BURNETT FAMILY WAAG

November 16-20, 2026

Monday Nov. 16	Tuesday Nov. 17	Wednesday Nov. 18	Thursday Nov. 19	Friday Nov. 20
ABCD StuCo Donation Drive	**A-PLT-BCD** StuCo Donation Drive	**Collab – ABCD** **School Starts @ 9:30am** StuCo Donation Drive **SFU @ Lunch in Library Lab** **Canadian Senior & Intermediate Math Contests**	**PLT-ABCD** StuCo Donation Drive **PAC Meeting @7 pm**	**ABCD** StuCo Donation Drive

ATTENDANCE

Parents/guardians are required to inform the school if their child will be late, absent or need to leave the school early. Students are not allowed to excuse themselves. Only parents/legal guardians/homestay parents/custodians are allowed to excuse a child from school.

Please leave a message on our absent line at **604-718-4007** with the following information:

1. *Your name and how you are related to the student (mom, dad, homestay parent, etc.)*
2. *Your child's name*
3. *Your child's student number* (we have several students with the same first and last names, and the student number will identify your child)
4. *Whether your child will be late, absent or dismissed early*
5. *Reason for late arrival, absence, or early dismissal*

Students need to sign in at the office if they are coming to school more than 10 minutes late and sign out if they are leaving before the end of the school day. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

CONTACTING SCHOOL STAFF

We value and encourage communication between home and school. Our staff is always happy to hear from parents to discuss a student's progress. Should you need to get in touch with a teacher and do not have their email address, please email the school office at burnett@sd38.bc.ca and we will forward the message for the teacher to reply.

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS – Teams, Clubs, Field Trips

If you plan to be a volunteer driver for J.N. Burnett this year, the District requires a quick Criminal Record Check, a completed volunteer driver form, and a copy of your insurance coverage. For more information, see the main office.

ADAPTING TO PERMANENT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

As we transition to permanent Daylight Savings Time, some students and families may notice temporary changes in sleep patterns, energy levels, and concentration. Our bodies rely on regular exposure to light and consistent routines, so it may take a short time to adjust to the new schedule. Here are some tips for students:

- **Prioritize Sleep**:
  - aim for a consistent bedtime and wake-up time, even on weekends
  - begin winding down 30-60 minutes before bed by limiting screen time and bright lights
- **Get Morning Light:**
  - spend time outdoors or near natural light early in the day
  - morning sunlight helps reset the body's internal clock and can improve alertness and mood
- **Stay Active:**
  - Regular physical activity can help regulate sleep and boost energy levels
- **Monitor Screen Time**

PURDY'S FUNDRAISER – Deadline to Order Dec. 4

Burnett Music Department is holding their **Purdy's Fundraiser** this winter. If you would like to support their musical adventures or just love a good box of chocolates, order by December 4 at the following link: https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000036147/member/55482

STUCO DONATION DRIVE – Nov 16-27

Attention Breakers! It's time for the annual Donation Drive. Bring your donations to your Block C class for a chance to win the pizza party prize. The following items earn your class double points on the following days:

- Mon., Nov. 16: Protein (e.g. peanut butter, protein bars, etc.)
- Wed., Nov. 18: Carbohydrates (e.g. pasta, cereals, etc.)
- Fri., Nov. 20: Fibres (canned or dried legumes and beans, etc.)
- Tues., Nov. 24: New or Gently Used Clothing
- Wed., Nov. 25: Menstrual & Infant Products
- Fri., Nov. 27: Personal Hygiene (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, soap)

CONFERENCE DAY ASSIGNMENTS

Conference Day Assignments are now past due. A friendly reminder that all assignments must be uploaded to student MS TEAMS account.

S1 LEARNING UPDATES – Midterm Report

Please note that the Semester 1 Midterm Learning Update will be posted to the MyEducationBC portal on November 23, 2026. Caregivers are encouraged to test their accounts to make sure that their logins work. Click here to test your login. If you are having difficulty logging in, please contact our office by email.

BREAKER ATHLETICS

For information about Burnett Athletics and Teams, click here or follow us on Instagram @jnbathletics.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Families can contact Burnett's Parent Advisory Council at jnbpac.general@gmail.com or follow on Instagram @jnburnettpac.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 23	Learning Update – S1 Midterm Published on MyEd
	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 24	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
Dec. 2	Winter Wonderland Music Celebration
Dec. 4-12	Hanukkah
Dec. 14	Learning Update – At Risk Interim Reports E-Mailed Home
Dec. 17	Senior's Breakfast
Dec. 18	Winter Breakfast
	Last Day of School Before Winter Break
Dec. 25	Christmas
Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 4	First Day of School After Winter Break
Jan. 12	Gr. 10 Graduation Assessment – GNA 10
Jan. 15	Black Excellence Day
Jan. 19	Gr. 8 Literacy Assessment
Jan. 21	PAC Meeting @ 7pm
Jan. 28	Last Day of Semester 1
Jan. 29	Learning Completion Day
Feb. 1	Learning Completion Day

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SCHOOL CALENDAR AND BELL SCHEDULES

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. Click here for the School Bell Schedule.

PLT – PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

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 and 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?

SCHOOL BASED CLUBS

We had a very successful Clubs Day event on October 8, 2026. Thank you to Student Council for their work to help organize this wonderful event. For the information of all of our students, there are 32 school-based clubs running this year! There are opportunities for all students and all interests. We encourage all of our students to participate in some club activities. In case you missed Clubs Day, for more information, click here. All clubs are open to all J.N. Burnett students.

SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER SESSIONS

Safer Schools Together offers training sessions for students, parents/caregivers, and educators. These sessions are designed to help promote informed decision-making both online and offline to ensure safe and caring school communities.

For parents/caregivers and youth aged 10+, Family Sessions include:

- Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities
- Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion

The complete 2026/27 erase training schedule is open for registration through 2026.

ARTONA GRAD PHOTO BOOKING

For Grade 12 students wishing to book their Grad photos. For further information Click here or go to our school website.

CAREER CENTRE – Post Secondary Planning

Click here for our career centre website for upcoming student presentations and important information related to post-secondary planning!

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICES

You can book an appointment with your school counsellor online! Click on the Counselling Centre, and book your appointment.

SCHOOL FORMS – Please Return to the Office ASAP

Students received a Personal Information Consent Form, a Student Medical Information Verification Form and a Walking Fieldtrip Form in September. It is very important that this information be kept up-to date and accurate in case of an emergency. If any of the information on the form is incorrect, please make the necessary changes right on the form. These forms need to be signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible.

SAFETY AND TRAFFIC GUIDELINES

Please be extra cautious as mornings are darker and the rain has arrived.

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!

SCHOOL FEES - SchoolCashOnline

Reminder to students to pay any of their fees. Items added throughout the year include Grad events, workbook fees, field trips fees, and athletic fees. Click here to access SchoolCashOnline.

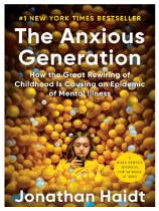
DISTRICT POLICY: Student Personal Digital Device

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 a 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.

THE ANXIOUS GENERATION: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness by Jonathan Haidt

In The Anxious Generation, renowned social psychologist, Jonathan Haidt, exposes the catastrophic consequences of the "Great Rewiring of Childhood." Inside this fast-paced summary, readers will discover the essential takeaways to understand the problem and deserve the trend.



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