

## CALENDAR OF

### April

- 18 Gr. 12 Capstone Presentations, altered schedule
- 19 Pro D—District wide
- 22 Midterms on Portal after 4:00 pm
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 PAC meeting, library 7:00—8:30 pm
- 25 After Grad meeting 7:00—8:30 pm
- 28 Day of Mourning
- 30 Early Dismissal, 2:10 pm  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 2:30—6:30 pm

### May

- 12 Mother's Day
- 16 After Grad meeting 7:00—8:30 pm
- 20 Victoria Day
- 28 PAC meeting, library 7:00—8:30 pm
- 29 Gr. 12 Day
- 31 Pro D—School based

### June

- 13 Year End Jazz Concert 6:30—8:30 pm
- 14 ELL Speech Contest
- 15 Grad Dinner/Dance, Westin 6:30—11:00 pm
- 15/16 After Grad 11:30 pm —4:00 am (SliverCity)
- 16 Fathers' Day
- 17 Year End Awards Concert 6:30—9:00 pm
- 21 Awards luncheon
- 26 Commencements—Orpheum, 7:00 pm
- 27 Final Reports on Portal after 4:00 pm
- 28 Admin Day

### Admin Team:

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# Pinetree Secondary School

*Accepting Challenges Together*

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APRIL, 2024

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *Working with our community, we are dedicated to preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing world by providing a supportive learning environment, which recognizes and respects individual difference, encourages students to challenge personal limits, and promotes excellence.*

## Principal's Message

I am hopeful that as we move into the final quarter of the school year, students and their families are feeling rejuvenated after enjoying both Spring Break and Easter celebrations. Midterm report cards will be available on the student/parent portal on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and should provide some guidance to students and families so they can positively plan for a successful end to second semester's coursework. Parents will have an opportunity to schedule a parent/teacher interview on **Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, and there will be an early dismissal for students at 2:10 p.m. To access the booking site, visit our school website and click Parent Teacher Interviews found, under Quick Links on the right hand side.

This **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, there will be an altered schedule and early dismissal for all students at 12:15 p.m. so that our grade 12 students can individually present their Capstone Projects to staff. This personalized graduation requirement of Career Life Connections 12 is often a meaningful and reflective experience for graduates, as well as for the teachers who evaluate their presentations.

April tends to feel like the start of "grad season" and with various grad related activities underway, it is shaping up to be a fabulous time for grade 12 students to begin celebrating their wonderful achievements. Please check out the Graduation Information section of the newsletter for important dates, deadlines, and information.

This **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, it is a district-wide Indigenous Focused Professional Development Day. Pinetree Secondary will be a busy place, as it is the site where all district staff will attend the keynote speaker by Jo Chrona. While school is closed for students, staff has worked with community partners to ensure educators have parking in Lots A and E across from the school in Town Centre.

Reminder, when dropping students off, use Lot A, across from the school, or the drop off lane outside of the staff parking lot; do not enter the staff or community centre lots. In an effort to decrease daily traffic congestion and improve student safety, please encourage your adolescent(s) to walk to school whenever possible, especially as we move into warmer months with better weather.

Principal's Message  
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Finally, with many activities happening in the last few months, please be sure to regularly check the My School Day app to stay connected with the most up-to-date information. Let's make this final quarter the best one yet!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janine Close  
Principal

## Altered Schedule

There is an altered block schedule for all students on **Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Block 1	7:40 – 8:56
Block 2	9:00 – 9:45
Block 3	9:50 – 10:35
Block 4	10:40 – 11:25
Block 5	11:30 – 12:15
Lunch	12:15 – 1:00
Capstones	1:30 – 3:10

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:30—6:30 pm. Parents/guardians will be able to book their interviews through the 'Parent Teacher Interviews' link on our school website. The link will go live on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that students will be dismissed at 2:10 pm on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.



For secondary sport updates and information...



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# Graduation Information

## Grad Dinner/Dance

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024  
 Time: 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm  
 Location: The Westin Bayshore Hotel  
 1601 Bayshore Drive, Vancouver

### TICKETS SALES

Date & Time: May 7<sup>th</sup>—May 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Where: On School Cash Online or  
 in the office with Ms. Labranche  
 Price: TBD (includes a buffet dinner, desserts buffet and unlimited soft drinks)



\*\*\* All outstanding fees must be paid, and textbooks returned or paid for, prior to being able to select your seat at the Dinner/Dance.

## After Grad

Date: Saturday, June 15—Sunday, June 16  
 Time: 11:30 pm—4:00 am  
 Location: SilverCity Cinemas  
 170 Schoolhouse, Coquitlam

### TICKETS SALES

Date & Time: May 7<sup>th</sup>—May 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Where: School Cash Online or in the office with Ms. Labranche  
 Price: \$50.00  
 Support our After Grad Fundraiser—click here for [Return It](#) information

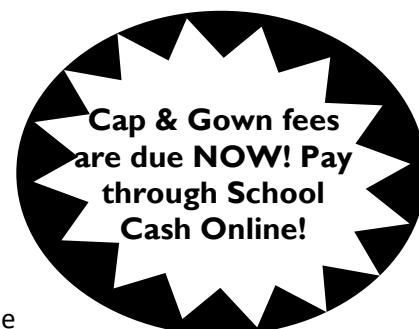
Class of  
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## Pinetree Commencement Ceremony

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
 Time: 7:00 pm  
 Location: The Orpheum Theatre  
 601 Smythe Street, Vancouver

### TICKETS SALES

Date & Time: June 3<sup>rd</sup>—June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Location: School Cash Online or in the office with Ms. Labranche  
 Price: \$10.00 (Grads do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves)



# Summer Learning

Registration begins soon!

Elementary—Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Middle & Secondary Skill Building—Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Secondary full credit—Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Registration begins at 6:00 am!

Phone 604-936-4561, email [summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca), or visit [www.sd43summerlearning.ca](http://www.sd43summerlearning.ca)

Click here to view the [Summer Learning Poster](#)



Scan more information

*\*\*SD43 Residency requirements apply*

## Yearbooks on Sale Now! \$55 each, reserve yours now!

**2024**  
**YEARBOOK**

**REMEMBER IT, BY BUYING A YEARBOOK!!!**

Available at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com>

\$55. Reserve yours now as we sold out last year!

### Pinetree ~ A Smoke Free Environment

Please be aware that Pinetree and all other schools in SD43, Douglas College and the Coquitlam Community Centre, are “smoke free” environments and that there is no smoking of any kind, e.g. cigarettes, cannabis, e-cig or vaping, on any of these properties at any time.

This applies to all staff, parents, students and visitors.

Please respect this expectation. Thank you!



### ATTENDANCE ISSUES

Is your child going to be away, late, etc?

Reporting attendance is easy!

Just email us:

[pinetreeattendance@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:pinetreeattendance@sd43.bc.ca)

or call the office: 604-464-2513

