

1. Programs of Choice registration for school year 2019 to 2020 is now closed. A total of 1,065 applications have been received for both elementary and middle levels. [Kindergarten registration](#) is ongoing and ends on February 13, 2019. [Cross catchment registration](#) begins on February 7-9, 2019. For more information, please view our [2019-2020 Program Insert Guide](#).
2. [A letter to SD43 families was sent on January 29, 2019](#) regarding the ban on using vapour and cannabis products on all School District property. Facts about potential risks of vapour and cannabis products and tips on talking to teens were also shared on the SD43 website.
3. [A letter was sent to inform the community about the installation of carbon monoxide detectors](#) in all school district facilities and also explains how the district is taking proactive measures to increase safety and reduce the risk of carbon monoxide exposure to students and staff. News was also featured on [CBC](#).
4. SD43's Community Relations Department continues to share [public awareness campaign to improve traffic safety in school zones](#).
5. [Olympian Sarah Wells visited Kwayhquitlum Middle School](#) on February 1, 2019 to share more about her Believe Initiative project. Over 700 students attended this event including the student leadership council.
6. [Centennial Secondary produces their second biggest production, 9 to 5 The Muscial](#) , featuring music from the legendary Dolly Parton. Production runs from February 7th to the 9th and February 13th to the 15th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are still being sold [here](#).
7. [Heritage Woods Secondary hosted its very first robotics competition](#), VEX Robotics BC Winter Competition, last February 2, 2019, where 60 teams from around BC competed.
8. [Pinetree Secondary presents a school edition of the Monty Python musical, Spamalot](#), headed by drama teacher Natalee Fera from January 30, 2019 – February 8, 2019 at 7:30 pm.
9. SD43 Teacher Hariette Chang together with Central Elementary students returned to Port Coquitlam city hall on January 22, 2019 when Mayor Brad West proclaimed February 10-16 as RAC Week.
10. On February 4-8, 2019, BC celebrates the 50th year anniversary of French Immersion in British Columbia. In 1968, Alderson Elementary School in Coquitlam was the first to offer a French Immersion program in the province. [On February 5, 2019, the Coquitlam School District commemorates this 50 years of French Immersion at Pitt River Middle School.](#)



11. [SD43 students are hosting another annual prom fundraiser event, Enchantment.](#)
Wine and cash donations are appreciated to help underprivileged students attend their prom.
12. [Emerging Talent 22 features 51 SD43 seniors](#) representing five highschools namely CAFE, Dr. Charles Best, Port Moody, Riverside and Gleneagle Secondary are showcasing their best paintings, photos and sculptures at the Art Gallery at Evergreen. Admission is free. Emerging Talent 22 runs until February 17, 2019.
13. [Terry Fox Secondary Grade 11 student Cameron Murphy](#) featured on Tricity news as he starts riding his bike and creates video to reduce climate change.
14. [There were over 340 teacher applications received for this year's Summer Learning Program.](#)



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