



Pinetree Secondary School

THE HOWL

Day 1 - Friday, December 19, 2025

Block	Times	
1	7:50 am - 9:00 am	
2	9:05 am - 10:15 am	
3	10:20 am - 11:30 am	
Lunch	11:30 am - 12:40 pm	Talent Show in the Cafeteria
4	12:40 pm - 1:50 pm	
5	1:55 pm - 3:05 pm	

CAFETERIA

Today Friday Dec 19th		Tomorrow Saturday Dec 20th
Cheese Pizza	\$7.25	Start of Christmas Vacation!!!
Coleslaw Fish Burger	\$6.25	Have a wonderful time off
Chicken Quesadilla	\$7.00	and see you in January!!!
Spaghetti & Meatsauce	\$6.25	

NEW News

Spirit Week - Talent Show at Lunch Today!

Today is the Last Day of school before the Winter Break! Have a wonderful time off and see you all back January 5th!

Treehouse Theatre Presents:

Guys & Dolls

Click here for more information and to purchase tickets:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/pinetree/layouts/15/download.aspx?SourceUrl=/school%2fpinetree%2fPublications%2fGuys+and+Dolls+Ticket+Sales+Poster.pdf>



Ongoing Items

GRAD 2026

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

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found will be available in the Foyer this week. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the week.

THE MEZZANINE

ATTENTION Students! The mezzanine (area above the cafeteria) will be closed from now until the end of January due to set up for the upcoming musical, “Guys and Dolls”. When the musical is over and the area is cleared, it will be open to students during lunch again.

CLOTHES DONATIONS

The KEY Club and the Hope Club are joining forces to help make a difference during the cold winter season by organizing our annual Winter Clothing Drive taking place from **December 15th to 19th**. This initiative will support the Downtown Eastside Women’s Centre in Vancouver, an organization that provides essential services, food, and clothing to women and children who are homeless and in need.

Donations of clothes that have been gently worn will be accepted. Please refrain from donating dirty or damaged clothing. Donations can be dropped off every day at lunchtime in the foyer.

Accepted items include jackets, sweaters, hoodies, scarves, gloves, socks, and pants. Key Club/Hope Club volunteers will be present throughout the week to collect and organize all contributions.

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 CAFE. Donations will be accepted from January to March 2026. Please email Erin with any questions – 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer at the Art Gallery at Evergreen!

Application deadline is January 14, 2026.

Visit: [MyImpactPage - ECC Youth Volunteer Application Form](#)

Volunteer as a Snow Angel

Learn more and sign up to volunteer at <https://www.coquitlam.ca/363/Snow-Angels>.

Vancouver Children’s Festival Volunteer Opportunity

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

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarships

Value: 20 @ \$5,000

Deadline to apply: Feb. 17, 2026 at 3pm.

This scholarship is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching.

For more information and application: [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship - Province of British Columbia](#)

Jonah Christensen Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$2,000

Deadline to apply: March 31, 2026.

For more information on application format: [Jonah Christensen Memorial Scholarship – Celebrate the Child](#)

Coquitlam Foundation Scholarships

For more information and to apply: [Scholarships and Bursaries | Coquitlam Foundation - Invest . Enrich . Inspire](#)

DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 31, 2025, at 11:00pm (PST).

Optimist International Essay Contest

Value: \$2,500 scholarship and/or a smaller cash prize.

You must be under the age of 19. There is no minimum age.

Deadline to submit essay is **January 31, 2026**.

Essay contest application: [2025-26 Essay Application](#)

Submit application and essay to ccena@shaw.ca

For more info: [Coquitlam Optimist Club: Scholarship Opportunities](#)

BC Excellence Scholarships – Nomination Process

Value: 55 @ \$5,000

Pinetree can nominate one student. You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

To be considered for nomination, submit a Pinetree Brag Sheet no later than Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 to Mr. Nelson at kenelson@sd43.bc.ca

 [Pinetree Brag Sheet.pdf](#)

Note: students may apply for both the B.C. Excellence scholarship and the [Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship](#) but they can only be awarded one. For more info about the application for nominated students, see following link: [BC Excellence Scholarship - Province of British Columbia](#)

Western University National Scholarship Program – Nomination Process

Value: \$2,500-\$100,000

See link for additional eligibility requirements and other information:

[National Scholarship Program - Office of the Registrar - Western University](#)

To be considered for nomination, you must submit a completed Pinetree Brag Sheet no later than **Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 to Mr. Nelson kenelson@sd43.bc.ca**.


 [Pinetree Brag Sheet.pdf](#)

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**.

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

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**

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

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

SFU Uggla Family Scholarship for Domestic Students - Aprox. \$140,000 Value Criteria and Eligibility:

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

Visit: <https://soroptimisttricitie.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-referencecv2.pdf](#)

Deadline to apply is January 15, 2026.

POST SECONDARY & CAREERS

SFU Bright Futures: Energy Changemakers Youth Program

This 3-day youth program runs between January and March, designed for young women and gender-diverse students aged 14-18 in Metro Vancouver. The program includes two online workshops focused on clean energy and sustainability topics, followed by one in-person case competition where students collaborate, think creatively, and propose innovative energy solutions.

Participants in the case competition will have the chance to win up to \$300 in prizes.

Interested students are invited to fill out a short interest form ([link](#) or scan the QR code on the attached flyer).

U of Alberta Getaway for Grade 11 Students

This opportunity will take place at the U of A [Augustana Campus](#) in Camrose. This adventure will include transportation reimbursement*, accommodations, Meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. Attendees will become familiar with the campus, learn about their programs, experience what sets U of A students life apart and meet other amazing students from all across Canada. Plus, you'll get a taste of the city surrounding the campus.

When: May 22-24, 2026

Where: University of Alberta, Camrose, AB

Who: 20 Grade 11 Students from Across Canada

Students must apply on the [U of A Getaway web page](#) by January 31, 2026.

*Up to a maximum based on location.

Career & Trades Program SD 43

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 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

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:

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

Students can [register here](#).

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 in counselling 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/pinetreesecondary/?hl=en>

