

Family WAAG

March 9 – March 13, 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>

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 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.

SUMMER LEARNING 2026

The Richmond School District offers fun and engaging summer learning programs where you can explore new interests, learn new skills, review or preview academic courses, or complete a full credit course. Enrichment courses run from July 6 to July 31, and registration starts on April 13. Academic full-credit courses run from July 2 to July 31, and registration starts on May 6. Summer learning catalogue will be available in early April. [Click here](#) for more details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 9	Learning Update Emailed Home
Mar 11	Parent Teacher Conference 2-4 PM Online
Mar 12	Parent Teacher Conference 2-4 PM & 5-7 PM In Person
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)
Apr 17	Grade 8 Literacy Assessment
Apr 21	Graduation Literacy 10 Assessment
Apr 21	Conference Day
Apr 22	Grade 8&9 Immunization
Apr 23	University of Calgary @ Lunch in Library Lab
Apr 27	Midterm Learning Report Published
Apr 28	Evacuation/Earthquake Drill @ 11:35AM
May 4	Music Monday
May 5	Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30)
May 7	PAC Meeting @ 7PM
May 12	Evacuation Drill @ 1PM
May 13	Gauss Math Contest
May 15	Non-Instructional Day (School Closed to Students)
May 18	Victoria Day (School Closed)
May 21	Learning Progress Update Sent Home by Teacher
May 26	Richmond School District Indigenous Achievement Ceremony
May 29	Grade 7 Orientation Day

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

[Parent-Teacher conferences](#) will take place on March 11 (2-4pm ONLINE) and March 12 (2-4PM & 5-7 PM IN PERSON). Step-by-step instructions were sent out on Monday, March 2.

SPRING CLEANING CLOTHING DRIVE

JNB FFC and Interact Club are hosting a Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive until April 10th! C Block classes will be competing against each other, and the top three classes with the most donations will win a prize. All proceeds go to The Salvation Army, so start donating now!

BURNETT CITIZENS OF THE WEEK

We are introducing the **Burnett Citizenship Initiative** that is designed to promote a culture of **respect, responsibility, participation**. Staff will hand out recognition slips for those who show qualities of being a good citizen. Once a week we will do a draw to recognize Burnett Citizens. **This week's Student Exemplars of Citizenship:**

- AMANDA KWOK
- SIERRA MONGOVIUS
- BOHAN LI

Thank you Amanda, Sierra and Bohan for helping to build a positive school community. We appreciate your efforts!



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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.

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!

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.