



GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Ecole Secondaire Burnsvie Secondary
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Message From The Editor

Hello everyone,

I would like to welcome you back to yet another school year and along with it, the first edition of the year.

We are also welcoming our first wave of club writers! I have had the pleasure of reading their work and I have to tell you they are all great writers with varying writing styles, so you are all in for a treat. I would like to clarify that club membership is not mandatory in order to be published. I do my best to assign what the writers are interested in, however that is not always possible so being a writer means writing what you want along with what you are assigned. If you wish to join, send me an email (gurleenb037@deltalearns.ca) and I will get back to you promptly.

The goal for this year is to have more student involvement in the paper, encouraging greater readership and authorship within the school community. We are also going forward with our ongoing submissions plan. It is meant to be a way for people to submit casually or anonymously. Please be sure to read the criteria and details before submitting.

Sincerely,

Gurleen Bhangu
Editor of the Griffin Gazette

Submission Form:

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Sports/Clubs

SAGA

(Sexuality and Gender Acceptance)

Supervising Teacher:

Ms. Bye

How long has the club been running?

2 years

What is the club about?

Discussions about LGBTQ2+ issues and concerns and a safe place for members of the queer community and their allies to hang out.

Where and when do you guys meet?

First Tuesday of the month in the Foods room.



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When will the next meeting of the year take place?

OCT 1

Describe a typical meeting.

Students meet and discuss current issues in the queer community. Sometimes the topic is directed by the teacher and other times the students come with concerns they are experiencing within school and in their own lives. Other times, students just come to hang out and enjoy the company of others who are experiencing similar things in their lives.

How many members are there? Do the members often change? Are people able to join whenever they want?

It varies, usually around 10. More are welcome!

What is the aim of the club/activity? What did you hope to accomplish when you started it?

To create a safe space for LGBTQ2+ students and their allies.

What can someone gain by joining the club/activity?

New friends and awareness of issues impacting the LGBTQ2+ community.

Is the club/activity open to all students regardless of age/grade?

Yes!

By: Ms. Bye

Girl's Volleyball

It's the start of a new year. New classes, new peers, new teachers, and... VOLLEYBALL SEASON! By the second week of school, our grade 8, junior and senior girls' teams were finalized and out on the court, getting out all the summer kinks before league play. Our grade 8 team - coached by Mr. Burford, Ms. Bantok, Jasleen Klair and Erica Deo - is just beginning their high school experience; being able to play on a team gives them the chance to make new friends and get involved in the school community.

Our junior team - coached by Mme. Bissonette, Mme. Sorbetti, Caylah Lemon and Eleni Asrate - is looking forward to going into their second/third year wearing the Griffin on their chest. This is Mme. Sorbetti's first time coaching, since she took on the grade 9 girls' team 2 years back, and she is excited to be with some different and more experienced players. Mme. Bissonette quotes: "I think we have a strong group of girls this year and we can do really well... once we get our serves over the net!"

As for our senior team, coached by Ms. Bye, this is the last time our grads will wear the blue and red. Let's show our Burnsvie pride and cheer on our senior girls as they take to the court one last time! Listen to the announcements or check our BU website to find out when games are happening.

Grade 8, junior and senior girls play on Tuesday and Thursday.

Hope to see lots of Burnsvie support this season. GO GRIFFINS!

By: Emily Bancroft



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Back to School!

Snapshots into the high school life.

A new school year has just begun. This year's 8th graders have just entered a whole new world of opportunity and adventure, while the older grades return to another fabulous year at Burnsvew. No matter what grade you have entered, there are many important things that will happen this school year, but for this article, we will focus on the 8th grade.

Grade 8 will have a rollercoaster of emotions, which I can say with confidence. There will be drama, stress and surprises, with new friendships forming, and old friendships breaking. Going back to my first year of high school, I entered with hardly any close friends, but as the year went by, I got the chance to rejuvenate old friendships and create new ones with people that I had never met before.

One of the defining parts of our school would be the numerous events and opportunities that Burnsvew has to offer. For example, the grade 8 breakfast, a signature school tradition, will be taking place on the 9th of October. Intrigued yet? Well, don't pass the chance to join your favourite clubs, such as:

- the Robotics club (which can be taken as a course in grade 9)
- Board game club

- Game of Apps
- and much more!

On the academic side of things, high school is very different from elementary. For example, we make a big deal about the awards, honouring those with good academic standing and athletic ability, along with granting specialty awards for specific subjects or skills. Also, two things that you better prepare for are class percentages and final exam season. You just knew that there was a catch, didn't you? But don't worry too much, it's only grade 8! This is the year to discover yourself and your passions.

There are plenty of things that you can do to make this a successful and enjoyable year. Some tips that I have for you are:

- to be prepared for class
- to step out of your comfort zone by trying things out and taking some risks
- work hard to submit your best work, on time
- talk to new people and create lasting friendships

Well, that's my rant. Just remember that with a positive attitude, you will find high school very enjoyable and interesting. Now, have fun, and remember to work hard!

By: Hargun Mujral

New Teachers



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Ms. Jenner

It's a new year at Burnsville. Along with returning students, we're also welcoming many new faces to our halls, students and teachers alike. One of those new faces joining us this year is Ms. Jenner, our school's textiles teacher as well as one of our foods teachers. She started her education at Kwantlen, receiving an undergraduate degree in fashion design. She went on to pursue a degree in education from UBC. Upon completing her courses there, she came to Burnsville to begin her career as a teacher.

Ms. Jenner is excited about teaching at Burnsville and becoming a part of our school. What she's really looking forward to in this coming year is interacting with the students here at Burnsville and getting to know our school better. She's also really looking forward to teaching the textiles classes our school offers, as fashion is one of her passions. She does have a degree in it after all. Ms. Jenner is all around happy to be here with us this year, and I'm sure we can all agree we are happy to welcome her into our halls.

By: Kailey Newsham

Ms. Martyniuk

What classes do you teach/what is your role?

English and Digital Media

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I always thought teaching would be a good career for me but I didn't want to be a teacher straight out of college. I wasn't ready. Instead, I decided to travel and see the world (gain a few experiences and stories). While travelling, I worked as an English teacher in Korea to pay for airplane tickets and various travelling adventures. It was while living and working abroad I realized I really loved teaching and it gave me immense joy. After 4 years, I moved back to Canada and got my teaching degree.

What is your favourite artist, genre and/or song, and why?

I have too many songs that I love, it's hard to choose. If I had to pick one, it would be "Rena" by Blue Rodeo. It's not a well-known song but it's a lovely ballad; a plea of a young man, heartbroken and lost, singing to his girl, asking her to allow him to help heal her.

What is your favourite movie, documentary and/or tv show, and why?

Spirited Away produced by Studio Ghibli. It's a wonderful animation that is visually beautiful and emotional. I relate heavily with its heroine, Chihiro. She's strong-willed, kind, dedicated, and a just a tad-bit stubborn. Her and I would have gotten along swimmingly as children.



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What is your favourite book, and why?

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas. It was one of the first "big" books I ever read from cover to back on my own.

The story of a young man's quest for revenge against the men who wronged him is an emotional roller coaster.

What is your favourite food?

Bread. All kinds.

What are a few words you would use to describe yourself?

Ambitious. Creative. Determined. Fiery.

What's your favourite quote?

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." Robin Williams

What are your first impressions so far of Burnsvew?

Inclusive. Dedicated. Academically driven. Friendly. Cramped!

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

The answer to life, the Universe, and everything is: 42. If all else fails, make sure to bring a towel.

By: Ms. Martyniuk

Mr. Sekhon

Mr. Sekhon has been teaching for 5 years. Before arriving here, he taught at Seaquam

and Delview. He enjoyed working at both schools, getting to work alongside many teachers he admires and looks up to, and growing close to many of his students.

- He attended SFU, and obtained his degree from there. He majored in history and minored in English.
- He teaches four blocks of Socials nine, 2 blocks of Socials ten, and one block of Socials eleven.
 - The new grade ten curriculum, which is also the old grade 11 curriculum, is his favourite to teach because of how current it is.
- He became a teacher because he enjoys learning new things everyday (which he gets to do as a teacher) and because of his interests in social studies (especially history) and English.
- He enjoys having the creative freedom to design assignments and class work. He knew that being a teacher wouldn't be boring, because each and every day is different.
- Mr. Sekhon loves teaching and plans on doing it for a long time.



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- He grew up listening to a lot of 90's hip-hop/rap, which he still enjoys today.
- His favourite tv show is HBO's *The Wire*. He enjoys it because of how real, well-written, and complex it is. Even though it's unpopular and it's never won any awards, it's still a great show that's worth watching.
- Mr. Sekhon is an avid reader; he doesn't have a favourite book at the moment.
- He loves a good dish of steak and potatoes because of how simple, yet versatile the dish is. He enjoys all cuts of steak.
- He describes himself as a kind, caring, and compassionate person. Mr. Sekhon is very personable, and easy to talk to. He loves

having conversations with his students and would even say it's one of the greatest joys of teaching.

- His first impressions are that he thinks that the students at Burnsvew are all very polite and well mannered. He's noticed that the staff are all very kind and work well together.

"Being a teacher requires a lot of energy," Mr. Sekhon says, "but you get a lot out of it. It's very rewarding to see students succeed. It can also be a challenge to give every student what they need to be successful in the limited amount of class time." He has had a great experience so far at Burnsvew and is looking forward to the rest of the year.

By: Kristyn Tiefenbach

Worldwide Events

Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-autumn Festival is a traditional festival in many Asian countries, like Vietnam, Philippines, Japan and China. Because it's based on a lunar calendar, the date is different every year between September and October. There is no exact date when it started, but most people believe that it has a history of about three thousand years. Different countries have

different ways to celebrate. In my home country, China, we celebrate it because the moon is said to be the roundest and the most beautiful on this day. Chinese people give it the meaning of reunion. Families usually get together, admire the full moon and eat moon cakes.

The story behind this ancient festival can be retold as the following. Legend has it that once there were 10 suns in the world, and people's lives were very



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hard. A human hero Houyi shot down 9
suns. The queen of heaven wanted to thank
him and gave him a bottle of elixir that could
make him become a god. He took it home
and his wife drank it when he was out
hunting. Houyi was very sad when he came
home and found it. He took moon cakes
liked by his wife to an altar and offered it as

a sacrifice for her. After that, people will also
eat moon cakes to pray for peace and good
luck. People also make lanterns hanging
from the eaves, write riddles on the lanterns
and ask others to try to guess the answer.

By: Chen

Popular News

The Emmys!

The 71st Primetime Emmy Awards
aired on the 22nd of September. Many of you
may have tuned in to see the results. For
those of you who didn't, I sat down and
watched the entire thing for you. As usual,
each award is split into two categories: drama
and comedy (with a few exceptions). The
drama side of things was quite full of
nominations for *Game of Thrones*. The
comedy side however, was more balanced in
the sense that there wasn't one, more
popular, show taking all the attention. Some
other shows (ex. *Stranger Things*) that
would've been big on the drama side didn't
air during the window that would make them
eligible for awards.

For the first time in 16 years there
was no host for the Emmys, and no
opening monologue. Instead, the show
began with a skit featuring Homer
Simpson and Anthony Anderson (from
Black-ish). There were many jokes

throughout, making fun of the fact that
the Emmys was airing on Fox, and the
usual self-aware *Family Guy* bit. During
the show there were videos honouring
the end of both *Game of Thrones* and *Veep*
individually, and a larger video
honouring other TV shows that ended
this year including: *Gotham*, *House of
Cards* and *The Big Bang Theory*. In the
middle of the show (dividing the two
categories) was a performance by Halsey,
in memoriam, honouring many of the
artists, filmmakers and actors that we
lost this year.

I'm not going to list all the results but
here are some award winners worth
noting:

- **Best limited series/movie:**
Chernobyl
- **Best television movie:** *Black
Mirror: "Bandersnatch"*
- **Best variety sketch series:**
Saturday Night Live



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- SNL currently has the most Emmy wins of all time with a whopping total of 67 at time of writing.
- **Outstanding lead actor in a drama series: Billy Porter (Pose)**
 - A historic moment, Billy Porter has become the first openly gay black man to ever win an Emmy.
- **Outstanding comedy series: Fleabag**
 - Phoebe Waller-Bridge, the lead actress, had already won two separate Emmys, making this her third award of the evening.

- **Outstanding drama series: *Game of Thrones***

- I think we were all expecting it. One of the biggest, if not the biggest show in the last decade, it aired its eighth and final season this year.

This year's Emmys were very important in many ways. *SNL* won more Emmys, an openly gay black man won an Emmy, *Game of Thrones* won a few Emmys, including outstanding drama series. So, if you didn't spend your afternoon and evening watching the show this year, those were the key occurrences of the 2019 Emmys.

By: Ethan Quin

Thank You For Reading!

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