



JN BURNETT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to our students, staff, and parents who have made 2018-2019 another great year for all of us at Burnett! We are very proud of the outstanding academic and extra-curricular accomplishments of our Breakers. Thank you to our staff, PAC, and Dry After Grad parents for volunteering their time to make Dinner and Dance and Dry After Grad a very classy and memorable evening for our grads! Thanks to Ms. Carv and her yearbook class for their dedication and creativity with our 2019 Yearbook – Stay Gold! I would like to thank our Burnett community for your support this year. I wish all members of our extended school community a safe and enjoyable summer, and for our graduates, parents and staff members who are moving on, all the very best to you!

Mrs. W. Walker
Principal

A FOND FAREWELL

Each year we say good-bye to a number of staff who are departing our school for different opportunities and experiences. We thank all of these dedicated educators for their commitment to JN Burnett Secondary School: Amy Cheng, David Gault, Amy Kim, Trevor Tsang, Jeremy Thompson, Charlotte Starchuck, Kevin Mak and Della Fuller.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO OUR GRADS OF 2019

Our 2019 Grads dined and danced the night away at their formal Prom at the spectacular Pan Pacific Hotel in downtown Vancouver. Grads looked fabulous in their suits and gowns and took as many photos as possible in the two hours our photo booth was open for business! The prom was then followed by a very successful parent-organized Dry After Grad celebration back at the school – a **huge thank you** to *Kathy Ducey, Sarah Banno, and Laura Smith* and all the parents involved in this wonderful night for our graduates.

Our Valedictory Ceremony was held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC on Thursday, June 27th. At our 2019 ceremony, we were inspired by the valedictory presentation of our Class Historians – Matthew Smith and Sara Zupanc. This dynamic duo did a wonderful job sharing memories of the past five years at Burnett. Our 2019 Valedictorian, Horman Qian represented his classmates with great passion and thoughtfulness. Student performances by Danielle Vergara and Nandi Mlambo impressed over 1,000 grads, guests, families and staff. Based on the incredible number of awards and scholarships presented to our grads, they are sure to continue to do very well in the future!

Congratulations to our Grad Class of 2019!

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS
2019/2020**

Sept 3 First Day of School
Sept 13 Grad Boat Cruise 5:30pm
Sept 19 Meet the Teacher Night 7pm
Sept 20 Pro-D Day – No School
Sept 24. Photo Day



BURNETT AWARD CELEBRATIONS

We held four grade assemblies on Thursday, June 20 to celebrate the diverse accomplishments of our students in academics, fine and performing arts, and service to the school. We held a separate Athletic Banquet on June 21 to recognize our student-athletes. Our Grade 12's subject, service awards, and major award recipients were celebrated at our Valedictory ceremony on June 27.

We also recognized students who have shown leadership and contributed service to the school on behalf of others. A very impressive list of students contributed at least 25 volunteer hours and received a Level 1 Service pin. We also thanked a remarkable group of Breakers who contributed over 50 hours of volunteer service to the school with a Level 2 service pin, and new this year, our Excellence in Service Award. Congratulations to: Aidan Galan, Haylee Johal, Victoria Li, Ifrah Rizwan, Danica Shuen, and Linda Wang. These incredible students were recognized by their club sponsor teacher as a student who goes above and beyond to support the club and its mandate, and is not necessarily hours-based, and whom submitted a thoughtful, self-reflection as part of their service awards form.

We encourage all students to get involved in at least one positive activity next year as this helps students grow as caring people and makes our school a better place for everyone!

BURNETT LEARNING TIME IS BACK FOR 2019 – 2020

We are happy to report that after student, parent, and staff consultation, Burnett Learning time will return for our 2019 – 2020 school year.

After feedback from our stake-holders, the implementation schedule has been combined with our Collaboration Days and our Burnett Learning Time block will be reduced from 60 to 50 minutes on the Wednesdays listed below:

Burnett Learning Time Schedule			Collaboration Day Schedule		
Block A	8:25	9:30	Collaborator	8:25	9:35
BLT	9:35	10:25	Warning Bel	9:35	
Block B	10:30	11:35	Block A	9:40	10:40
RECESS	11:35	11:45	Block B	10:45	11:45
Block C	11:50	12:55	RECESS	11:45	11:55
LUNCH	12:55	13:40	Block C	12:00	13:00
Block D	13:45	14:50	LUNCH	13:00	13:45
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Dates for Collaboration and Burnett Learning Time					
25-Sep	BLT		12-Feb	Collab	
02-Oct	BLT		26-Feb	BLT	
09-Oct	Collab		04-Mar	Collab	
30-Oct	BLT		01-Apr	BLT	
06-Nov	BLT		08-Apr	Collab	
13-Nov	Collab		15-Apr	BLT	
27-Nov	BLT		22-Apr	BLT	
04-Dec	BLT		29-Apr	BLT	
11-Dec	Collab		06-May	BLT	
18-Dec	BLT		13-May	Collab	
08-Jan	BLT		27-May	BLT	
15-Jan	Collab		03-Jun	BLT	

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING STUDENTS RETURNING

LATE – AFTER SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2019

If your child is not returning to J.N. Burnett Secondary School in September, or if he/she will be returning later than September 3, 2019, you **MUST** advise the school office at 604-668-6478, otherwise the student's name will be removed from the roster.



THIRD ANNUAL BURNETT CARVIVAL

Congratulations to StuCo, our Junior Leadership Club, and our many student-leaders for organizing a fabulous Burnett Carnival and Yearbook Distribution! A big kudos goes to Ms



Carv for organizing our yearbook distribution. Hundreds of students attended our third annual carnival on the backfield. Fun was in the air as music played and kids tested out their

agility on the Wipe Out and RCMP Impaired driving vision goggles obstacle course. Our Breakers showed



us who had the best tug-of-war team, skills on the retro Wii and Mario Cart game, Escape Room, games hosted by JNB Athletics, and staff and students were soaked in the dunk tank! Our students enjoyed

food from the Triple Os food truck, cotton candy, and popcorn! Thank you to all the clubs that volunteered their time to set up booths for our many students and future Breakers from Thompson Elementary! Thank you to all of the teachers that participated and Mr. Lim and Mr. Yamamoto for helping end the year with an amazing event!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND SCHOOL OPENING INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Our school secretary will be in the office throughout the summer months. The office hours are as follows:

July 2-July 5 Mondays to Fridays **8:00am-4:00pm**

July 8-Aug 23 Mondays to Fridays **8:00am-2:00pm**

August 26 onward regular office hours: **8:00am-4:00pm**

Please note that the counselors will be available from Tuesday, August 27 to Thursday, August 29 for programming of new registrants and international students only, in the morning.

Appointments may be made by phoning our school secretaries at: 604-668-6478.

All parents and students will receive a letter towards the end of August which will outline in detail the important information, dates, times etc. for the first week back. For now, please mark on your calendar that school begins on:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

PARENT PORTAL ON MYEDUCATION BC

We have published your child's Final 2018-2019 Report Card to the Parent Portal for your reference. To view this document, click the "Pages" top tab and in the bottom right you can find the PDF report card under "Published Reports".

It is recommended that you save the document as the report card is only posted on the Parent Portal for a limited time.

Please contact our office if you have issues with your MyEducationBC account.

STAYING CONNECTED

We know that every member of our community leads a very busy life, balancing school, work and family responsibilities.



At Burnett, we will do our best to communicate regularly with students, parents, and members of our wider school community.

We invite everyone to bookmark and subscribe to our school website – it is the best source of the most up-to-date school information. Please stay connected –

www.jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca

Follow us on Twitter [@BurnettBreakers](https://twitter.com/BurnettBreakers)



Our mission: The Burnett PAC works to enhance communication between parents, students and the Burnett staff and administration. This is done through monthly meetings, and through certain special events. PAC meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the school staff room.

PAC Meetings: All parents/guardians of Burnett students are Burnett PAC members, and are invited to attend the PAC meetings, where we learn about events around the school and important issues affecting our children's education.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the school and PAC activities this year. Thanks to the time you devoted and the funds you donated, we had a very successful Dry Grad, two highly appreciated Staff Appreciation breakfasts, and funded school clubs and activities that enhanced our children's educational experience. A very special thank you to Kathy Ducey, Laura Smith and Sarah Banno for co-chairing the Dry Grad committee this year, and for all their efforts throughout their children's years at Burnett. To them, and to all Grade 12 parents who are "graduating" from Burnett with their children, we wish you and your families the very best.

We hope to see returning parents at our first PAC meeting of the 2019-2020 school year, on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Have a great summer!

Suzy Buckley

PAC Chair

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2019-2020 PAC Executives: At the May 2nd PAC meeting, the following parents were elected as PAC executives for the upcoming school year:

Chair: Suzy Buckley

Vice-Chair: Ahmed Akuka

Treasurer: Chris Jackson

Secretary: Shilpa Sharma

CAREER INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

Career Center Office and Websites to regularly check

Richmond District Career Centre News at: <http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/>

Visit “**JN Burnett Career Information Center**” Facebook page for important info and up-dates including scholarships at <https://www.facebook.com/JN-Burnett-Secondary-School-Career-Information-Center-676894562416136/>



JN Burnett Secondary’s Monthly School Newsletter: Contains up-to-date post-secondary events and deadlines at <http://jnburnett.sd38.bc.ca/parents/newsletters>

Around the school campus: Announcements, school TV, bulletin boards outside the Counselling & Career Centre and Multi-Purpose Hall.

Appointments: Drop in or make an appointment to see the **Career Information Advisor, Ms. Carter: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (bi-weekly) from 8:30am to 4:00pm**

GRADE 12 UPDATES

- BC Student Transcripts sends final marks to institutions electronically
- Confirmation of Admission will be sent by email or letter from post-secondary institutions confirming offer of admission based upon the July final grades
- Apply for financial aid through StudentAidBC at <https://studentaidbc.ca/news/general/20182019-program-year>
- Participate in First-Year Orientation of your institution.
- Register for Fall courses

GRADES 10 & 11 STUDENTS

Know the offered programs, admission requirements, application dates and deadlines, scholarships, and other needed documents of post-secondary institutions.

Meet School Recruiters on three major events:

1. **Post-Secondary Institutions of BC (PSIBC) Fair** on **Oct 26, 2018, Friday, 12:43 – 1:28 pm** at the **JN Burnett Gymnasium**.
2. **Colleges and Universities Event (CUE)** Event on Oct 3, Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at McMath Secondary School. Take your parents with you.
3. **School Visits of Recruiters to JNBurnett.** Complete list will be posted in the social media and campus bulletin boards

Join a **campus tour** of the post-secondary institutions that you are considering.

Read new admission requirements effective 2019-2020:

SFU: <https://www.sfu.ca/.../.../admission-requirements-2019-2020.html>

UBC: <http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/2019-admission/>

UT: <https://www.future.utoronto.ca/apply/requirements/canadian-high-school>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) - Visit Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) for a list of available volunteer placements. For more information about this organization, visit: <https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms>

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.” – Confucius