



BURNETT WAAG

Family WAAG January 20 – January 24, 2025

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ATHLETICS

For information about Burnett Athletics and Teams, please see the link on our [website here](#). Come watch the Junior Girls' Basketball team as they host a tournament on January 16-18! Check the Athletics website for details.

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!](#)

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/>

University of Waterloo Math Contest – Pascal/Carley/Fermat
GRADE 9/10/11 students, are you interested in participating in this year's University of Waterloo Pascal, Cayley, Fermat math contests at Burnett? The contest date is February 26. To sign up, please scan the QR code posted on the Math Contest board beside Mr. Wong's classroom, or any of the Math classrooms' windows by January 24 at 3pm.

School Counselling Services – NEW! Book an Appointment Online

You can now book an appointment with your school counsellor online! Whether you need emotional or academic support, psychoeducation, program planning, or scholarship information, our counsellors are here to help you. Simply visit the Burnett website, click on the [Counselling Centre](#), and book your appointment. Please note, we no longer accept appointment requests via email.

Graduation Numeracy 10 (GNA 10) Assessment – Jan 23 & 24

Grade 10's will write the GNA on January 23 & 24, 2025 – check posted schedules for date, time and room.

Numeracy is the willingness and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in contextualized situations and to analyze and communicate these solutions in ways relevant to the given context.

The Numeracy Assessment is not a typical "math test" and will include 24 common questions and a student choice section (answer 2 of 4). The questions will be context-based problems that students will read, think about, and present a solution. The GNA measures 5 numeracy processes, including students' abilities to interpret, apply, solve, analyze, and communicate solutions. The GNA is not attached to any course but reported separately on each student's official transcript using a 4-point scale-
1. Emerging 2. Developing. 3. Proficient. 4. Extending
Students can score a 0 for not attempting to answer questions and must score at least a 1 to graduate. If desired, students will be allowed to rewrite the GNA two times over their high school years (3 total attempts).

For more information, and to try a practice GNA, please explore this [link](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 23	Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment (Alternate Bell Schedule)
Jan 24	Graduation Numeracy 10 Assessment (Alternate Bell Schedule)
Jan 27	Pro-D Day (School closed to students)
Jan 28	Learning Completion Day (No classes – Non Instructional Day)
Jan 29	First day of Semester 2
Feb 3-11	Grad Photo Sessions
Feb 3	Summary of Learning S1 Published
Feb 6	PAC Meeting @ 7PM
Feb 10	Grade 7 Parent Info Meeting (Virtual) 6 – 7:15 PM
Feb 10	Grade 8-11 Parent Info Meeting (Virtual) 7:30 – 8:30 PM
Feb 12	EQ & Evacuation Drill 12:40 PM
Feb 13	Meeting the Teacher & Grade 7 Parent Info Night
Feb 14	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Feb 17	BC Family Day (School Closed)
Feb 20	Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30)
Feb 21	Conference Day
Feb 26	February Jazz Festival
Feb 27-Mar 1	Robotic Competition
Feb 28	Ramadan Begins (Ends March 29 th)

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](#)

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. More information and registration for parents is available on the district website. Read more... ([link](#))

Attention Grade 12 Students – Get Your Dry Grad Tickets Now!

Dry Grad is a safe, fun celebration at the school after prom on June 13, 2025. Tickets are on sale now through School cash online for \$80. Early bird price ends January 31, then price increases to \$100. Purchases before February 1 will be entered into a lucky draw for a \$50 cash prize. Grand prize at event is \$500 cash (must be in attendance to win). Make memories with your fellow Breakers one last time – buy your ticket today!

Semester 2 Student Schedules

On Friday January 17, students and contacts will receive instructions by email for how to view their semester 2 student schedules on MyEducation BC. Students who have questions or concerns about their schedule should make an appointment with their counsellor.



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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

YEARBOOK ORDERS

KEEP THE MEMORIES!

2025 YEARBOOK

Pre-order is now open!

Order yours on schoolcashonline!

Blue Containers Now Used By Cafeteria

Burnett is testing a pilot project from the district to use reusable dishes in the cafeteria. They have partnered with a company called Friendlier (<http://www.friendlier.com/>) that will collect the special blue dishes, wash, sanitize and return them to the cafeteria so that they can be reused. This pilot project hopes to reduce the amount of waste produced from the take-out containers from our cafeteria. If you receive your food in a blue container from the cafeteria, remember to recycle it in the special bins!

ARC Volunteer Opportunities

Do you want to volunteer with ARC Rescue as a dog handler in our training classes held on Saturdays in February? Please see Ms. Galan in A110A for an application.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES

YOU TALK, WE LISTEN AND GUIDE YOU.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- PSYCOEDUCATION
- PROGRAM PLANNING
- SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/JNBCOUNSELLING](https://tinyurl.com/jnbcounselling)

Communication with Students:

Shifting to Teams Students

At Burnett, we're shifting to Microsoft Teams as our main hub for all school-related activities – from communications and resources like bell schedules and forms to class interactions. This move is designed to streamline your experience, ensuring you have easy access to everything in one place.

- **Centralized Platform:** Teams will become the go-to for communications, class materials, and more, reducing the need to sift through emails.
- **Transition Period:** We'll dual-send information via email and Teams until Spring Break. Afterward, Teams will be our primary communication channel.
- **Reliable Delivery:** Avoid missed messages due to email provider issues. Teams ensures you won't miss out on important school updates.

Activity
A red badge appears to notify you whenever you've been tagged in a post:
Keep an eye on the Activity notification badge; when it appears, tap the bell to see a list of your activity notifications.

Chats
Our district is introducing supervised chats on Teams, allowing students and teachers to communicate directly within a monitored environment. Please note, for direct messaging on Teams, a staff member must be present in the chat. Teachers will inform you of their preferred communication method, either email or Teams chat, and we ask that you respect their choice.

Teams
The Teams tab shows you classes you're a part of, and Teams that you've been added to.
You should see the **JN Burnett Student Information team**.
Information relevant to students will appear in this team (PA announcements, school & community events, and more)

Community News and Resources

NACLO 2025

JOIN FELLOW HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SOLVING LANGUAGE THEMED PUZZLES

The North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad is a competition aimed at high-school students to compete and solve linguistic puzzles. NACLO fosters a friendly environment to learn and compete with a chance to attend at the national and international competition levels.

NACLO 2025 OPEN ROUND
SFU Burnaby Campus, Room RCB 7402
January 23, 9 am - 12 pm

For more information on the practice session, go to our website.
<https://sfu.ca/xsyn/Naclo2025.html>

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

KPU DISCOVERY DAYS

KPU Richmond Discovery Day
 KPU Richmond Campus
 Thursday, January 23, 2025
 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

KPU Langley Discovery Day
 KPU Langley Campus
 Monday, February 10, 2025
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

KPU Surrey Discovery Day
 KPU Surrey Campus
 Friday, February 21, 2025
 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Hands-on mock classes, campus tours, networking opportunities, free food, and amazing prizes!
Sign up!

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
ST. MARK'S COLLEGE
 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CIRCLE OF FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

FUTURE LEADERS' NIGHT

JANUARY 23
 6 - 8 PM

GET INFO ON TOP SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT STORIES + MORE
corpuschristi.ca

Apply for the **Young Women in Public Safety** student employment opportunity

Posez votre candidature au programme **Jeunes femmes en sécurité publique** pour une possibilité d'emploi étudiant

For more information: canada.ca/jcjsps or contact ywps-ftp@ps-ep.gc.ca

What on earth is geography?
 Find out at:

RANGE
 A GEOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

Feb 22, 2025, SFU Burnaby
 Open to all students.

range2025.carrd.co

YOUTH AMBASSADORS with Canada

Participants in the Youth Ambassadors Program Gain
 Leadership Skills | Intercultural Understanding | Networking Opportunities | Community Service | Professional Development | Global Perspectives | Scholarship & Fellowship Opportunities

All Youth Participants Must:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be between 15-18 years old at the start of the exchange with at least four months of high school or CEGEP remaining before graduation
- Demonstrate an interest in, and have limited experience in, the United States
- Demonstrate leadership potential and community involvement
- Have parental/legal guardian permission to participate in international travel or online programming
- Be available for pre-exchange virtual workshops

Be willing to complete a community-based service project in their Canadian community after the exchange

High-intermediate level of spoken and written English

Program Details:
 The exchange will take place from July 15, 2025 to July 31, 2025. Program formats are subject to change in consultation with the U.S. Department of State.
Application opening: January 13, 2025
Application deadline: February 9, 2025

For more information, please visit youthambassadorsprogram.org or email us at youthambassadors@worldlearning.org.

Vancouver International Children's Festival

Be A Volunteer!



Accepting Applications starting Jan 2nd

May 26 - June 1 2025



Perks

- Free snacks and treats at the Volunteer Centre
- Free wristband to the Activity Village
- Signed Confirmation outlining that you volunteered "x" hours for the Festival.
- School credit for Volunteer and/or Work Experience
- Eligible for a Reference Letter for volunteers who contribute a minimum of 24 hours



Why Volunteer?

- Get involved in an exciting creative project
- Meet extraordinary people
- Learn and develop new skills
- Take part in a festive community event where you are encouraged to dress up every day you come to work
- Share your love of interacting by volunteering with kids
- Show that you care about your community

Please contact us at volunteer@childrensfestival.ca or call 604-708-5655 with any questions, we would love to hear from you!

childrensfestival.ca Volunteer@childrensfestival.ca

2025 Student Safety Video Contest

Show up, speak up for safety

Tell us how young workers can show up and speak up at work to improve safety for everyone.

Submit your video and you could win a cash prize.

Bonus prize: Actsafe Aspiring Filmmaker Award

Prize includes tickets to the 2026 Actsafe Entertainment Safety Conference, screening of the film at a future event attended by members of the Directors Guild of Canada - and more!

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Visit worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest



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/ 2SLGBTQIA+

Self- Worth & Self- Esteem

Feb. 20–May 8 (12 sessions)

Thursdays 4pm–6pm

Ages 16–24

Registration/Orientation Required

LGBTQ+

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



Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island

RASS

FOUNDRY RICHMOND

ADULTING-LIFE SKILLS

Short term job placement opportunity

Ages 18-24

Weeks 1-5: Vocational Skills

Nov. 20th: Demystifying Failure
Nov. 27th: Financial Literacy
Dec. 4th: Vocational Skills
Dec. 11th: Rights in the Workplace
Dec. 5th: Interview Preparation

Weeks 6-10: Life Skills

Jan. 15th: Executive Functioning
Jan. 22nd: Self Care
Jan. 29th: Cooking
Feb. 5th: Cleaning and Repair
Feb. 12th: Communication

Where:

101-5811 Cooney Road

When:

Wednesdays 12pm-2pm

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Email Luke@rassrichmond.ca for registration form!

