

ACCEPTING CHALLENGES TOGETHER



WELCOME TO PINETREE SECONDARY

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.

Events Calendar 2017-2018



October 2017	
04	Senior Sail
09	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
10-16 23-24	Grad Individual Photo Sessions Grad Group Photo Sessions
10	Chinese Parents meeting - 7pm in the Library
11	Semester One Interim Reports
16	PAC Meeting
18	PARKING LOT NOT AVAILABLE FOR DROP OFF OR PICK UP
20	Pro-D Day (no school)
November 2017	
08	UBC Fall Visit – 7pm
09	Global Perspectives 3:30 - Caf./Theatre
10	School Not in Session
13	Remembrance Day (no school)
15	Mid Term Report Card Home
20	PAC Meeting
23	Parent/Teacher Conferences
24	Ministry Curriculum Day – No School
December 2017	
18-19	2017 Sr. Boys' BB Tournament
22	Last Day of School before Winter Break
January 2018	
8	School Reopens
10	Gr. 9 Immunization - Rms. 7, 8, 9
11	Gr. 8 Parent Night
17	Gr 9 Immunization Catch up
26	Gr. 8 Walkabout
24-26 31-Feb 2	Musical Production - Cry Baby

Principal's Message

As we begin October we can look back at a busy September and be happy that we have had a successful start to the school year.

Our school population has grown again this year. We projected a school population of 1490 students in May and at the end of September Pinetree has an enrollment of 1540 students. In September, school staff worked hard to make sure all students had schedules for their classes and made adjustments for those that needed them for graduation or University entrance. Our staff did a great deal of work on course planning and scheduling in the spring to minimize the changes in September. This was necessary as the school had to adjust to the revised class size and composition language in the collective agreement for teachers. By working hard in the spring the school was able to limit the number of classes that were not in compliance for September.

With Pinetree's increased enrollment the school has received additional staffing for the year. We have been able to increase the teaching time of Ms. Hyatt Shaw to full time for the school year and we will be hiring two teachers for second semester to help with pressures in our timetable.

Students have already begun to become involved in the many opportunities available at Pinetree outside of regular classes. Volleyball, cross country and boys soccer are in full swing with teams already competing for Pinetree. Clubs at Pinetree have begun this year with our annual club fair the last week of September. If your daughter or son missed this opportunity, it is never too late. They can watch for signs and notices through our daily HOWL announcements.

Grade 12 students have their first grad event this week on October 4th. Over 260 students will travel by bus to Vancouver for an evening cruising the Vancouver harbor for our Pinetree Senior Sail. This is one of three events Pinetree has traditionally had for graduating students. These grad events are a privilege for students. We have taken time in September and this week to remind all of our grade 12 students that all school expectations/school code of conduct rules apply and that students who breach the school code of conduct on this event will be putting their participation in future grad events in jeopardy.

Our first interim report card will be coming home mid next week on Wednesday October 11th. This interim report is simply a snapshot of your child's progress in the first five weeks of school. Marks are not included in this interim report card. The first formal report card will be coming home in mid-November and this report will have more details of your child's progress.

We are already enjoying the start of another great year!

Mr. Jeremy Clarke

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PINETREE'S ACTION PLAN FOR LEARNING

Our school's Action Plan for Learning this year includes a focus on developing a Growth Mindset. A growth mindset helps students to see that with practice, perseverance and effort, everyone has a limitless potential to learn and grow. Our goal is to help students better face challenges with strength and determination. Throughout the year in PACK and in classrooms, we will work as a learning community to help provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop a growth mindset. Our Student Agenda this year includes more information. Things to keep in mind when developing a growth mindset:

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

5 WAYS TO DEVELOP A GROWTH MINDSET

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- 1 Don't Rush to "I Can't"** When people start a new task, or are doing one that is very difficult, it is sometimes tempting to say "I can't do this" or "I can't be bothered". With a bit of effort, you might surprise yourself by how well you can do the task and how much you enjoy it.
- 2 The Power of "Yet"** This simple word can have a big impact. There is a huge difference between saying "I am not good at this" and "I am not good at this yet". By adding the word "yet", it suggests you may get there with some hard work and resilience.
- 3 Ask Yourself** "What would I do differently next time?" This is a great question to ask after a setback. It stops you dwelling on the past and helps you reflect and focus on what you need to improve on in the future.
- 4 Failing Better** Everyone experiences failure at some stage in their life. But can you fail better? This doesn't mean failing more often. One way to fail better is if you ask someone for feedback and then use it.
- 5 Try New Things** Having a sense of curiosity and courage can be really helpful. It can help you learn new things. Sometimes new equals the unknown which equals scary. But it doesn't have to be this way. Sometimes new experiences can be the most rewarding and most exciting.

ATHLETICS

2017 SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our school is hosting the 2017 Senior Boys Basketball Tournament on December 18-19th. It is a 16 team tournament and one of the biggest in BC. We are presenting sponsorship opportunities for potential sponsors for this event. If you have any business connections or know anyone in your network circle or the community who would like to become a sponsor of the event please let Mr. Melnik know (emelnik@sd43.bc.ca) We have a sponsorship package with all the details.

The tournament details are coming up on the tournament web site and tournament Facebook page. Stayed tuned and thank you for your support!



VOLLEYBALL



PINETREE ATHLETICS HOME GAMES!

Boys Soccer (3:30pm, Cunnings Field)

September 23 October 5 October 12 October 17

Senior Girls & Boys Volleyball (6:00 & 8:00pm, Gym)

October 3 October 10 October 19 October 24

Grade 9 Girls Volleyball (3:45pm, Gym)

September 28 October 12 October 17 October 24
October 26

Junior Girls Volleyball (6:00pm, Gym)

October 4 October 11 October 23 October 25

SKI TEAM PHOTO



PINETREE SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM

Students interested in learning how to race and compete in skiing or snowboarding are encouraged to join the Ski and Snowboard Team. Students need to at least be able to get down an intermediate or advanced run and have their own equipment, but no racing experience is needed. All races are at Whistler Blackcomb; buses, lift tickets, race instruction and afternoon lessons are included for about \$90/day. The season goes from December to March with about 6 trips on weekends.

For more information please contact teacher/coach and former National Snowboard Team member Derek Wintermans at dwintermans@sd43.bc.ca

Pinetree ~ A Smoke Free Environment



In our first week, we will discuss expectations we have of students at Pinetree. Until then, please be aware that Pinetree, and all other schools in SD #43, is a "smoke free" environment and there is no smoking or vaping on school property at any time. This applies to all staff, parents, students and visitors. Please respect this request. Thank you!

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Have you ever wondered what our Continuing Education Department is all about and what courses are offered? Well, wonder no more. Follow this link

<http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmrxxag/mobile/index.html>

to access their new Online magazine.

CHINESE PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting with the Chinese Parents on October 10th in the school Library at 7:00 pm



GRAD PHOTO SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 10 –16 FOR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS AND THE GROUP PHOTOS WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 23 - 24. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO ONLINE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. CLICK ON THE WEBSITE BELOW TO BOOK A SITTING:

<https://artona.com/schools/PNE/events>

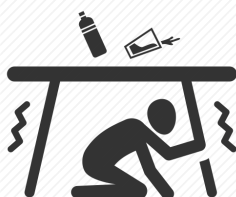
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THE GREAT BC SHAKE OUT DRILL—OCTOBER 19

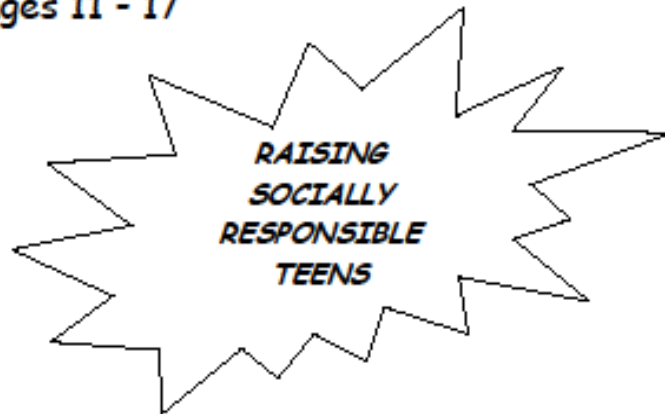
Pinetree will be participating in the Great British Columbia Shake Out Drill on October 19. As a part of this Douglas College will be hosting the Shake Zone simulator and a variety of activities on **October 18**. The **parking lot will not be available** on this day for drop off or pick-up of students. Students are encouraged to walk, or take transit to school. If you need to drive your child, please use the parking lot across the street and students can use the overpass to walk to school.



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STEP offers a down-to-earth and practical way to meet the challenges of raising teenagers today. It's a group discussion program that paves the way to improved parent-teen relationships; more responsible teenage behaviour in home, school and community; and teenage self-esteem and self-reliance.

Place: Eagle Mountain Middle School

Time: 7p.m. - 9p.m.

Dates: Thurs. Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017

[This is an eight week program]

Facilitated by: Marilyn Abram, Certified Parent Facilitator

To register: E-mail: mabram@sd43.bc.ca [preferred]

Phone: 604-469-1133

Register as soon as possible as the class fills quickly!

Class is limited to 20 participants.

The only cost is \$25.00 for the parent workbook!