



Pinetree Secondary School

# THE HOWL

Day 2 - Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Block	Times
1	7:45 am - 9:00 am
2	9:05 am - 10:25 am
3	10:30 am - 11:50 am
Lunch	11:50 am - 12:35 pm
4	12:35 pm - 1:55 pm
5	2:00 pm - 3:20 pm

## CAFETERIA

Today Wednesday Dec 10th		Tomorrow Thursday Dec 11th	
9 Piece Perogies	\$5.95	Poutine	\$6.25
Perogies with Sausage	\$7.95	Chicken Quesadilla	\$7.00
Cajun Sausage Sub	\$6.75	Beef & Broccoli	\$7.00
Fish Burrito	\$7.00	Meatball Pasta	\$6.25
Pasta Alfredo	\$5.50		

## NEW News

### Business Fair – On Today and Friday!!!

Our Entrepreneurship Classes are holding a Business Fair, **Tomorrow and Friday** at lunch in the Foyer. Come and check out what the Entrepreneur Students have been up to.

### Grads did you complete your survey?

The Grad Survey is open again and will be open until **FRIDAY!** You have been emailed the link to the survey a few times and it has also been provided to you by your CLC teacher. Please complete the survey ASAP to insure that your Grad Celebrations go smoothly.

### Tickets for the Winter Formal


Tickets for the Winter Formal can be picked up in the Office at **Lunch or After School**.

## Scholarships

### Schulich Leader Scholarships – Nomination Process

**Value:** 50 @ \$120,000 for engineering scholarships / 50 @ \$100,000 for science & math scholarships  
Pinetree Secondary School can nominate one student.

To be considered for nomination, submit a completed Schulich BRAG SHEET  
no later than **Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 to Mr. Nelson at [kenelson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kenelson@sd43.bc.ca)**.

 [Schulich Brag Sheet Fillable Form.pdf](#)

#### Criteria:

- Must be a Canadian citizen. A permanent resident cannot apply.
- Plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of the listed partner universities.
- Be entrepreneurial-minded and plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of their partner universities listed at the link below.
- Must meet the following criteria: Academic excellence AND leadership, charisma and creativity.
- Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need.

- Must be entrepreneurial minded and intend to pursue a career in one of the following areas: technology, engineering, entrepreneurship, and business enterprise, or applied scientific research.

**Not considering students who:**

- Focus on activism (environmental/political/societal).
- Planning a career as a physician and/or medical researcher. This includes doctor, dentist, nurse, psychologist, pharmacist, optometrist, etc.
- Intend on becoming a professor and conduct theoretical research.

**Must be pursuing a degree at one of the following partner**

**universities/programs:** <https://www.schulichleaders.com/universities>

For more info about the scholarship: [Schulich Leader Scholarships](#)

## Cmolik Foundation Scholarships – Nomination Process

**Value:** \$40,000 (for tuition, books, living expenses, mentorship, workshops and more)

Students who fit the criteria and would like to be considered for nomination can email a completed

Cmolik fillable BRAG **SHEET** no later than Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, to Mr. Nelson at [kenelson@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:kenelson@sd43.bc.ca)

 [Cmolik Brag Sheet Fillable Form.pdf](#)

**Criteria:**

- Must be a BC resident
- Have lived in Canada for a minimum of 7 years
- Plan to graduate from a BC secondary school
- Plan to attend and study full time at a university, college, or trade school
- Be ineligible for the BC Tuition Waiver Program (for former youth in care)
- Have experienced adversity or hardship
- Have exhibited a good work ethic
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Evidence of leadership involvement

For more info: <https://www.thecmolikfoundation.com/>

## TRADE PROGRAMS

**SD43 Trades Programs Open House on Wed., Jan. 14 at 6pm at Terry Fox Secondary School.**

All grade 10 & 11 students are invited to find out more about trades programs offered by SD43 in your grade 12 year.

No registration is required to attend. [Career & Trades Programs - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

## Ongoing Items

### GRAD 2026

#### Optional Grad Group Photo Opportunity

Artona is once again offering Friendship Group Photos (for up to 6 people) as an optional photo opportunity. Note that this is in addition to the individual grad photo sessions. For more information and to book your appointment, see email sent to grads and parents/guardians today. Artona will be on site **Friday** to do the photos but only if you make an appointment first.

#### Grad Channel

Grads – don't miss out on important Grad information Sign up for the Grad 2026 channel on the My School Day App. If asked for a password enter: pinetree. Any issues, see Mrs. Gushta in the office.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Winter Break

Winter Break is coming up. Last day of classes is December 19<sup>th</sup> and the first day of classes after the break is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Spirit Week & Talent Show

It is Spirit Week and the Talent Show are next week! Check out the posters below for all of the fun things happening next week! Sign up for the Talent Show ends December 12<sup>th</sup>. The QR Code for the Talent Show can be found on the poster at the end of the Howl.

# The Tri-Cities Enchantment Project – Dress & Suit Donations Request

The Enchantment Project was created to ensure all our young people can attend their high school graduation celebrations. Your donations of modern and stylish grad dresses and suits are vital to the continuation of this project. Grad dresses and suits can be donated at Terry Fox, Riverside, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods and CABE. Donations will be accepted from January to March 2026. Please email Erin with any questions – [ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ewatkins@sd43.bc.ca).

## Student IDs

Student IDs have arrived at the school. If you have received an email that it is in the office, please come and pick it up.

## Lost & Found Items

The Lost & Found Items have been moved into the Foyer. Please check the table out to see if any of the items are yours. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

## Lights at Lafarge

The Lights are now on across the street. There will be food trucks and different activities during the Holiday season. Check out [Lights at Lafarge | Coquitlam, BC](#) for all of the details.

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Freshet News Volunteer Opportunity

[Freshet News](#) is looking for students to distribute their new print edition of their online newspaper.

Key role for students:

Volunteer to hand out copies of the newspaper at local SkyTrain stations. Beyond earning volunteer hours, students would be supporting the local community by making people aware of this new source of reliable local information now available to residents.

Requirement:

A minimum of two students would be assigned to each SkyTrain station on a first-come, first-served basis. On Dec. 18, students would attend their assigned station between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Bundles of the paper would be delivered to students. (Anyone who can drive and pick up bundles from our distribution hubs could earn extra work experience credit.) Students would hand out copies of the paper to people leaving the station. Copies that are not distributed would be picked up by Freshet News at the station. The work could evolve into further *Freshet News* work experience opportunities in the future. Please contact Cornelia at [cnaylor@freshetnews.ca](mailto:cnaylor@freshetnews.ca) if you are interested and indicate your choice of Skytrain station.

If you wish, you can wear a Santa hat or other festive gear.

## Vancouver Children’s Festival Volunteer Opportunity

The festival takes place May 25-May 31, 2026 on Granville Island.

Students must be:

- 15 years or older at their first shift
- Able to attend 2 shifts (~14 hours) minimum
- Access to a working email and phone

Any volunteer who completes over 24 hrs of service will be eligible for a reference letter from the Volunteer Team including plenty of other perks. **If you are interested in any of the following fill out the volunteer form at the link below.**

The application will close in early May.

- Hospitality and Customer Service
- Tourism and Event Management
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Work Experience requirements

**If you would like to become a school recruiter at Pinetree** (3-4 volunteers needed for this), email Ms. Moorhouse and also fill out an application at the link below. Volunteer Recruiters get to partake in virtual monthly meetings from February to May, receiving ongoing support and mentorship from the team.

**Application form and more info:** [MyImpactPage - Application Form - Vancouver International Children's Festival](#)

The coordinator of the program will reach out to applicants in January 2026.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

### SFU Uggla Family Scholarship for Domestic Students - Aprox. \$140,000 Value

#### Criteria and Eligibility:

- Domestic (Canadian) student admitted to fall term to any undergraduate degree
- Student must be facing significant financial barriers to participate in post-secondary
- May include students who identify as Indigenous, Black, or person of colour, students living with disabilities, LGBTQIA2S+ students, and students of all gender identities.
- The award recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate leadership, community engagement, and resilience while facing financial barriers.

The intent of this scholarship is to promote equity and remove historical and existing discrimination, including barriers to full participation in social, cultural, economic, and political life.

10 awards covering: All tuition & fees, on-campus housing/meal plan, textbooks, other materials and more...

**Deadline to apply is Jan. 19, 2026.**

For more info and to apply: [Uggla Family Scholarship - Undergraduate Admission - Simon Fraser University](#)

### Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities Bea Kelly Volunteer Award

**Value: \$1,500**

If you are a grade 12 female student who volunteers in your community or school, you may be eligible for this award. This grant acknowledges young women in Grade 12 who demonstrate that they make a difference in their community and/or school. Preference goes to young women in the Tri-Cities, BC.

Visit: <https://soroptimisttricities.org/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/>

Application form: [bk-award-application-writeable-2023d-1.pdf](#)

**Deadline to apply is January 15, 2026.**

### Soroptimist International of the Tri Cities Spread Your Wings Award

**Value: \$1,500**

This award is meant to support female immigrants or refugees who are planning to attend a vocational/skills Training Program or undergraduate degree program.

Visit: [Live Your Dream Awards - Soroptimist International of TriCities](#)

Application: [spread-your-wings-award-2024b.pdf](#)

Reference Form: [spreadherwings-referencev2.pdf](#)

**Deadline to apply is January 15, 2026.**

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## POST SECONDARY & CAREERS

### UBC Faculty of Forestry

The UBC Faculty of Forestry is offering monthly information sessions for high school students who are curious about the environment, sustainability, and the great outdoors on the following dates. Participants will hear directly from undergraduate advisors and have the chance to ask questions in an open, and welcoming setting.

Upcoming sessions:

- December 11
- January 13
- February 12
- March 12 (featuring a student panel)

Students can [register here](#).

### UBC Black Futures

The Black Futures program is a unique opportunity for Gr. 11 and 12 Black students from across Greater Vancouver to be introduced to post-secondary options and discussions about higher education. Last year's program was hugely successful, and we anticipate that this year will be too. With a slogan of "if you can see it, you can be it", it allows students to envision their academic future. Students DO NOT need to be planning on attending UBC to be a part of this program.

The program consists of four in-person meetings at UBC. High school students will meet with UBC students, as well as a variety of faculty and other professionals. There is no cost for students to attend. Transportation to and from UBC will be provided and students will be chaperoned by SD43 teachers. If you are interested, please see Ms. Moorhouse in counselling by **December 18<sup>th</sup>**, so that your name can be added to the list—there are only 10 spots available, so don't wait!

## New Westminster Student Police Academy



If you are a student in grade 10, 11 or 12 and are between the ages of 16-18 and have a desire to learn about a career in policing, you are invited to apply for a week-long experience in law enforcement (March 16- 20, 2026). You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

For more info and to apply: [Student Police Academy - New Westminster Police Department](#)  
Deadline to apply is Jan. 7, 2026

## Certificate in Essential Technical Skills for Architecture, Construction & Engineering (“ACE Certificate”) – for Graduating Students

The ACE Certificate is a 14-month career exploration program, running from July 2026-August 2027. The funded ACE Summer Intensive classes are held at the BCIT Burnaby Campus. Students must Complete all three courses to continue to the second segment of the program that will run from Sept. 7, 2026 to Aug. 27, 2027. It includes two practicums and 5 online courses. There are limited seats for this paid internship. See Ms. Moorhouse for an application package and more information. Apply between **NOW** and Feb. 28, 2026.



Follow Pinetree on Instagram for more updates from your Pinetree Secondary Community:  
<https://www.instagram.com/pinetreessecondary/?hl=en>



# PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Kindergarten Programs of Choice and Late French Immersion for September 2026 Entry

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**  
**SD43 Education Learning Centre**  
**1080 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam**





6:00 pm - 7:00 pm


Kindergarten Programs of Choice Presentation:  
French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual and Montessori

7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Late French Immersion Presentation  
(for students entering Grade 6 in September 2026)



\*Note: While identified as part of the overall presentation on the programs, these sessions do not focus on the registration process.



This event is **FREE** and open to all interested parents/ caregivers. No registration is required!

Learn more: [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs)



