



Welcome to Pinetree

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August 2015

MISSION STATEMENT: Working with our community, we are dedicated to preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing world by providing a supportive learning environment which recognizes and respects individual differences, encourages students to challenge personal limits and promotes excellence.

Events Calendar 2015-2016



August - September 2015	
31-03	Counsellors in attendance
31-01	ESL Assessment
03	Gr. 9-Orientation & picture day, 10 am-12 pm
08	School opens~1st day of classes
09	Student and staff photos
15	Campus wide lockdown drill
21	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
22	CPG meeting 7:00 pm
24	Grade 9 Welcome Breakfast
24	Terry Fox Run (Alternate schedule)
24	Meet the Teacher Night 7:00pm-8:30pm
25	Pro-D Day (no school)
25	Senior Sail
October 2015	
06	Photo retakes in the morning
09-15	Drama trip to NYC
12	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
13-14	Grad group photos by Artona
14	Sem one Interim Reports
19	UBC information evening 6:30 pm
19-25	Grad photos by Artona
23	Pro-D Day (no school)
November 2015	
02	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
03	CPG meeting 7:00 pm
11	Remembrance Day (no school)
12	Sem one Midterm Report
20	School Closure Day (no school)
26	Parent/Teacher Conferences
December 2015	
02	Pro-D Day (no school)

Principal's Message

We hope that students and families have enjoyed their summer break and are anxious to return to Pinetree. For students in grade 9 and new students to Pinetree we are looking forward to meeting with you over the course of the school year. It won't take long for you to discover that Pinetree is an outstanding secondary school!

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. All students are expected on Wednesday September 9th to have their picture taken for our school records, go card/student card and yearbook. Photos are also available for purchase. Our "Yearbook", a colour history of the school year includes pictures of all students by grade, as well as the many activities that happen over the course of the year.

Please check our website often for information about Pinetree, events that are occurring and our school calendar. We also use an automatic phone/email message (Synervoice) system to notify families regarding student daily attendance, as well as reminders of important events and dates.

At Pinetree we expect all students to be in attendance on a daily basis and ask parents to assist us by making sure that their kids are at school on time with their work completed to the best of their ability. The recipe for success is not absenteeism, the Key ingredient is LEARNING. Being at school is important! For this reason, I will be monitoring the learning and achievement of all students.

With this in mind, we request that parents do not plan early holidays during the school year specifically Christmas Break, end of Semester One, March Break and end of the School Year. Thanks for supporting your kids and our staff.

All students will be given a "Student Agenda" planner that contains information for students and parents. We ask that parents review with their children the first 17 pages. We also ask that parents visit our website and go to the e-form section and fill out the e-forms that are listed there.

The back cover of the Student Agenda Planner discusses "Integrity". We are not only

preparing your children for future studies in many fields but also developing in each and every student a set of character skills – Integrity – that will guide them through secondary school and into adult life. The major benefit to students who build and develop this essential value at Pinetree, are the rewards of having a finely tuned and magnetically true moral compass with which to meet the challenges of life. At Pinetree we want to reinforce the same beliefs that you instill at home.

For parents please make note of the School Events Calendar 2015-2016 on the inside cover of the Student Agenda Planner. Students will bring home a magnetic calendar during the first week of school outlining many important dates.

From time to time we have incidents of theft at Pinetree. We educate all students as to their responsibility for their personal belongings, as well as school issued learning materials. The safest and best plan is to secure all articles on them otherwise belongings can be kept in their locker in A/B wing. **They should not leave valuables in the boys or girls change room lockers or left alone in a classroom, hallway or washroom.** Lock combinations should not be shared. The school cannot take responsibility for their personal belongings however, we do care and will assist whenever possible.

We are pleased with our growing reputation that characterizes Pinetree Secondary as an outstanding place for students to learn. Please read through the Student Agenda Planner. We believe that everyone should, "Dream Big Dreams" and have the courage to commit the energy to make those dreams come true. We are looking forward to working with all students and families over the course of the next ten months.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mr. John McCullough Principal

The First Day Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015

The first day is an important one for all students. Our goals for the day are to:

- Collect Student Information
- Distribute timetables
- Collect fees
- Discuss the opening week, school supplies, student photos, school goals.

LOOK UP YOUR PACK NUMBER ALPHABETICALLY, BY GRADE ON THE SCHOOL WINDOWS FROM THE INTEGRITY PLAZA LOCATED AT THE SCHOOL'S FRONT ENTRANCE.

students entering

Grade 11 and 12

PACK 10:00 a.m.

on

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015

****Grade 9 & 10 students
do not come at this time****

Students entering

Grade 9 and 10

PACK 1:00 p.m.

on

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First Day Answers To Students' Questions

Where do I go when I get there?

Please use either the main entrance to the school, (that's the one off Pinewood Avenue directly across from the Fire Hall), the cafeteria entrance or the entrance from the overpass. Come early so you can be sure to get to your "PACK" room on time. We will begin on time and we expect you to be there.

What's my "PACK" Room?

Your "PACK" room is the room you go to every Wednesday with the same teacher; it's Pinetree's version of "homeroom". "PACK" will be the first class you attend on the first day of school.

Wednesday, September 9 - Day 1

8:00-9:14	Block 2
9:19-9:39	"PACK"
9:44-10:58	Block 3
11:03-12:17	Block 4
12:17-12:57	Lunch
12:57-2:11	Block 5
2:16-3:30	Block 1

Friday, September 11 - Day 1 (regular Friday Schedule)

8:00-9:14	Block 1
9:19-9:39	"PACK"
9:44-10:58	Block 3
11:03-12:17	Block 4
12:17-12:57	Lunch
12:57-2:11	Block 5
2:16-3:30	Block 1

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Thursday, September 10 - Day 2

8:00-9:14	Block 1
9:19-9:39	"PACK"
9:44-10:58	Block 4
11:03-12:17	Block 5
12:17-12:57	Lunch
12:57-2:11	Block 2
2:16-3:30	Block 3

Monday, September 14 - Day 2 (*NEW regular Monday Schedule)

Tuesday, September 15 - Day 1 (*NEW Regular Tuesday Schedule)

School Photos

Photographs for grades 9's will be taken **September 3rd at 9:00 am** Artona Studio will return to Pinetree on **Wednesday, September 9th** to photograph grade 10, 11 and 12 students and any grade 9 students who have not had their photo taken. All students must get pictures taken for school records, "Go Cards" and the yearbook.



Retakes: October 6th

Re-scheduling courses will be limited to grade 12 students missing a graduation requirement only

Students have been given ample opportunities to complete course changes or re-programming. As the Board of Education is forced to contend with ongoing budget constraints, schools are having to respond to budget constraints. Our enrollment, combined with budget constraints, do not afford us the same flexibility in scheduling we have enjoyed in past. Therefore we are not be able to entertain course change requests at this time, with the exception of grade 12 students missing a graduation requirement.

How do I know where my "PACK" Room is?

Your "PACK" and room number will be posted on the windows in the main courtyard, Integrity Plaza at the school's front entrance. If you have trouble, there will be many student guides around to help you – don't be embarrassed to ask.

What do I need to bring?

For the first day you will need:

- a pen and pencil
- a cheque payable to "Pinetree Secondary School" (SEE FEE SECTION)
- a smile – you will love Pinetree

- completed e-forms—please visit our website and complete the e-forms listed

What about school supplies?

You shouldn't bring school supplies until you meet your teachers; they will tell you what kind of notebooks and supplies you need for each class. Even though all the stores will be advertising fantastic sales, wait until you've met your teachers before shopping for school supplies.

For the first week, a notebook, pens and pencils will be all you need.



Grade 9 Orientation

PINETREE SECONDARY SCHOOL
September 3rd
9:00 am

- have your photo taken
- choose your locker
- tour the school
- meet your classmates

STUDENT AGENDA BOOKS

Students will be issued a Pinetree Student Agenda Book. This book contains information about the school, important dates and expectations of Pinetree students. It is also a short and long term planner which we urge students to use effectively to organize their time and manage their assignments.

Attendance



Other than the academic lessons students learn at Pinetree, attitudes toward prompt and regular attendance at school and work are among the most important lessons we teach students. Please help us teach your son or daughter healthy attitudes towards school and the workplace by:

1. **Phoning the school** each day your son or daughter is going to be absent or late. Even if your son or daughter may insist that you needn't call, please do. We need to hear before the absence occurs whenever possible. Our switchboard is open daily at 7:30 a.m. Please call!
2. **Minimizing the number of reasons for absence.** We believe illness to be the only acceptable reason for missing school or work. Please arrange appointments, vacations and driving tests around school hours. Our timetable allows at least one early dismissal at 2:06 pm per week that can be used for appointments.

3. **Knowing your son/daughter's timetable.** With our extended day organization, it will be less straightforward than usual as to when your son or daughter starts or finishes on certain days. It is worth the time it will take you to understand his or her schedule. Attend the "Meet the Teacher" evening, **September 24, 2015**— it will help you understand our schedule!
4. **Calling the teacher.** If you are concerned about attendance, in a specific class or in general, please contact your son or daughter's teacher or counsellor as soon as possible.
5. **Stressing promptness.** Being on time shows respect for the activity and consideration for others. When each of us is occasionally, unavoidably late, it is our responsibility to:
 - hurry in order to be less late
 - apologize on arrival for disrupting class
 - accept personal responsibility for being late.

Thank you in advance for your help!

NEW Class Schedule this year!
 The class schedule was changed to meet the required minutes of Instruction.

Choose your locker online!

To choose your locker please visit:

<http://pinetree.lockerassignment.com>

You will be able to choose your locker and be given your locker number and combination before school starts! The link will be placed on our school website when the system is ready in late August. All you need is your student number and your birthdate to begin.

DONT FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD AND KEEP IT SECURE!!

The safest place to keep your valuables is on your person or in your locker!!!

Forgot your combination?

You can log in to your account to find your combination!



PINETREE SECONDARY SCHOOL
 Timetable 2015 ~ 2016
 Semester 1: Sept 14th - Nov 17th

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00			8:00 *2 9:14	1	1
9:19	1	1			
9:24			9:19 *3 10:33	4	5
10:43	2	3			
10:48			10:38 *4 11:52	5	2
12:07	3	4			
			11:57 PACK 12:22		
12:07	LUNCH	LUNCH	12:22 LUNCH 1:02	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:47	4	5		2	3
			1:02 *5 2:16		
2:06	5	2		3	4
2:11			2:21 1 3:35		
3:30					

* PACK is held every Wednesday unless otherwise notified
 *5 minute transition in between classes

Extracurricular Activities

The following list includes **some** of the clubs and sports teams at Pinetree. Many more offerings will be available throughout the school year. Announcements will be made through the HOWL, our daily bulletin. Check our website for additional CLUBS offered at Pinetree!

Sports Teams

Basketball Girl's Soccer
 Table Tennis Field Hockey
 Wrestling Volleyball
 Tennis Boy's Soccer
 Badminton Cross Country
 Track and Field

Intramurals

Intramural Sports will operate every lunch hour. A wide variety of activities are planned for all students.

Clubs

Alpha Wolves
 Code Orange (Theatre)
 Global Issues
 ...MORE CLUBS ON OUR WEBSITE



Parent Connections 2016 Pinetree After Grad

Plans are underway for "After Grad 2016". This will be our 17th year organizing this event for our graduates. 'After Grad' is an event organized by the parents that follows the Graduation Dinner/ Dance held on May 28th. The 'After Grad' event is held at the Pinetree Community Centre. This event offers a safe and fun place for the graduates to continue the celebration of their graduation. There is a live DJ for dancing, casino games, tattoo artists, lots of games, draws and prizes to keep the graduates entertained.

We need help from our parent group

to keep this event going each year. Grade 11 parents are needed to work the event, as the Grade 12 parents are busy on that day with their graduates. We have had a great committee of volunteers each year and know that we can count on our Grade 11 and 12 parents again this year. Thank You in advance.
The After Grad Committee

Student Parking

Students must obtain a valid 2015-2016 Pinetree Parking Pass from the main office after school starts in September. Here are a few reminders:

- Vehicles parked in the student parking area without a valid pass will receive a parking ticket from the City of Coquitlam and may be towed.
- Students may not park or enter the staff parking lot.
- Students may not enter or park in the Community Centre lot—front or back—between 8:00 am & 6:00 pm.



Student Messages

In order to continue to provide a high degree of service, we wish to reinforce our policy of NOT passing on messages from home to our students. UNLESS IT IS A MEDICAL OR OTHER SERIOUS EMERGENCY, we will not provide messaging service.



Pinetree Secondary
is on Twitter!



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New cafeteria Service

Cafeteria service will be provided by Canuel Caterers in SD#43 secondary schools this year. Service will be available beginning in October. Hours are yet to be determined. Principals tokens will be accepted and cookies will be served as always.

Pinetree ~ A Smoke Free Environment

In our first week, we will discuss expectations we have of students at Pinetree. Until then, please be aware that Pinetree, and all other schools in SD #43, is a "smoke free" environment and there is no smoking on school property at any time.

Student Fees

**Fees are due
on the first day of school**

Please bring a cheque payable to Pinetree Secondary School for the fees shown below:

Activity Fee Grade 9 to 12	\$45
Yearbook (optional) Grade 9 to 12	\$45
Cap & Gown Grade 12	\$35
After Grad Grade 12	\$30

e-forms

Please visit our school website at:
<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/secondary/pinetree/>

and click on the Parent e-form icon. Please complete the following forms online before coming to school on the first day:

- School Policy Form
 - Privately owned devices Form
- Please complete, print and return the following forms:
- Medical Alert Form

Commencement 2015-2016

for Grade 12

June 11th at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre

Awards Night 2015-2016

for Grade 9-10-11

June 16th at Pinetree Secondary School

An Invitation

Meet The Teacher Evening

Thursday, September 24, 2015 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We want to meet you, have you meet our outstanding staff, and tour our equally outstanding school. We hope you will come!

Welcome to Pinetree!

