



*Ecole secondaire*  
**BURNSVIEW**  
*Secondary School*

*Principal: Mr. D. Younger*

*Vice-Principal: Mr. B. Richards*

August 20, 2019

It's hard to believe that another summer holiday is rapidly drawing to an end, however, there is no doubt that we will soon be returning to school. I hope that you have all had a chance to enjoy much time with friends and family to relax and recharge. Over the holiday our staff has been working hard getting the school ready for a smooth opening. Our office staff have ensured that administratively we are ready to go; our counselors have reviewed and corrected student schedules; our teachers have been preparing their courses while our custodial crew has the building in great shape. We are all looking forward to another great year at Burnsview Secondary.

For students new to Burnsview, I would like to make you aware that Burnsview follows a linear program. This means that students will see all eight of their classes, four per day, for the full year. This is shown in the student schedules, which will be available on August 21<sup>st</sup> and can be viewed through Parent Connect. A link to Parent Connect can be found on our website. While we have made attempts to check all of the student's schedules, please review the schedule that you have received to ensure it is complete. If a course is missing or a course change is required, please contact the office to make an appointment with a counselor.

I would like to remind students and parents that for this year we are continuing to include ILT (Individualized Learning Time) into our schedule. With last school year being a "trial" year for ILT at Burnsview, we have reviewed the program with students and our teachers and have reviewed the students' academic achievement. We did find that the program was successful for the vast majority of our students. We saw a decrease in student stress and an increase in academic achievement. ILT is time that the students have much greater control of choosing what learning activities or classes they need to focus on. The students are responsible for signing into a class and being focused on their learning. Please be aware that this is learning time and all students will be required to be working in classes with their teachers. To ensure success of this program, we will be using ILT at the start of the year to teach the skills and processes needed for students to be able to make the best use of this time.

We look forward to meeting our new Grade 8 class – the class of 2024– and to working with our returning students as we anticipate another exciting and successful year for the Burnsview community. We'll be holding grade assemblies in September to provide information to all students about the coming school year.

Also, in September, we look forward to celebrating the successes and achievements from the last school year. We feel that it is important for students' achievements to be recognized and celebrated in front of their peers and hopefully this can be a motivating activity for the current school year. As such we will be holding award assemblies for last year's grade 8 and 9 students on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and for last year's grade 10 and 11 students on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Parents are welcome to join us for these assemblies, with parents of major award winners having already been contacted.

As many of you are aware, **Mr. Ian Close**, our Vice Principal, is leaving us and moving into a Vice Principal position at Seaquam Secondary. Mr. Close has been a great addition to Burnsview and has formed strong connections with our students and staff. He will be greatly missed for his insightful nature and the academic and social leadership that he has provided to our full school.

Please join me in welcoming **Mr. Bill Richards** as he comes to Burnsview as our new Vice Principal. Mr. Richards has been a teacher in our district and most recently has been working in Inclusive Learning at the School District level. We are pleased and excited to have Mr. Richards join us and to bring to our school his knowledge and skills.

Leading up to the summer and also over the summer, we have experienced a few changes to our teaching staff. Please join me in welcoming:

**Ms. M. Bantok** returns to us and will be teaching Science, Math, and Economics and will be our Indigenous Advocate

**Ms. S. Bissonnette** returns to us and will be teaching French (FSL) classes

**Mr. K. Butler** returns to us from South Delta and will be teaching Science

**Ms. N. Dandiwal** returns to us and will be teaching English and Career Education

**Ms. S. Forbes** joins us from Delview and will be teaching Home Ec. – Foods

**Ms. L. Jenner** joins us and will be teaching Home Ec. – Textiles and Foods

**Ms. N. Marte** joins us and will be teaching ELL and working with our refugee students

**Ms. S. Martyniuk** joins us from the Langley School District and will be teaching English and IT

**Mr. M. Sekhon** joins us from Seaquam and will be teaching Social Studies

**Ms. L. Trieu** returns to us and will be teaching French (FSL) classes

**Ms. J. Walters** joins us and will be supporting students as an EA in the Gradquest program.

Schools open for students to return to classes on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Information regarding opening day activities is available on our website. Also, on the website is information about school supplies, locks and lockers, course fees, pictures and all those other Back-To-School issues you are wondering about. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 604-594-0491 or come to the school office. Our website can be reached at: <http://bu.deltasd.bc.ca>

Mr. D Younger, Principal