5 to 15 minutes before their assembly time to check their homeroom and move to the gymnasium.

Opening Day Assemblies in Large Gymnasium

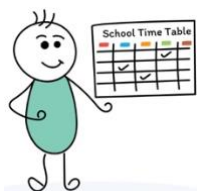
Grade 9 and 10	9:30 am (arrive 9:15 to 9:25)
Grade 11 and 12	10:30 am (arrive 10:15 to 10:25)
Grade 8	12:30 am (arrive 12:15 to 12:25)

Opening Week: Homeroom and Bell Schedule for September 8 / 9 / 10

All students are expected to attend a short homeroom session every day for the first week. During the Wednesday homeroom, students will be picking up important information and forms for the school year. On Thursday and Friday, students will be dropping off their forms and picking up any important additional information that may need to be distributed to students. Please see the homeroom schedule for the three days below:



	Wednesday September 8	Thursday September 9	Friday September 10
Homeroom	8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	8:30 AM – 8:35 AM
Period A	8:45 AM – 10:00 AM	8:40 AM – 9:55 AM	8:40 AM – 10:00 AM
Period B	10:05 AM – 11:20 AM	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	10:05 AM – 11:25 AM
Nutrition Break	11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	11:15 AM – 11:25 AM	11:25 AM – 11:35 AM
Period C	11:35 AM – 12:50 PM	11:30 AM – 12:50 PM	11:40 AM – 12:55 PM
Lunch	12:50 PM – 1:35 PM	12:50 PM – 1:35 PM	12:55 PM – 1:40 PM
Period D	1:40 PM – 3:00 PM	1:40 PM – 3:00 PM	1:45 PM – 3:00 PM



Student Schedules / Timetable Update

With the complexities presented by the pandemic, adjustments to staffing and student timetables will continue throughout the week of August 30th to September 6th.

Students will receive their course schedules in homeroom on Tuesday, September 7th.

Health and Safety Updates



As you are likely aware, the provincial government recently released updated provincial [health and safety guidelines](#) in preparation for a return to school on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. As anticipated, students will be welcomed back to full time in-person learning.

There is a mandatory mask policy for all staff and students in secondary schools. A Daily Health Check is also required. Please follow this link: [Daily Health Check](#)

Further clarity and updates, as they are received from the School District, will continue to be shared with parents and students as information becomes available. Please regularly check our school website <https://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca/> for these updates.

School Photos

Burnett's school photo day is **Tuesday, September 28th**. Photos are taken by Artona.

It is important that ALL students have their school photo taken. This photo is used to generate a School ID card which can be used as official photo identification for signing materials out from the school library, gaining access to school events, and proving student identity at provincial assessments throughout the year. Your photo is also used in the school yearbook. As well, the Student ID card confirms your eligibility for student fares (transit) and discounts at participating retailers.

Please check out [Artona's website](#) for specific details regarding timelines for selecting the photo you'd like for your ID card and yearbook, ordering photos, and information regarding safety protocols used for photographing students.



Student Lockers



As we continue to look at the health & safety protocols in place to keep students safe, we are pleased to report that lockers will again be available for student use this year. Burnett will be moving to a web-based system for students to sign up and register their locker beginning *Monday, September 13th*. Further instructions will be shared with students the first week of school.

Insurance for Students

Families interested in getting an accident insurance plan may look here: <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

Burnett Learning Time

Burnett Secondary is introducing a new Learning Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. The Learning Schedule has two regular four-course semesters and includes both personalized Burnett Learning Time (BLT) and staff Collaboration Time. We will be providing more information and answers to FAQ in the first weeks of school.

Burnett Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block A 8:30-9:50	BLT/Prep for half of the teachers* 8:30-10:10	BLT/Prep for half of the teachers* 8:30-10:10	Block A 8:30-9:50	Block A 8:30-9:50
5 min break			5 min break	5 min break
Block B 9:55-11:15	Block A 10:20-12:15	Block C 10:20-12:15	Block B 9:55-11:15	Block B 9:55-11:15
15-minute recess			15-minute recess	15-minute recess
Block C 11:30-12:50			Block C 11:30-12:50	Block C 11:30-12:50
Lunch 12:50-1:35	Lunch 12:15-1:00	Lunch 12:15-1:00	Lunch 12:50-1:35	Lunch 12:50-1:35
Block D 1:40-3:00	Block B 1:05-3:00	Block D 1:05-3:00	Block D 1:40-3:00	Block D 1:40-3:00

*Staff Collaboration Time (12X per year) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:20/BLT starts at 9:25 am
Please review the Burnett Learning Schedule for times and dates for BLT and Collaboration Time

BLT will not start until September 21, 2021 (Semester One) and February 15, 2022 (Semester Two). This will allow time for staff, students, and parents to establish good learning routines and provide time to teach, understand, and review the purpose, guiding principles and expectations for meaningful student engagement with personalized BLT.

Summary of Dates: Implementation of *Burnett Learning Time* 2021-2021

Date	Schedule
Tuesday September 7, 2021 (First Day)	Start-up as usual
Wed. Sept. 8, Tu. Sep 14 & Wed. Sept. 15	Regular 80-minute ABCD days (No BLT)
Tuesday September 21, 2021	Start of BLT-Semester One (Tu/W)
Thursday February 3, 2022	Semester Change Day
Friday February 4, 2022	Start of Second Semester (ABCD Day)
Tu. Feb. 8 & Wed Feb 9, 2022	Regular 80-minute ABCD days (No BLT)
Tuesday February 15, 2022	Start of BLT-Semester Two (Tu/W)

Counsellor Update and Procedures

Hello Breakers,

We are looking forward to another great year and seeing you again in school. We hope you had a great summer!

Here is some important info for the beginning of the year...

Schedules:

The Counsellors are presently working on student schedules. **They will not be available until Tuesday, Sept. 7 in your homeroom.** If you require a Course Correction (ex. you are missing a course, you are programmed in the wrong grade, or missing a Graduation Requirement), you are asked to submit a Schedule Correction Request Form. These forms are available by the counselling office and must be returned by **8:30 am on Thursday, September 9 (Preferred) or by Friday 8:30 am (Final Deadline).** A parent signature is required. We will not consider changes that are not on these Schedule Correction Request forms – **please do not email your Counsellor.**

Please be patient as this is a very busy and challenging time. If a change can be made, you will receive a new schedule in homeroom next week. All course changes will be completed by Friday, September 10. Some students will be called down to the office on Monday, September

Grade 12's:

If you require a reference letter or help with a post-secondary application (ex. Common Apps), you are asked to give staff a minimum of two weeks' notice. The earlier you contact us, the more effective the outcome will be.

Have a great last week of holidays. See you on September 7!

The Counsellors

Federal Statutory Holiday on September 30th: *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*

The government recently passed legislation to make **September 30th** a federal statutory holiday called the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. As such, all schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to ensure that students understand the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.



Fees and Cash On-line Information

All secondary schools in Richmond have standardized the cost of school fees. As in the past, this fee has offset the cost of the student agenda, school-wide student council events, and communications such as our JNB calendar and school mail-outs to families. In accordance with Policy 102, if families are unable to pay this fee, please contact either your child's counsellor or the Business Assistant and your fee will be waived. Optional charges for activities such as field trips, teams, clubs, special programs, yearbook, and graduation events will continue.

IMPORTANT: Please set up to your online account even if you prefer to pay by cash or cheque. You will still need to set up email notifications, so you receive emails of fees outstanding as we no longer send out paper statements.

Welcome to SchoolCashOnline

Fast. Safe. Convenient.

For safety and efficiency reasons, Richmond School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our schools. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE!

It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child.



Go to
<https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com>

and click on **Register**.

- ✓ Enter in your first name, last name, email and create a password.
- ✓ Select a security question.
- ✓ Check YES to receive email notifications

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. **Click on the link provided inside the email** to confirm your email and School Cash Online account (check spam).

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site, prompting you to **sign into your account**. Use your email address and password to log in.

This step will connect your child to your account.

- a) Enter the **School Board Name**.
- b) Enter the **School Name**.
- c) Enter Your Child's **Student Number and Student Last Name**
- d) Select **Continue**.
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the **Agree** box and select **Continue**.
- f) Your child has been added to your account.

If you require assistance, select the **SUPPORT** option in the bottom right hand corner of the screen or go to helpdesk.supportschoolcashonline.com



Hi Parents!

Can you believe that summer flew by so quickly? The PAC would like to extend a warm greeting and welcome you back to school! Are you excited and ready for a new year?

2020-2021 Burnett's PAC Executives

Let me introduce myself, my name is Connie Huang and I am Chair of the PAC this year. My amazing team this year are:

PAC Vice-Chair – Ahmed Akuka

PAC Treasurer – Chris Jackson

PAC Secretary – Suzanne Judge

Our first mission: PAC meeting on September 16th @ 7:00 pm

Dry Grad News

The PAC will continue to sponsor and liaise with Grade 12 parents this year for the Dry Grad. Grade 12 parents will be scouting sponsors for the event. The Dry Grad is a fun and safe party for the graduating students after their dinner/dance in June. With that being said, this will all be dependent on the provincial health department's recommendation. To make this event a success, we will need parent volunteers from students of all grade levels (Grades 8 to 12).

Please feel free to contact me at connie_bobo@hotmail.com if you have any questions and suggestions regarding the school or the PAC.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all at our PAC meeting.

Connie Huang

PAC Activities Calendar 2021-2022

September	October
September 16 @7:00 pm: 1 st PAC Meeting	October 7@7:00 pm: PAC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual PAC Budget Approval • Chair needed for Dry Grad
November	December
November 4@ 7:00 pm: PAC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair needed for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in December • Allocation of Gaming Fund 	December 2@7:00pm: PAC Meeting TBA: Dry Grad Parent information meeting TBA: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
January	February
January 6th @ 7:00pm: PAC Meeting TBA: Dry Grad Committee Meets	February 3rd @ 7:00 pm: PAC Meeting
March	April
March 3rd @7:00 pm: PAC Meeting TBA: Dry Grad Committee Meets	April 7th @ 7:00pm: PAC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Needed for J.N. Burnett Legacy Scholarship Jury in May
May	June
May 5th @, 7:00pm: PAC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections of PAC Executives • Chair needed for Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in June TBA: J.N. Burnett Legacy Scholarship presentations TBA: Dry Grad Committee Meets	June 2nd @7:00 pm: PAC Meeting and AGM June 7-8: Dry Grad TBA: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast