



BURNETT WAAG

Family WAAG October 6 – October 10, 2025

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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.

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!](#)

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES

You can book an appointment with your school counsellor online! Click on the [Counselling Centre](#), and book your appointment.

PAC

Families can contact Burnett's Parent Advisory Council at jnbpac.general@gmail.com PAC Meeting dates listed on the School Calendar.

GRADE 12 – POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION SESSION

On Tuesday, Oct 7, there will be in formation session on post-secondary application during PLT in the multi-purpose room. All grade 12s must attend.

GRADE 9 STUDENTS – TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 is the date for this year's Take Our Kids To Work Day (TOKWD) event. The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Students Commission of Canada (SCC), business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative which supports students as they begin to identify and develop personal interests, passions and competencies.

On November 5, Grade 9 students in Richmond will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Some students may go with a classmate's parent. In order to help prepare students for this event, students will be completing a pre-activity for TOKTWD during our November 4th Conference Day.

Copies of the parent letter and permission form, as well as the family resource guide for your reference, have been emailed home. Hard copies of the parent letter and permission form are also available in the school office.

Students are asked to return the permission form to the school office no later than Friday, October 31st.

FLU/COLD SEASON

As Flu/Cold season is upon us, it is important to take care of your health. If you are feeling sick,

- Monitor your symptoms
- Stay at home as you can spread your sickness to others
- Wear a mask during your recovery.

Students who miss assessments/instruction due to illness will always have alternate opportunities to demonstrate their learning.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct 7 Grade 12 Post Secondary Application Session (PLT)
- Oct 8 Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30 AM)
- Oct 8 University of Alberta @ Lunch
- Oct 8 Post Secondary Fair @ SLSS 4-6 PM/BCIT Big Info 4-7 PM Burnaby Campus
- Oct 9 PAC Meeting @ 7PM
- Oct 13 Thanksgiving (School Closed)
- Oct 14 Learning Updates Emailed Home / Gr 12 TVR Verification
- Oct 15 Grade 9 & 10 Immunization
- Oct 16 The Great BC Shakeout @ 10:16 am
- Oct 20 Diwali
- Oct 22 Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4 PM
- Oct 23 Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4 PM & 5-7 PM
- Oct 23 Photo Retake Day / U of Calgary Presentation @ 1:05 PM
- Oct 24 Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Oct 31 Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day permission form due

HOSTING A JAPANESE STUDENT

We are excited to announce the Richmond-Wakayama Exchange Program is officially back! This Japanese exchange program has a long meaningful history and was paused due to the pandemic. We have three schools, Burnett, Palmer, and Richmond Secondary, hosting Japanese students from Wakayama in November. We are currently looking for Burnett students who are interested in hosting a Japanese student. This means you will be paired with one or more Japanese students who will stay at your home during their visit from **November 17th to 24th, 2025**. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with a student from Japan. In addition, students who host this year will be given priority consideration for future exchange trips to Japan.

If you are interested in being a host, please contact Ms. Yip, Ms. Kang or Mrs. Collins.



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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. Cyclists take great care and caution and learn the rules of the road!
- **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!



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)



BELL SCHEDULE

MONDAY + WEDNESDAY + FRIDAY	
CLASS	TIME
WELCOME BELL	8:25am
BLOCK A	8:30 – 9:50
BLOCK B	9:55 – 11:15
BLOCK C	11:30 – 12:50
BLOCK D	1:40 -- 3:00

TUESDAY + THURSDAY	
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BLOCK A	8:30 – 9:38
PLT	9:43 – 10:31
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COLLABORATION DAY	
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BLOCK C	12:00 – 1:05
BLOCK D	1:55 -- 3:00

CONFERENCE DAY	
CLASS	TIME
HOMEROOM	8:30 – 9:00
SESSION 1	9:10 – 10:10
BREAK	10:10 – 10:20
SESSION 2	10:25 – 11:25
LUNCH	11:25 – 12:10
SESSION 3	12:15 – 1:15
SESSION 4	1:25 – 2:25
HOMEROOM/PLT	2:30 – 3:00
GLA/GNA SESSION 1	8:15 – 11:15
GLA/GNA SESSION 2	12:00 – 3:00

PLT – PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

Just a brief reminder of the changes to Personal Learning Time (formerly BLT-Burnett Learning Time):

Structure

- PLT is on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be scheduled between first and second period starting September 9.
- Each PLT block will be 48 minutes in duration.
- All students will be required to attend each PLT session

Increased Opportunities for Student Support

PLT will increase support for all students and empower students to:

- Choose what area of learning they want to focus on
- Choose who they need to connect with for support (Teachers may request that you sign-up for a specific PLT)
- Learn how to self-manage their time and develop skills to be more independent learners

Strategies for Success – Some PLT Ideas

- Review class notes, textbook, homework and learning activities
- Make cue cards/flashcards or prepare other study tactics
- Review a quiz/test with a friend or work on group class projects
- Stay organized: record important assignment dates in agenda/clean-up binder
- Read/Journal
- Ask questions of, converse and consult with teachers
- Skills you will develop: questioning, communication, goal setting, organization, time management, self-regulation and awareness
- PLAN/SET PRIORITIES – What is due first? What is most difficult? What will take the most time?
- ORGANIZE – If tasks are completed, what else can be done to improve my learning - study, read, practice....What materials/resources do I need to bring with me to PLT?

Information and Reminders were shared with students during Homeroom this week; please see attached.

ATTENDANCE

If your child will be late or away from school, either for the full day or part of the day, please let the school know.

Two ways to report absences:

Early Warning line -- leave a voicemail at 604-718-4007

School Email -- send an email to burnett@sd38.bc.ca

Please leave the following information with your message:

- **Student's first and last names**
- **Student number** — we have several students with the same first and last names, the student number will allow the school to enter the excused absence for the correct student.
- **Parent/Guardian Identity** — only parents, homestay parents and legal guardians are allowed to excuse a student from school. Please identify yourself (mom, dad, homestay, etc.) when reporting a student absence.
- **Reason for the absence** — illness, appointment, travel, etc.
- **Duration of the absence** (start date to end date) — if absence is for more than one day.

The school will send automated voice calls and emails to parents and legal guardians of students with unexcused absence for the day. Please inform the school if you have a change in your contact information (cellphone, home phone, email address).

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.

