

Family WAAG

February 23 – February 27, 2026



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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. Volunteering and Fundraising Opportunities:

PAC Committee Member: <https://forms.gle/MG8yWNhc1Tf8kKdY7>

FOLLOW-UP: Program Planning Sessions for Students

Current Grade 8-11 students have had the opportunity to attend in-person program planning sessions with the counsellors. If you missed it, or still have questions, please see the [presentation powerpoints](#) on the school website. All course selection online forms and MyEd entry are due by **February 23, 2026 at 8 AM**.

You can make an appointment with your counsellor if you need more support in selecting your courses for next year.

PINK SHIRT DAY

The last Wednesday of February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day. Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity to focus on working together to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink on February 25th as a show of support.

GRADE 8 CORE FRENCH STUDENT FIELDTRIP

All grade 8 core French students are going to attend the field trip to the Francophone Festival on Tuesday, Feb 24th. At the end of block A on that day, put your backpack in your locker and go to the front of the school to meet your French teacher.

PASCAL, CAYLEY AND FERMAT CONTESTS

Attention all Mathletes writing the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests: Please go to Ms. Rodriguez's classroom D211 on Wednesday, February 25th during A block class at 8:30am. We will begin the contest at 8:45, and students are expected to inform their teachers of their absence and return to class once complete. If you have not received a confirmation email, please see Ms. Rodriguez ASAP.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 23	2026-2027 Course Requests Due @ 8am
Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day / Pascal, Cayley, Fermat Math Contests
Mar 4	Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30) / Holi
Mar 5	PAC Meeting @ 7PM
Mar 9	Learning Update Emailed Home
Mar 11	Parent Teacher Conference 2-4 PM
Mar 12	Parent Teacher Conference 2-4 PM & 5-7 PM
Mar 13	Last Day Before Spring Break
Mar 30	School Reopens after Spring Break
Mar 31	Euclid Math Contest
Apr 1-8	Pesach
Apr 3	Good Friday (School Closed)
Apr 6	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Apr 9	PAC Meeting @ 7 PM/Lockdown Drill @ 1:30PM
Apr 14	Burnett Scholarship Application Due / Vaisakhi
Apr 15	Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30AM)

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS – Drivers and School Volunteers

- All volunteers are now required to complete a criminal record check (CRC) prior to having their volunteer driving form being signed by the office
- CRC's are completed online at no cost to the volunteer. NOTE: There is a processing time for the CRC to be completed – up to 3 weeks.

Once the school volunteer has submitted their online CRC, it is complete. School volunteers can email or print a copy of their submission confirmation and provide it to the school principal.

SD38 CAREER PROGRAMS

Would you like to take a post-secondary course or program in high school and have your tuition covered? Check out the [SD38 Career Programs website](#) to apply. We offer over 20 different programs. There are a couple of key due dates approaching: March 3rd - dual credit train in trades program applications are due. March 10th - academic dual credit program applications are due. This includes our NEW KPU 4-course Business program. Check out our slat board in the counselling office for more details.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY – For guardians/caregivers

The student learning survey is an annual province-wide census of students in grades 4,7,10,11, and 12. The parents/caregivers' version is available to the caregivers of students in these grades. Many questions can be triangulated with the student survey questions, where parents are asked to provide their perceptions on the role of schools in supporting students' intellectual development, social and human development, and career development. Please take a few moments to complete the survey [HERE](#).

BURNETT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Grade 12 students are strongly encouraged to submit a scholarship application by April 14. Please visit our website [HERE](#) for more information.



BURNETT W.A.A.C

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. Pay close attention to the NO STOPPING Signs on the street and adhere.
- **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!

APPLY NOW (to Burnett) for Richmond SD38's Manufacturing & Engineering Co-op (MEC) Program

PROGRAM COURSES

- Engineering 11 (4 credits)
- Youth Explore Trades Skills 11/12 (4 credits)
- Work Experience 12 (4 credits)
- Workforce Training Certificate (OPTIONAL) (online learning module with Northwest Skills Institute)

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant is currently in grade 10 or 11
- Successful completion of Math 10 and Language Arts 10 prior to program start
- Attending a Richmond SD38 high school
- Completion of an ADST (Tech Ed) course as an asset (beyond Gr 8 wheel)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Program held Semester 2 (May-June)
- Students at home school for all Sem 1
- Students take all four MEC courses at Burnett in Semester 2
- If electing to not take paid certificate, MUST be able to take an elective course through BVS

APPLY NOW

Obtain application from your school's career centre or the SDSB Career Programs website
 Submit Application by **SEPT 15th, 2024**
 Short-listed applicants attend interview in Spring prior to year of program.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION DATES 2026

TIME:
REGISTRATION FOR ALL COURSES STARTS @ 7PM

DATES:

NON CREDIT COURSES

- Gr.8 - Mon, April 13
- Gr. 9 - Tue, April 14
- Gr. 10 & 11 - Wed, April 15
- Multi Grade - Thu, April 16

FULL CREDIT COURSES

- Gr. 12 - Wed, May 6
- Gr. 11 - Thu, May 7
- Gr. 10 - Fri, May 8

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.