



Pinetree Secondary School

THE HOWL

Day 1 - Thursday, December 04, 2025

Block	Times
1	7:45 am - 9:00 am
2	9:05 am - 10:13 am
ESS	10:18 am - 11:06 am
3	11:11 am - 12:19 pm
Lunch	12:19 pm - 12:59 pm
4	12:59 pm - 2:07 pm
5	2:12 pm - 3:20 pm

CAFETERIA

Today Thursday Dec 4th

Ham & Cheese Stuffed Chicken Burger	\$5.75
Cheese Pizza	\$7.25
BBQ Ribber	\$5.75
Pasta Rose	\$5.75

Tomorrow Friday Dec 5th

Pro D Day
Have a great Long Weekend!

NEW News

Grad Information and Cap & Gown Form is Due FRIDAY!!!

The Class of 2026 Graduation Information and Cap & Gown Form is due **December 5, 2025**. Complete the survey below and pay your Grad – Cap & Gown/Queen E Theatre Fees on School Cash Online ASAP.
[Class of 2026 Graduation Information and Cap & Gown Form](#)

ATTENTION ALL GRADE 11'S – Come to the Winter Formal !!!

Grad Council is thrilled to extend an invitation to Grade 11's interested in attending Winter Formal. There are limited spots available 80 in total. If you would like to attend this year's Winter Formal, please purchase your ticket as soon as possible. Tickets are \$65 and will be available on school cash online starting at lunch today (lots of food, prizes and Vibe Productions DJ and entertainment). Ticket sales close **Monday at 3pm**. In addition your name will be entered for a chance to **win New Beats Headphones!**

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.

Business Fair – ON TODAY!!!

Our Entrepreneurship Classes are holding a Business Fair, **TODAY** at lunch in the Foyer. We have a new group of students presenting their business ideas today. Come out and check out what is available today!

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.

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 here December 12th to take photos so make your appointment with them today!

Grad Council Presents Winter Formal – December 11th

Tickets are now on Sale on School Cash Online or in the office! Tickets are \$65 and the last day to purchase is **MONDAY AT 3:00 PM!** If you have already purchased your ticket you can come to the office at lunch or after school and pick up your ticket.

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

Pro-D Day

This **Friday, December 5th** is a Pro-D Day so there will be no classes. Hope everyone has a great long weekend!

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.

Items Forgotten in the Office

Did you drop off a bag of containers for us to take care of in the office last week? It is still here, please come and pick it up or we will donate it to charity with the rest of the items from the Lost and Found.

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

Rudolph Run 2025 – Volunteer Opportunity

Do you need volunteer hours? Rudolph Run 2025 – Needs Volunteers!

It is taking place **this Sunday at 9:30 @** Mundy Park, Coquitlam. For more info on about the run:

<https://mysd.ca/qyky5> Interested Students should contact Daniel Simpson at info@Kaminorunning.ca

Rainforest Adventure Camps

Students interested in gaining volunteer hours working with children aged 5-12 years for an outdoor-based camp that offers activities such as swimming, boating, active games, arts and crafts, talent shows, out-trips to White Pine Beach, the Coquitlam River, Zone Bowling, Crash Crawly's, pools, parks, and playgrounds throughout the Tri-Cities are invited to apply at the following link: [Rainforest Camps - Volunteer](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

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://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

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 18th**, 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

Jr. Firefighter Program – Grade 11 & 12 Students

The application is in two parts:

Part 1 Online [Fire Academy Application 2025/2026 Part 1](#)

Part 2 pdf application due to Ms. Moorhouse in counselling [Learning Experiences & Opportunities - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\)](#) Since Pinetree will have a ProD day on Dec. 5, applications will need to be handed by **TODAY!** For more info: [Learning Experiences & Opportunities - School District No. 43 \(Coquitlam\)](#)

Spend a Day at BCIT

Spend a day with us and find out if a program you're interested in could lead to a future career for you. Think about doing this on a Pinetree ProD day coming up **December 5th**!

Register: <https://www.bcit.ca/about/visit/spend-a-day/register-to-spend-a-day/>

BCIT Program Advising: [Welcome To Advising – BCIT](#)

Advisors are available to help by phone call, email or zoom.

New SFU Accelerated Law Program

SFU is now offering B.C.'s first and only undergraduate [dual law degree program](#) partnership with the University of Exeter in the UK. Students can earn both a BA (Bachelor of Arts) from SFU and an LLB (Bachelor of Law) from Exeter - and no LSAT is required. This unique program fast-tracks students toward becoming a lawyer in Canada in just six years, combining academic excellence, global experience, and practical legal training. SFU also has a webinar information session for high school students and their families to share a comprehensive overview of the program, explain the admission requirements for high school applicants, and Q&A. **Students can register now to join the webinar on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm PST.**

[Discover the SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program Tickets, Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Career Experience – UBC Medical School

The UBC MD Admissions Office has opened registration for the MD Outreach Youth Mentorship Program. This program connects high school students with UBC medical students to learn more about university life, self-care, and the application process for UBC medical school. Interested students can sign up using the link below. https://ubc.ca/1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTsW47ErtAzYAYW

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/pinetreesecondary/?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

