



# BURNETT WAAG

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### September 9 – September 13, 2024

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#### Burnett Learning Time (BLT) starts September 17<sup>th</sup>

Each week, we allocate instructional time for “self-directed” personalized learning. During this period, students engage in independent learning and pursue their passions with the support and mentorship of teachers. This approach empowers students with choice and ownership of their learning, while our staff members facilitate a supportive learning environment.

#### Signing up for BLT is required

Sign-up information for BLT will be provided during the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are asked to share information about their availability with their students before Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to set their own goals and plan ahead for their BLT. Students will use a web-based sign-up system, same as last year.

#### Meet the Teacher Night September 19, 2024 @ 7pm

6:45 pm	Welcoming remarks in Multi-purpose room
7pm to 8pm	Parents/Guardians meet their child’s Teacher

#### SCHOOL FORMS – Please return to the office asap

Students have received a Personal Information Consent Form, a Student Medical Information Verification Form and a Walking Fieldtrip Form. It is very important that this information be kept up-to date and accurate in case of an emergency. If any of the information on the form is incorrect, please make the necessary changes right on the form. These forms need to be signed and returned to the school office.

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

To stay up to date about what is happening at the school, you can subscribe to the calendar on the Burnett website. When on the website, go to School Calendar and scroll down to the bottom of the calendar and click on Subscribe to Our Calendar.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Artona will be onsite at Burnett to take student photos on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Retake day for those who missed the first photo day will be on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. It is important for students to take their school photograph as this photograph is used for school ID’s and in the yearbook. Families will have an opportunity to purchase photo packages, if desired.

#### CAREER CENTRE – POST SECONDARY PLANNING

Check out our career centre website for upcoming student presentations and important information related to post-secondary planning! [Click here!](#)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 11	EQ & Evacuation Drill @ 9:35am
Sept 12	PAC Meeting @ 7pm
Sept 13	Grad Boat Cruise
Sept 16	University of Calgary Presentation @ lunch
Sept 17	First Day of BLT (Burnett Learning Time)
Sept 18	Grade 8 Activity Day
Sept 19	Collaboration Day / Club Day / Langara Presentation @ lunch
Sept 19	Meet the Teacher Night
Sept 20	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Sept 23	Beedie School Presentation @ lunch
Sept 25	Terry Fox Run
Sept 26	Student Photo Day / Collaboration Day
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

#### ATTENDANCE

Parents/guardians are required to inform the school if their child will be late, absent or need to leave the school early. Students are not allowed to excuse themselves. Only parents/legal guardians/homestay parents/custodians are allowed to excuse a child from school.

Please leave a message on our absent line at **604-718-4007** with the following information:

1. *Your name and how you are related to the student (mom, dad, homestay parent, etc.)*
2. *Your child’s name*
3. *Your child’s student number (we have several students with the same first and last names, and the student number will identify your child)*
4. *Whether your child will be late, absent or dismissed early*
5. *Reason*

Students need to sign in at the office if they are coming to school more than 10 minutes late and sign out if they are leaving before the end of the school day. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

#### NEW DISTRICT POLICY: Student Personal Digital Device

The Ministry of Education requires ALL districts and schools to have a policy for digital devices. The purpose for this is to make youth safe, improve student mental health, and eliminate constant interruptions from their learning.

The policy states that students can use their digital device IF, the teacher asks the students to use their device for a learning activity. Students who do not have device, will be offered a school device for the class.

Otherwise, ALL students must keep their device powered off and be in their backpack or their locker. If students do not follow the policy, staff will remind the student, and if they continue to use their device, staff will connect with parents, and possibly the student will not be allowed to have device at school. Furthermore, devices should not be used in changerooms and bathrooms. Students will be able to use their devices at break and at lunch.