

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023—2024

JANUARY

- 31 Final S1 Reports on Portal after 4:00 pm
- 31 Annie—Musical Theatre Production

FEBRUARY

- 1—2 Annie—Musical Theatre Production
- 7—9 Annie—Musical Theatre Production
- 19 BC Family Day
- 20 PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- 21 Gr. 10 Day
- 23 Pro D Day
- 28 Pink Shirt Day

MARCH

- 4 Spring Jazz Concert 6:30—8:30 pm
- 6 Interim Reports on Portal after 4:00 pm
- 6 Spring Concert 6:30—8:30 pm
- 7 Gr. 9 Immunizations
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 Gr. 11 Day
- 14 Gr. 9 Immunizations
- 18— Spring Break
- 28
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday



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JANUARY 31, 2024

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 difference, encourages students to challenge personal limits, and promotes excellence.*

Principal's Message

Dear Pinetree Families:

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year, with students starting second semester courses on Tuesday, January 30th. The past few weeks have been tough ones, coming back to work after the sad and unexpected passing of Lisa Lu, but staff have worked to check in on and support one another through this difficult time. As her husband, Aaron Lu, is also a teacher at Pinetree, the staff wanted to ensure that he and their two children are provided with support during this difficult time. We set up a collection on School Cash Online and, as some parents have enquired, I am also including the link should you be interested in contributing [Lu Family Support](#).

Last week, students engaged in a range of activities, depending on their grade level. Grade 9's began course planning for next year, worked on digital literacy, and received an engaging mental health and wellness presentation. Grade 10's, if they had completed English 10 and/or a grade 10 math course, wrote their Ministry-based literacy/numeracy assessments. Grade 11's attended a BC Lions "Be More Than a Bystander" presentation that raised awareness about gender-based violence. Grade 12's (who had English 12 in first semester) completed their Ministry-based literacy 12 assessment, and students graduating at the end of semester one completed their CLC presentations. Students also had an opportunity to come in and work with teachers if they were in danger of not passing a course.

The second semester will be an opportunity for students to "start fresh" with a host of new classes. Course change requests were addressed in early December and students' timetables are set. Students can log on to the MyEd student portal to access their schedule at any time (please see your vice principal if logging on continues to be a challenge).

While semester two courses are students' primary focus right now, counsellors and administrators are working on the planning for September 2024. This involves course planning with all our returning students. Grade 9 students had their course selection presentation last week on January 23rd, the grade 10's are doing their course selections during ESS on February 7th, and the grade 11's are doing their selections on February 14th during ESS. I would like to remind all parents and students that this course selection process is very important, as we use the student selections to plan the variety and number of classes that are offered at Pinetree for the upcoming school year. Families need to make mindful, informed decisions around students' course selections, as there is very little ability for the school to make changes in September.

In other news, we said goodbye to Keith Brock, who spent a semester at Pinetree in a temp tech ed role, we said goodbye to Jeff Sheehan who supported Lisa Lu's students through to the end of the semester, and Brian Dyck who came in for Aaron Lu until the end of the semester. Finally, we said goodbye and good luck to Kelly Zimmer and her PADS dog, Ace; she has been promoted to principal of Ranch Park Elementary commencing on January 31st.

Principal's Message
continued....

Activity Fees and
forms due! Visit
School Cash Online
to submit.
Emergency release
forms are past
due—please hand
into the office.

I would also like to welcome a few new staff members. Matt Koyanagi accepted a math/science position, Shiraz Manor accepted an English/social studies role, Sunny Khakh is joining our student services department at the end of February, and Ikshan Manju has accepted a position in PE and business. Finally, we welcome Marina Mehai to her new role of vice principal at Pinetree Secondary. Marina left a role at Moody Secondary to join our staff. The alphabet she will work with is K to P (students' last names). Good luck to all our new hires and welcome to Pinetree Secondary!

Finally, once again, we would like to remind parents to respect the parking signs and directions in and around Pinetree Secondary School. Parents should NOT be entering the staff parking lot at the north side of the school to drop off students. There is a drop off lane at the west side of the school that should be used. In addition, please avoid dropping off or picking up students in the community centre parking lot to the south of the building. The best strategy is for parents to drop off their adolescents in the town center parking lot close to the pedestrian walkway. The walkway provides a direct route into the school and enables everyone (students and drivers alike) to be safe.

Final report cards (students' summary of learning) for semester one will be available on the MyEd student and parent portals on Wednesday, January 31st, after 4:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janine Close
Principal

FORMS

Student Verification Forms— It is crucial that the information in our system is correct. Parents/Guardians, if you haven't already done so, you are asked to view the forms through the Parent Portal. If changes are required, parents/guardians are asked to print the form, indicate the changes required, sign and return it, along with copies of the required documentation mentioned in the notification, to the office ASAP. If you are unable to print the form, advise the office and we will print it for you.

Emergency Release Forms—These forms were sent home at the beginning of the school year with students. Forms are now past due.

Medical Alert Forms—If your child has a medical alert, please complete the appropriate Medical Alert Forms found accessible on our school website or [here](#).

GRAD FEES

Grad fees this year are \$65.00. This fee helps pay for the Orpheum Theater (venue where commencement is held), cap and gown (which students get to keep) and other expenses related to graduation. This item will be available on School Cash On-Line in the coming weeks. As always, if your family is experiencing financial hardships and are unable to pay fees, please reach out to your child's vice principal.

ENCHANTMENT PROJECT

The Tri-Cities Enchantment Project is currently in need of grad dresses between sizes 12-22+. If you are interested in donating to the Tri-Cities Enchantment Project, please contact our Youth Worker, Amanda Walraven, 236-990-3937, or drop off donations at the Pinetree Secondary Main Office by March 8th. Thank you!

MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

The Pinetree Mountain Bike Team is for any student with their own trail ready mountain bike and experience riding our local trail network. Training rides are Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:30 pm on Burke Mountain, and build towards the Provincial Championships. The season runs from March to the end of May. Please sign up using the athletics QR code in the PE area or email head coach Derek Wintermans dwintermans@sd43.bc.ca.

STUDENT VISITORS

SD43 schools have a no student visitor policy during instructional time, unless visitors are participating in approved activities that include supervision (athletic events, concerts, etc.).

All our secondary schools have large stu-

dent populations and are responsible for the supervision and safety of their own students. Non-supervised visitors pose supervision concerns as well as potential safety concerns. As a result, students visiting other schools could face disciplinary measures. Likewise,

students should not be inviting other students to come to their schools during the school day.

Thank you for your support in helping to ensure that our school is a safe place for learning.

STUDENT PARKING

If a student is driving a vehicle to and from school, they **must** obtain a valid 2023—2024 Pinetree Parking Pass from the main office.

- Students must park in the designated student parking lot (over the overpass, Lot A)
- 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 in 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 DROP OFF/PICK UP

Drop-off/pick-up safety for our students

In order to ensure the safety of ALL students during drop-off and pick-up times, and to respect the staff and patrons of the Community Recreation Centre, **parents/guardians are asked to please NOT enter the Community Recreation Centre's parking lot.** Instead, parents/guardians may use one of the following options:

- **Drivers must use the marked yellow zone beside the staff parking lot** located off Pinewood Avenue (across from the Fire Hall). To drop off and pick up your students in a safe and legal manner, please drive as far along the marked drop-off area as possible before stopping. DO NOT use the staff parking lot. Once students have safely exited the vehicle, drivers MUST continue to drive forward and exit to Pinetree Way (via the Recreation Centre or Douglas College exits). This is the only way to keep this zone safe for all students and keep traffic moving in this area.

OR

- Drivers are permitted to use Lot A located in the Town Centre parking area. Lot A is at the end of the student overpass. Parents/guardians may drop students off at the bottom of the stairs of the student overpass. The school's entrance doors are located right at the other end of the student overpass. We suggest you have your child meet you after school at the stairs of the student overpass in Lot A.

In order to decrease traffic congestion and improve student safety, families should encourage students to walk to school whenever possible.

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Contact your
Counsellor for
information

DUE DATES

CURRENT GRADES:

Gr. 9 —Feb. 1, 2024

Gr. 10—Feb. 7, 2024

Gr. 11—Feb. 14, 2024

COUNSELLOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE PROGRAMMING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Counsellors have started the course planning sessions for the next school year!

Most recently, current grade 9 students attended course planning sessions with Counsellors on January 23rd, 2024. In addition, a Parent Programming Information Session was held the evening of January 24th for parents to learn more about the course selection process, graduation requirements, and post-secondary entrance requirements.

Course selection dates and deadlines:

Current grade 9's – due date—February 1, 2024

Current grade 10's – February 7, 2024, during ESS block. Due date—February 16, 2024

Current grade 11's- February 14, 2024, during ESS block. Due date—February 23, 2024

All students will be inputting their course selections themselves via MyEd BC and parents can ask their child to show them their intended courses for next year. We encourage parents to be involved in their child's course selection and planning process. It is important for students to be asking questions now to make good choices with their selections, as making changes later in the fall can become difficult and, in some cases, not possible.

We encourage all students to meet with their counsellor if they have questions about which courses to select and expect all grade 11's to meet with their counsellor before inputting their courses into MyEd BC.

Information regarding course planning and the PowerPoint from the Parent Information Evening can be found on the school website at the following link:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/pinetree/ProgramsServices/Counselling/CoursePlanningInformation/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/pinetree/ProgramsServices/Counselling/CoursePlanningInformation/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Counsellors are available to answer any questions you may have about your child's course planning and future goals, as is Mrs. Moorhouse, our Post-Secondary & Career Advisor. Please email or call us.

Counselling Department:

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Mrs. Moorhouse (Post- Secondary & Career Advisor)	mmoorhouse@sd43.bc.ca	ext.: 114
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TRANSCRIPT ORDER REMINDER FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Students applying to post-secondary institutions for Sept. 2024 entry must sign-up for a BCEID and register/activate the Student Transcript Service. This process gives permission for the Ministry of Education to send official transcripts to post-secondary institutions. Student must also follow college and university grades reporting instructions to receive a conditional offer of admission. Different methods and deadlines must be adhered to.

[Order transcripts and certificates - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education/training/secondary-education/transcripts)

SD43 TRADES PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Students and parents interested in learning more about trades programs are encouraged to attend SD43's Trades Program Open House on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, at Centennial Secondary School.

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/pinetree/Lists/Calendar/Attachments/2507/2024%20Trades%20Open%20House%20Flyer.pdf>

Book by Thomas Meehan
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Martin Charnin

TREEHOUSE PRESENTS

Annie

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"
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JAN 31, FEB 1-2 & FEB 7-9, 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm
Show starts at 7:00pm

Tickets
\$15 Adults
\$10 Children /Students
(12 and under/students with ID)

Pinetree Secondary School
3000 Pinewood Ave, Coquitlam, BC

JOIN US FOR THE
PINTREE
MUSICAL
THEATRE
PRODUCTION OF
Annie

The flyer features a large group of cast members in period costumes, including a young girl holding a dog, and a group of men in suits. The background is white with a city skyline graphic behind the title.

VOLUNTEER COACH IMPORTANCE

Respect is a fundamental aspect of any successful and harmonious relationship, and this holds true in the realm of sports as well. Coaches, the guiding figures on the sidelines, play a crucial role in the development of athletes both on and off the field. Treating coaches with respect is not only a matter of common courtesy but is also integral to fostering a positive and constructive sports environment.

To treat coaches with respect, it is essential to understand the multifaceted nature of their role. Coaches are not merely instructors; they are mentors, motivators, and leaders. They invest time, energy, and expertise into shaping athletes not only as competitors but as individuals with character, discipline, and a strong work ethic. Taking on the role of coach is totally voluntary; therefore, recognizing the dedication and responsibility coaches bear is the first step toward treating them with the respect they deserve.

In essence, athletes can show respect for coaches by being attentive, punctual, positive, communicative, appreciative, committed, and responsible. Fostering a culture of mutual respect contributes to a positive and fulfilling sports experience for both coaches and athletes.

Parents can express appreciation for high school volunteer coaches in various meaningful ways, fostering a positive and supportive coaching environment. One impactful way is through direct communication—expressing gratitude verbally or in writing. A heartfelt thank you note or a simple conversation after practice or games can go a long way in acknowledging their efforts.

Organizing a collective effort within the parent community can also be powerful. Collaborate to create a group card or gift, pooling resources to show a united front of appreciation. This could be a personalized coach's plaque, a gift card to a favorite restaurant, or a sports-themed item. Volunteering time and assistance can also lighten the load for coaches. Whether it's helping with equipment, organizing events, or coordinating team logistics, parents can contribute to the smooth functioning of the team and demonstrate their appreciation through action. Supporting team events and activities is another avenue for parents to show gratitude. Attending games and cheering enthusiastically is another avenue. This involvement not only fosters a sense of community but also reinforces the value placed on the coach's contributions.

In essence, parents can show appreciation by combining genuine expressions of gratitude, tangible gestures, active involvement, and respectful communication. Together, these actions reinforce the collective acknowledgement of the coach's dedication, fostering a positive sports experience for both athletes and those guiding them.

In the world of sports, treating coaches with respect is not just a courtesy, it is a crucial component of a successful and fulfilling athletic journey. Through effective communication, and acknowledgment of expertise, athletes and parents can contribute to a positive and respectful coach-athlete relationship. And, by fostering an environment of mutual respect, athletes not only enhance their own development but also contribute to the overall success and camaraderie of the team.

Luke Ireland
Athletic Director

2024 YEARBOOK

REMEMBER IT, BY BUYING A YEARBOOK!!!

Available at <https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

\$55. Reserve yours now as we sold out last year!

Grad Dinner Dance 2023—2024

Date: Sat., June 15, 2024
Location: Westin Bayshore

Commencement

2023—2024

Grade 12 Commencement

Date: Wed., June 26, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Orpheum Theatre

Student Messages

Please do not phone or text your child during class time. Urgent messages can be distributed through the office if needed. Thank you for cooperation.



Pinetree ~ A Smoke Free Environment

Please be aware that Pinetree and all other schools in SD43, Douglas College and the Coquitlam Community Centre, are "smoke free" environments and that there is no smoking of any kind, e.g. cigarettes, cannabis, e-cig or vaping, on any of these properties at any time. This applies to all staff, parents, students and visitors.

Please respect this expectation. Thank you!



STUDENT ARTISTS

Thank you to technical theatre students/artists Reese K., Harjas B., Felix D., and Mikaela E. for painting this beautiful mural for the Douglas College Daycare (Coquitlam Campus). The artists designed and painted the mural over December and January. Amazing work!

