



October 16 – October 20, 2023

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Listening, Learning, and Leading
Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
“Coming together is a beginning: keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
Henry Ford

With Parent-Teacher Conferences fast approaching on October 18th and 19th, we are reminded that education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Education begins at home, with parents recognizing that they are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their children are well-educated. We work together to achieve this goal of educating the young, and we stand together in setting high expectations, and making every effort to ensure that every child is given an opportunity to reach their potential. A great way to synchronize our efforts between home and school is to take advantage of *Parent-Teacher Conferences*. When parents and teachers work together, the impact on student progress can be significant. This parent-teacher partnership, like any other, won't work without communication.

Report cards typically don't provide a complete picture of a student's progress: more is required. At Burnett, parents are encouraged to advocate for their child, help them set goals, and, most importantly, be knowledgeable about what is happening at Burnett and in their child's education. We encourage parents to introduce themselves to the teacher. We encourage open communication between parents and teachers because it will benefit the student and aid the learning process.

We know that parents have key insights about their child's strengths and weaknesses. They can often help provide context to classroom concerns. Invest time in parent-teacher communication, and the payoff will be greater student success. *At Burnett we “Champion Students and their Learning.”*

Parents: Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Before the conference: Ask your child about how they feel about their school and classes. Ask your child if there is anything they wish for you to talk about with their teacher. Make a list of topics. Prepare questions to ask the teacher (i.e. Does my child have good work habits? Does my child participate in class? Is my child happy in class? How can I help?).
During the Conference: Ask the most important questions first. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand. Make a follow-up plan with the teacher. End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.
After the Conference: Talk about the conference with your child. Talk about the positive points and be direct about concerns. Share the plan you and the teacher created and that you will keep in touch with the teacher.

- DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- Oct 16 Ed Fac Meeting @ Lunch
 - Oct 17 Collaboration Time
 - Oct 17 SBT Meeting (Lunch)
 - Oct 18 Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)
 - Oct 19 Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 6-8pm)
 - Oct 19 Post Secondary Event at JNB
 - Oct 19 Photo Retakes (in the AM only)
 - Oct 20 Professional Development Day -PSA (School Closed)
 - Oct 24 SBT Meeting @ Lunch
 - Oct 25 SCC Meeting @ Lunch
 - Oct 26 Health and Safety Meeting @ Lunch
 - Oct 26 Halloween Dance at Burnett 6pm to 8pm
 - Oct 27 Student Conference Day
 - Oct 27 Lockdown Drill @ 2:30pm
 - Oct 31 Halloween
 - Oct 31 Band Concert
 - Nov 1 Take Our Kids To Work Day (grade 9's)
 - Nov 2 Provincial Graduation Assessments (Literacy 12)
 - Nov 6 Senior Winter Formal at Quilechena Country Club @ 6pm
 - Nov 6 Staff Meeting
 - Nov 7 SBT Meeting (Lunch)
 - Nov 8 Semester 1 Term 1 suggested marks cutoff
 - Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly (alternate bell schedule)
 - Nov 13 School Closed in honour of Remembrance Day
 - Nov 15 Mid-Semester Report Card Marks Due
 - Nov 20 Mid-Semester Report Card Marks Published to MyEdBC
 - Nov 20 Ed Fac Meeting @ Lunch
- Parent Teacher Phone/Virtual Conferences**
 Conferences will be held on October 18th and 19th. All conferences will be held by phone or virtually online. All teachers will be on site at Burnett during their phone or online conferences. Parents will be able to sign up beginning on October 14, 2022, when Interim Reports are emailed home. We will once again be using our online sign-up site, and parent instructions will be posted on the Burnett website when the sign-up page is available. Students are welcome to join parents during the Parent Teacher Conference, if they like.
- Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up**
 Parent-teacher conferences can be booked at burnett.schoolappointments.com. For more info school website [here](http://burnett.schoolappointments.com).
- Staff: Helping a Student Who Is Struggling Academically:**
1. Get the student's parents involved early. Call home if a student is not succeeding and make another call home when the student shows improvement. *“Challenge: send a personal email home for each struggling student.”*
 2. Try to meet “one on one” with each student who is struggling in your class to develop a learning plan.
 3. Provide opportunities for students to self-reflect on their experiences in class. Ask them, “What can they do to improve?”
 4. Ask both students and parents how you can help.
 5. Look for underlying problems (such as learning gaps or misunderstandings) in the student's learning.
- Follow up with other teachers, counsellors, and administrators to gain a better understanding of each struggling student.