

Family WAAG

October 28 – November 1, 2024



BURNETT WAAG

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ATHLETICS

For information about Burnett Athletics and Teams, please see the link on our [website here](#).

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!](#)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

AP exams registration forms are available for pickup from the main office! Please follow the very important step by step instructions to ensure you are registered for an exam! [The deadline to submit AP Exam Registration to the office is Monday, October 28. CLICK HERE for instructions.](#)

PAC

For information, including WAAG translations, provided by Burnett's Parent Advisory Council, please see the Burnett Website (under 'Parents' – Parent Advisory Council) or the following link:

<https://jnbpac.org/>

PAC Fundraiser: Plants - Poinsettias and More

PAC is selling beautiful plants to raise money for our programs. With the holiday season just around the corner, we would like to invite you to participate in the Winter Fundraiser! These beautiful, locally-grown plants will add warmth and colour to your home or office.

Please support us here:

<https://jnburnett.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment – Oct 29 & 30

The Provincial Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment is a requirement of all students to meet graduation requirements. Grade 12 students will be writing this assessment on Tuesday, October 29th or Wednesday, October 30th from 10:15am – 1:15pm.

A reminder email with more specific details (the date and location writing) will be sent out to all grade 12 students soon. The exact date and room location will be shared with students soon. *Students must write at the date and time they have been assigned.*

Further information and practice for the Provincial Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment can be found [here](#).

School Lockdown Drill – Monday Oct 28

School District #38, Richmond, has developed lockdown protocols to help keep students safe during any potentially dangerous incident. This year students will again be included in the regularly scheduled lockdown drills occurring at all Richmond schools. As with fire drills and earthquake drills, it is important that students are aware of the proper procedures to follow to ensure their safety and well-being should such an event ever occur.

Burnett's staff and students will be practicing the procedures for a school lockdown during class time on Monday, October 28th. We thank parents for supporting our school in carrying out these important safety drills.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 28	Lockdown Drill @ 12:35 PM
Oct 29	BLT / Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment
Oct 30	BLT / Graduation Literacy 12 Assessment
Oct 31	Halloween Concert
Nov 6	Take Our Kids to Work Day
Nov 7	BLT / PAC Meeting @ 7PM
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony / Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov 12	Collaboration Day
Nov 15	Evacuation Drill @ 2:50 PM
Nov 18	Midterm Learning Reports Published
Nov 20	Post Secondary Institutes of BC Mini Fair @ 12:50-2:00 PM
Nov 22	Gr 12 Winter Formal
Dec 2	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Dec 5	PAC Meeting @ 7PM
Dec 6	Conference Day
Dec 12	Winter Concert @ Night
Dec 13	Winter Concert (During School Day)
Dec 16	Learning Progress report sent home by teacher
Dec 19	Senior's Brunch
Dec 20	Breaker Winter Festival
Dec 20	Last Day Before Winter Break
Jan 6	School Reopens after Winter Break

PHONE POLICY REMINDER

Please be reminded:

- Students should not use personal digital devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off and secured inside a student's backpack, locker or secured location.
- [Policy 104-G \(A\): Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices](#)
- [Policy 105: District Code of Conduct](#)

GRADE 12 – WINTER FORMAL

Attention all Grade 12s! Make sure to pay your fees on CashOnline for Winter Formal. The deadline to pay is November 6. Get ready for dancing, a photobooth, and making memories with the Grad Class of 2025!

YEARBOOK ORDERS

KEEP THE MEMORIES!

2025 YEARBOOK

Pre-order is now open!

Order yours on [schoolcashonline!](https://schoolcashonline.com)



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Safety and Traffic Guidelines

We encourage students to walk or bike to school – there are significant health benefits to doing. Walking would also help to ensure the safety of our students and reduce traffic congestion during busy times. If families insist on driving, we kindly ask everyone to follow these important guidelines:

- **Right Turn Only:** During peak hours (8:15–8:45 AM and 2:45–3:15 PM), please remember that only right turns are allowed when exiting the school at both the south and west exits onto Granville.
- **No Roadside Drop-offs:** For the safety of all, please avoid dropping off children at the side of the road or on the median on Granville and McCallan.
- **Pick Up in the Parking Lot:** Please pick up your children in the parking lot instead of the drop-off lane to keep the flow of traffic moving.
- **Avoid Double Parking**
- **Encourage Walking or Biking:** If possible, encourage your children to walk or bike to school. It's a great way to promote independence and stay active.
- **Drop Off a Few Blocks Away:** Consider dropping your children off a short distance from the school to help ease parking lot congestion.
- **Leave a Few Minutes Early:** Giving yourself a little extra time can help you avoid the rush and make the drop-off process smoother.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a safe and efficient environment for all our students and families. Thank you for your cooperation!

Burnett Learning Time (BLT)

Burnett Learning Time (BLT) will provide opportunities for students to deeply engage with and manage their learning. Teachers clearly communicate *which staff* and *which learning spaces* are available for BLT on Tuesday and Thursday morning in their classes and on our *EASY Weekly Planner*. *Students use their student number as both username and password to login.* Learning spaces will include teacher's classrooms and large common spaces like the multi-purpose area, center court, the library learning commons, and some of our fitness areas. **Each space will have a capacity limit.** It is important for students to book their learning space requests in advance on the weekly planner website. **To sign-up students can go to burnett.myweeklyplanner.net and select their BLT session or sessions. Sign up is now open.**

Guiding Principles for Burnett Learning Time

- BLT is Self-Directed, Self-Managed, and Self-Regulated
- BLT Enhances Curricular and Core Competency Development
- BLT Builds on Individual Passions
- BLT supports Self-Care, Self-Awareness, Physical/Mental Health

Possible options for students during Burnett Learning Time:

- complete homework, reading, journaling, reflecting
 - work on projects with classmates, receive learning support in the learning centre, get extra support, from staff
 - community service, work experience, and clubs
- improve both physical and mental health receive counselling support

District Parent Education Sessions – 2024/25 School Year

The Richmond School District is excited to offer a variety of parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. The first session is November 13, 2024, hosted by Safer Schools Together. More information and registration for parents is available on the district website. Read more... ([link](#))

Halloween from a REDI (Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) Lens

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices between parents/guardians and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (*black face/brown face*)
- CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)
- GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

Enjoy the Colours of Fall!



Counselling Centre News

Counsellor's Case load:

Ms. Yip	A-H	Monday-Friday
Ms. Murrad	I-Se	Monday-Friday
Mrs. Grenzberg	Sh-Z	Monday-Friday

Events for young women and gender-diverse youth

Career Boost: Empowering the Next Generation:

A virtual leadership program designed to allow girls and gender-diverse youth to increase their confidence and explore their leadership potential. All the while creating a network that supports them along their educational and career journeys!

- **Date:** Saturday, November 2nd, 9:30 AM – 4PM PT
- **Open To:** Self-identified girls and gender-diverse youth, Grades 10 – 11
- **To Register:** Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) or [click here](#)
- **Benefits:** Meet inspiring guest speakers and participate in thought-provoking workshops
 - The opportunity to develop future-proof career skills.
 - Develop a network with supportive mentors from a variety of fields, including the green economy, STEM, sports, and trades.



FOUNDRY
RICHMOND

**QUEER & TRANS
RESILIENCE GROUP**

Support for navigating sexual orientation & gender expression

Standing Up for Yourself

Affirm what shapes your resilience as Queer/ Trans

Self- Worth & Self- Esteem

Oct. 24–Jan 16 (12 sessions)
Thursdays 4pm–6pm
Ages 13–18
Registration/Orientation Required

LGBTQ+

Email: Ajay.Sahota@vch.ca
or text 604-250-5461 for info/ to sign-up



Hello, we hope this finds each of you doing well today. September is here and in many of our homes it has been a BIG-feeling-kinda-month for our kids, *and for us*. The start of a new school year can bring a lot of feelings and work as we try to support our kids to manage what can be a lot of big feelings with returning to the classroom. It can also be a lot to discern what and how to share what is happening with and for our kids, with the school. It is a big month and we want to acknowledge how hard you are working and that you are doing your best to navigate all-the-things-all-the-time. Whether you are doing this for the first time, or the twentieth time, we understand how big it can feel and we know how important you are. We are here for you, and we want to help. We are here to listen, to think with you, to help you to prepare for meetings with the school and to share resources. We also have a number of events and resources that we want to share, so please take a read and connect with us when you are ready.

ART THERAPY SESSIONS



Hi! I'm Olha Herasymenko, an Art Therapy student offering individual sessions to help you explore and express your emotions in a safe, supportive, and creative environment.

Art Therapy uses drawing, painting, and other art forms to help you:

- Express yourself in ways that words sometimes can't
- Explore your feelings and reduce stress
- Build self-awareness and confidence
- Find a new perspective on challenges

No art skills are needed, and all materials are provided. These sessions are completely free and confidential.

Contact your counsellor to book a session or find out more!

Join our Art Therapy sessions!

- FREE Art Therapy sessions for students
- Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Location: J.N. Burnett Secondary School



UBC Women in Engineering

Are you a high school student and considering a career in engineering?

High School Mentorship Program

Nov 2024 - April 2025

UBC's WIE Mentorship Program supports female* students in grades 10-12 interested in learning about university applications and engineering as a career path. You will get paired with a current female* university student who will answer your questions, share their experiences and help you work towards entering the field of engineering.



Application Deadline:
November 4th, 2024

wiecommittees@gmail.com
[@wieubc](https://www.instagram.com/wieubc)

You will get the chance to participate in fun social events, connect with other engineering female* students, and get support from your Mentor!

*We acknowledge that the term "female" is not an accurate description for many people, and use "to include cis and trans women, non-binary, and intersex people"