



Pinetree Secondary School

THE HOWL

Day 1 - Tuesday, December 09, 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 Tuesday Dec 9th		Tomorrow Wednesday Dec 10th	
Jambalaya	\$6.95	9 Piece Perogies	\$5.95
Greek Chicken Wrap	\$7.25	Perogies with Sausage	\$7.25
Pizza Bagel	\$4.75	Mexican Burrito	\$6.95
Spaghetti & Meatsauce	\$6.25	Fish Burrito	\$7.00
		Pasta Alfredo	\$5.50

NEW News

Tickets for the Winter Formal

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

Winter Break

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

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 12th. The QR Code for the Talent Show can be found on the poster at the end of the Howl.

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 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

Business Fair – ON Tomorrow 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.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

SFU Uggle 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: [Uggle 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://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 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 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

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](#)

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

SPIRIT WEEK

!! 5 Events from Dec. 15th - 19th !!

Mon. Dec. 15th
Holiday Karaoke
Lunch@Foyer

Tue. Dec. 16th
Photo Booth
Lunch@Foyer

Wed. Dec. 17th
Santa's Sleigh Race
Lunch@Gym

Thu. Dec. 18th
Gift Stacking
Lunch@Cafeteria

Fri. Dec. 19th
TALENT SHOW
Say "Ho Ho Ho" to all your teachers!

SPIRIT WEEK!

DRESS-UP DAYS

MON
Christmas Colours!

TUES
Merry Morning (PJ Day)

WED
Rhyme Without a Reason

FRI
Christmas Spirit

THURS
White Out / Lies

TALENT SHOW

December 19th

IN THE CAFETERIA!

TALENT SHOW SIGN UP/AUDITION

SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 12TH

