



JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December was a short but busy month at Burnett. We started the month with our successful second Conference Day focused on community, altruism, and resilience. Our grade 11 and 12 mentors spent time with our grade 8's sharing their wisdom about what it means to be a Breaker and introducing the theme for this year's grade 8 class: *Breaking Down Barriers*. This theme fits beautifully with our school wide themes of *Inclusion, Diversity and Personal Well-Being*. Please read our summary below and enjoy the pictures from the day. Thank you to our Conference Day team and all our staff for making this day meaningful for our students.

Our Music program was delighted to bring back a small covid-safe audience on December 9th. We had two concerts to accommodate our parent community in a safe way. There were many smiles seen through those masks as parents were able to see their children perform for the first time in almost two years. The students had a wonderful time. A big thank you to Ms. Khoo and her team for persevering, following all the public health orders and making this magical music night happen.

Out basketball season has officially started with all eight of teams already in action. It has been great to see parents and student cheering our Breaker athletes. We have already defeated some powerhouse teams from around Richmond. Our junior boys' team had a very successful tournament at John Oliver in early December and all teams are looking to have good seasons. We would love to see you out at the Wave Cave in the future. We are following all safety protocols by having all visitors sign in using our QR code or sign in sheets. Thank you to the many community coaches and our staff who are supporting our athletes.

We have also had a great month supporting our community and each other through these complex times. Climate Action Now (CAN) raised over 500 dollars for flood victims in BC. Student council led a tremendous campaign collecting non-perishable food items and money for the Richmond Food Bank. To date they have collected over 2900 items and raised 1,000 dollars. Our clubs and marketing programs continue to raise money for many charities and organizations in our community, in Canada, and around the world. The theme of community from our Conference Day is on full display through the kindness, care, and compassion of Burnett students each day.

I want to take a moment to thank our amazing staff at Burnett. They have demonstrated tremendous resilience and determination while facing the challenges of the ever-changing realities of the pandemic for almost two years.

As we bring 2021 to close, I want to take this opportunity to wish each student and their families the very best for the winter break and the year ahead. Our focus remains **Student Learning and Engagement while emphasizing Inclusion, Diversity and Well-Being**. With your support, Burnett students continue to set educational goals and accomplish them despite the complexities of the challenges of these past two years. We are determined as a staff to work to the best of our ability to help each child reach their potential as we look forward to brighter days ahead.

Mr. D. Ratzlaff

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 20 Winter Break begins
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 26 Boxing Day
- Kwanza Begins
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve

2022

- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 4 School Begins
- Jan 6 PAC Meeting
- Jan 27/28 Numeracy Assessment
- Jan 31 Pro D Day
- Feb 1 Chinese New Year
- Feb 2 Last day of Semester 1
- Feb 3 Semester Turnaround Day
- Feb 4 First day of Semester 2

Learning in Focus

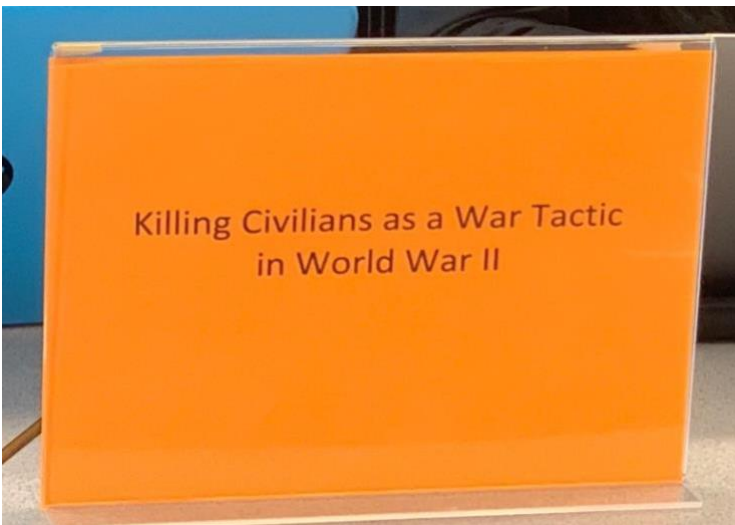
CONFERENCE DAY

Our Breaker Community strengthened this past Conference Day as generosity, kindness and godness was spread through the school. Get Real, Circles and our very own ARC presented to our students about inclusivity, spreading kindness and being part of a greater community as both a student of Burnett but also a community member in Richmond. The Grade 8's spread kindness through giving to teachers care packages and creating a zentangle forest, Grade 9's created cards for our long-term care residents with messages of encouragement, Grade 10's made wishescreating origami cranes and acts of kindness, Grade 11's and Grade 12's got to be with the Rick Hansen foundation learning about disabilities and working through obstacles in life. A great day had by all!



SOCIAL STUDIES 10 INCENTIVE

To culminate a riveting unit on World War II, the Social Studies 10 Incentive students participated in a class wide debate around morality and war. The debate addressed the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan, prosecuting Nazi war criminals, internment of Japanese Canadians and the bombing of civilians as a war strategy. The controversial nature of the topics forced students to consider multiple perspectives and grapple with their own conflicting views. In preparation for the debate, students worked in collaborative teams and then were allocated sides on debate day. The debate engaged students to think critically, communicate their ideas, work collaboratively with their peers and explore their moral frameworks.



ELL and International Students

Our ELL 3 students created thoughtful and beautiful encouragement cards that will be handed out to those less fortunate living in Downtown Vancouver. As they brainstormed positive messages together and put their creativity to use, our students also practiced how to care for others and give back to the community. We hope these cards will brighten up someone's day.

On Friday, Dec 10, our ELL and international students participated in an acrylic pour painting workshop as an in-school field trip. The students learned about various pour painting techniques from an art instructor and created their own unique painting that was truly one of a kind. This opportunity allowed them to express their identity freely, reduce their stress, and bond with one another over art.



BAND WINTER CONCERT 2021

Band students played for their first live indoor audience in two years at the Winter Concert on Dec 9th. Students from beginner, intermediate, senior and jazz band performed as well as groups of carolers. The audience heard a variety of tunes with many different soloists. Additionally, \$165 was raised for Red Cross efforts in the Fraser Valley.

Congratulations to everyone involved and special thanks to Mr. Lim, StuCo, Ms. Kang, Ms. Collins and Mr. Ratzlaff for their work behind the scenes as well as Ms. Mcnee for the use of the theatre. The band will be playing for elementary feeders on Tuesday Dec 14th and for Santa's breakfast on the 17th. As well, watch for carolers around the school during the last week of school before Winter break.



GRADUATION NUMERACY 10 ASSESSMENT

The Provincial Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment (GNA 10) is a requirement of all students to meet graduation requirements. All grade 10 students, as well as any grade 11 or 12 student who has not yet written this assessment, have been registered to write the GNA 10 on either January 27th or 28th from 8:15am – 11:15am.

Although the assessment has been designed to be completed within 2 hours, all students have the option of an additional 60 minutes should they choose.

The exact date will be sent to those students writing in an email prior to the Winter Break. Students must write at the date and time they have been assigned.
The GNA 10 is not being offered again this year.

Further information and practice for the Provincial Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

A reminder email with more specific instructions for the assessment will be sent out in early January to all students registered to write.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mrs. Collins in the office.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to December 2021!

A BIG THANK YOU from PAC to the parents, especially the WeChat group parents! The PAC has received a donation of \$8,000 for PE Equipment and \$4,000 for new computers in the library in just THREE WEEKS! However, we are still \$4,000 away from meeting our goal of \$16,000. Please continue to support the library upgrade that enriches our children's lives and education by sending a donation. Remember, every dollar raised will go directly to support Burnett students.

Upcoming Event: Thursday, January 6th, 2022 PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm (MS Teams)

DRY GRAD NEWS

- Richmond DPAC will host Food Safety Course (Level 1) and subsidize the fees for one parent from each school to attend. We have signed up a Grade 12 parent for this course for the Dry Grad. Thank you for your contribution, Doris!
- The Dry Grad at Burnett was first held over 10 years ago and sponsored by the Burnett PAC. This event provides a fun and safe party for the Grade 12 graduates after their dinner/dance in June every year. If you are interested in being involved in your kid's big day and party, please kindly email Ellie, the Chair Committee of Dry Grad, at: Ekharazmi@yahoo.com

If you have any questions about donations or suggestions regarding the school or the PAC or Dry Grad activities, please feel free to contact me at: connie_bobo@hotmail.com

I wish you all a very happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you again in the new year! Connie Huang
PAC Chair



Connect is designed for parents of teens just like you. It addresses changes that occur between parents and teens and helps them keep their relationship strong and positive. Connect is for all parents – it helps protect teens as they move forward in their journey to adulthood.

Why Connect?

Developed uniquely for parents and caregivers of teens based on strong evidence in the domains of:

- + Attachment Security
- + Child and Adolescent Development
- + Mental Health and Social Well-Being
- + Parenting and Family Functioning
- + Prevention and Intervention Research
- + Parents' Feedback
- + Short- and Long-Term Effectiveness



Adolescence = Change

Becoming a teenager is a big transition. Relationships and social contexts have effects on all aspects of development including reshaping the brain. There is often more conflict between parents and teens, and teens spend more and more time with their friends. Some teens get involved in problem behaviour, like skipping school, alcohol and drug use. Some suffer from anxiety and depression.

Many parents may feel their teen doesn't listen to them and sometimes they may even feel pushed away. Do parents matter to teens? Actually there is very good evidence that strong relationships with parents protect teens from risk during adolescence and help them thrive. We call that attachment!

Does Connect Work?

We really listen to parents and have used their feedback to shape the Connect Program. We make sure we get feedback from parents every time a Connect group is provided.

Connect has been proven to be evidence-based and consistently produces significant improvements across a broad band of outcomes including behaviour problems and parenting satisfaction. Parents uniformly report that the program is extremely helpful: Parents report feeling less stressed and more effective in parenting; they see fewer behaviour problems and better social functioning in their teen. Our work evaluating Connect continues. For more information please see:

www.adolescenthealth.ca

www.connectparentgroup.ca

To find out more about the program, please contact:

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Connect Parent Group

An Attachment Based Program to Support Parents & Caregivers



Information for Parents and Caregivers



What is Connect®?

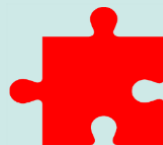
Connect is a 10-week program to support parents of pre-teens and teens. Parents meet in small groups (10-16) with two trained group leaders for 1.5 hours each week.

Each session provides parents with a new perspective on parent-teen relationships and adolescent development. Parents watch role-plays, do exercises and discuss new ways of responding to challenging behaviour and problems. Parents receive handouts following each session with key points to remember.

We understand that each child and each parent is different and change is part of development. Rather than teach only one way of parenting, we help parents see choices that support healthy relationships while setting limits and helping their teen to move forward.

Who Leads Connect®?

Connect groups are led by trained Connect leaders. Your group leaders will work hard to understand the challenges you face and to support you and your relationship with your teen. Parents who participate in Connect tell us they feel respected and supported.



What Schools Say

"It's really a wonderful program and we're receiving great feedback from teachers and parents..."

What Parents Say*

"The role-plays showed me how to handle different problems. Changes in the relationship are slow but well worth it, and the growth is incredible."

"They made me feel very positive and my confidence in myself as a parent has increased tenfold."



- 97% of parents felt better equipped to understand their child.
- 95% of parents felt better equipped to understand themselves as a parent.
- 86% of parents saw positive changes in their relationship with their child as a result of applying what they learned.

*Moretti & Obsuth, 2009

BECOME A HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT



Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home.

Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

study@sd38.bc.ca 604-668-6217



YEARBOOK

Parents please be reminded to pay for your child's annuals soon. We need to give tentative numbers to the yearbook company by February 15th and our deadline for payment is March 1st. We need to give as close to an accurate number as possible so no one misses out.

New Language



There are currently 9 provincially approved second-language programs in B.C. Are you interested in learning Farsi as an elective course?

We need your support to include the Persian Language in the curriculum,

- **INTERESTED IN LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE THROUGH RVS/RICHMOND VIRTUAL SCHOOL? SIGN UP HERE FOR NEXT YEAR BY USING THE QR CODE:**



For more information, please email :
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J.N. Burnett Secondary School Career Centre News

Ms. S. Carter the Burnett Career Information Advisor would like to wish students and your families a very **Merry Happy Holiday** and **All The Best of Luck** for **2022**.

To All Grade 10/11/12

General admission requirements for University
English language requirement

Quantitative and analytical requirement

Four to Six approved Grade 12 courses, including English Studies 12 (min 70%) or equivalent. Admission is based on an evaluation of all approved Grade 11 and 12 courses and a proficient level of performance on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.

What do I need? Make an appointment to see Ms. S. Carter, Career Information Advisor at <mailto:shcarter@sd38.bc.ca> and have your questions answered. Ms. S. Carter is at J.N. Burnett on Monday's, Thursday's and alternative Wednesday's.

JAN 28/22 University of Alberta Get Away Experience for Grade 11 Students Application Deadline

UofA is offering 20 Grade 11 lucky students with the opportunity to get away and experience the University of Alberta. Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location), accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events! May 27 - 29, 2022 Students can learn more and apply at uab.ca/getaway

Students are you interested in entering a free monthly draw for gift cards or prizes? Check out the Career Programs slat board in your counselling centre. Scan the QR-code and correctly answer the questions, and your name will go into a draw to win one of the prizes for the month. The draws will take place after the last day of each month between now and the end of April. Check out the Career Programs slat board today to take part!"



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website: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca>

STUDENTS, YOU ARE INVITED!

CAREER in TRADES Online Q&A Series

Ask any questions you may have about our programs and opportunities available to you within our school district!

Learn about:

- our apprenticeship program offerings (e.g. Plumbing, Professional Cook, Carpentry, Welding, Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, Construction Electrician, Millwright, etc.)
- how to receive **FREE** tuition to take one of these programs
- how to get school credit (and award \$\$) for paid work you are doing in a skilled trade
- how to apply for one of our programs
- what the program entry requirements are
- how to get both college and high school credits with our programs

PICK ONE THAT WORKS FOR YOU!
Pop in any first and third Wednesday of the month between 3-4 PM on ZOOM.
Here are the options:

November 3rd & 17th @ 3 PM
December 1st & 15th @ 3 PM
January 5th & 19th @ 3 PM
February 2nd & 16th @ 3 PM
March 2nd @ 3 PM
April 6th & 20th @ 3PM
May 4th & 18th @ 3PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 616 3753 0153
Passcode: 860349
<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61637530153>



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SD38 PARENTS: YOU ARE INVITED!

Zoom Info Session – PICK A DATE (SEE BELOW)

Topic: SD38 Career Programs Offerings for Senior Students

Hosted by Terri Lockhart and Peter Thackway – Richmond SD38 Career Programs

CHOOSE ONE of our repeating sessions that works for you:

- Option 1: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Option 2: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Option 3: Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Presentation Topics Overview:

- Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship Programs
 - Learn about SD38's 14 BC TRADES training and apprenticeship programs: senior students can start while in high school (GET AHEAD WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL)
 - Tuition is covered and students graduate with college/industry credit
 - Students in these programs are employable immediately upon completion
- Link38 – Learning in Kwantlen (KPU)
 - SD38 students take one KPU course during Grade 12 as credit toward their intended post-secondary program/career
- Hear from INDUSTRY GUEST SPEAKERS!
 - Industry Training Authority (ITA) Youth Outreach – Maureen Phung
 - go2HR Director (Hospitality Trades Training/Employment) – Andrea Hinck
 - PCL Construction Workforce Supervisor – Randy Callaghan

(Please sign in around 6:20pm, as we need to start as close to 6:30pm as possible)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61949121628>
Meeting ID: 619 4912 1628
Passcode: 235401



FEB 28/22 Democracy & Me Poetry Contest

Deadline - Open to K-12 students in BC. This contest encourages youth to think about the importance of their voices and of community, civic engaging and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and democracy.

Visit <https://democracyandme.ca/> for details.

JAN 4/22 UofT [Application Workshop](#) 5:00 AM PST

JAN 11/22 UofT [Application Workshop](#) 5:00 PM PST

Have you applied to the University of Toronto for Fall 2022 then this workshop is for you, register today.

JAN 7/22 Bishops University Sherbrooke, Quebec \$65 Application Fees Waived!

Bishops U is waiving the \$65 CAD application fee for any student applying to Bishop's for Fall 2022 directly through their website. All you need to do is simply visit the Bishops University website. Programs + admission requirements - Canadian Students in BC.

<https://www.ubishops.ca/future-current-students/admission-process/canadian-high-school-students/>

To complete the FREE online application, students need to attach a copy of their most recent transcripts and hit submit.

<https://www.ubishops.ca/future-current-students/bishops-university-online-application/>

JAN 19/22 KPU Bachelor of Interior Design Online Information Session 6-8 PM

If you have an eye for detail, a passion for interiors and architecture, you may be interested in learning more about interior design!

Interested? Register for an online information session to learn more!

[click here](#)

JAN 1/22 Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Admission deadline

JAN 15th/22 UBC Admission deadline

JAN 31/22 SFU Admissions deadline

JAN 31/21 UVIC Application deadline

CAPILANO: Refer to

<http://www.capilanou.ca/programs>

for information on program deadlines

FEB 1/22 - University of Waterloo deadline for students outside of Ontario applying via OUAC

See how to apply from outside of Ontario

[Click here](#)



DEC 1/21 OPENS – MARCH 15/22 Deadline

For **Grade 11 students** who be attending post-secondary after graduation with intention to complete a degree. Requirements include Canadian citizenship and critical financial need.

Students must have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and co-curricular and community activities.

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/>

JAN 6/22 Deadlines for BCIT Entrance Awards

BCIT Entrance Awards have two distinct deadlines that depend on when you begin your full-time studies at BCIT and the program you are registered in. The deadline for each BCIT Entrance Award is listed under each specific entrance award. For a full list of BCIT entrance awards and details, please see:

<https://www.bcit.ca/financial-aid/awards-scholarships-bursaries/entrance-awards/>

JAN 7/22 BC Hockey Scholarships Applications Open - APR 30/22 Deadline to Apply

Awarded annually to registered members to give recognition to those who develop their academic career aspirations while at the same time nourishing their interest in hockey. Monetary awards vary from \$500 to \$2,000. To be eligible for a BC Hockey scholarship, an individual in his or her graduating year of high school and must be a current registered member or a former BC Hockey member playing in the Western Hockey League.

Visit: <https://bchockey.net/applicationforms/scholarshipapplication.aspx>

JAN 7/22 - The Courage to Come Back Awards Deadline for Nomination (school nomination is not required, anyone can nominate)

Do you know someone who has overcome adversity? The purpose of the Awards is to pay tribute to those who have overcome overwhelming challenges. The Courage to Come Back Awards are given in five categories: Mental Health, Addiction, Medical, Physical Rehabilitation & Youth. A nomination is required to qualify for this award (you may nominate yourself). The nominee must agree to be nominated. For complete details

visit: <https://www.coastmentalhealth.com/courage-to-come-back/> Nomination Information: <https://couragetocomeback.ca/nominations-frequently-asked-questions/>

Questions? Contact Coast Mental Health Foundation at courage@coastmentalhealth.com

JAN 10/22 (Noon) - Western University National Scholarships Program In-School Nomination Deadline

(In order to be considered for these awards a school nomination is required. Students must check with their schools' scholarship representative to determine their process for nomination). For a complete listing of available scholarships and details on how to apply:

https://registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/scholarships_awards/admission/national_scholarship_program.html

JAN 12/22 (noon) – Schulich Leader Scholarships in-school Nomination Deadline

(Students, who feel they qualify and would like to be nominated, must submit an External Scholarship Nomination request form. (Please see your school counsellor for details.)

Schulich Leader Scholarships are entrance scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) programs at one of the 20 Canadian partner universities. \$100,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing an engineering degree, and \$80,000 scholarships are designated for students pursuing a science and math degree.

Details: <https://www.schulichleaders.com/apply?section=student>

FAQ: <https://www.schulichleaders.com/faq>

JAN 13/22 Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Deadline to Apply at 9:00 PST

The Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Program gives promising BC students the opportunity to advance their education, achieve their dreams and inspire others. The program supports resilient students facing financial adversity who have the academic readiness and desire to create positive change in their lives. For details and to apply online visit:

<https://beedieluminaries.ca/program/>

JAN 15/22 The Corpus Christi Circle of Fellows scholarship deadline

2-year, full-tuition scholarship given to students

who showcase academic excellence and a commitment to service or leadership. Recipients will receive private professional mentorship from someone in their field of interest and will be supplemented by leadership development opportunities. Applications and more information can be found here: <https://corpuschristi.ca/our-programs/circle-of-fellows/>

JAN 31/22 Youth Short Story Category Award 2PM PST deadline

Invites authors between the ages of thirteen and seventeen to submit a short story under 3,000 words. The winner in this category will receive \$5,000 and a mentorship lunch with editors of The Walrus. Submissions for the Youth Short Story <https://thewalrus.ca/partnerships/amazon-first-novel-award/>

FEB 15/22 BC Scholarship Applications 2:59 pm PST deadline

55 [BC Excellence](#) and 20 [Pathway to Teacher Education scholarships](#) are available for students graduating by August 31, 2022. To be considered, students must submit applications by **February 15, 2022**. Recipients receive a voucher worth \$5,000 that can be reimbursed for post-secondary tuition paid. Eligibility requirements and application instructions are online at [BC Excellence](#) and [Pathway to Teacher Education](#).

MAR 7/22 Diabetes Hope Scholarship Program 11:59 pm PST Deadline

This program supports post-secondary academic endeavours and recognizes the personal triumphs of exemplary young adults who demonstrate active involvement in community and/or sports activities while engaging in healthy self-management of their diabetes. Value \$2,000.

For details and to apply go to:

<https://diabeteshopefoundation.com/how-to-apply/>

SEEKING MORE SCHOLARSHIPS OR CAREER INFORMATION! GO TO THE CAREER CENTRE WEBSITE AT:

[https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/du6o2hu/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/du6o2hu/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/=)

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