

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



| December 2017 | |
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| 13 | Christmas Concert - 7pm |
| 18-19 | 2017 Sr. Boys' BB Tournament |
| 22 | Talent Show |
| 22 | Last Day of School before Winter Break |
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| January 2018 | |
| 8 | School Reopens |
| 10 | Gr. 9 Immunization - Rms. 7, 8, 9 |
| 17 | Gr 9 Immunization Catch up |
| 26 | Gr. 8 Walkabout |
| 30 | Gr. 8-11 Parent Night |
| 24-26 31-Feb 2 | Musical Production - Cry Baby |
| February 2018 | |
| 8 | Pro D Day—No School |
| 9 | School Not in Session |
| 12 | Family Day |
| 19 | PAC |
| 22 | Meet the Teacher/Parent Information Night |
| 23 | Pro D Day—No School |
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| March 2018 | |
| 7 | Interim Reports Home |
| 12 | PAC |
| 16 | Last Day of School before Spring Break |
| 18-Apr.1 | SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL |



Principal's Message

Dear Pinetree Families:

As we start December there is a lot happening in the next two months. Students are more than half way finished their first semester courses and the first formal report cards have been sent home. In November parents had an opportunity to meet with their child's teachers about their progress at parent teacher interviews. We encourage all parents to keep the lines of communication open with their child and their child's teachers as we head towards the end of the semester. Please feel free to contact your child's teachers or counsellors during regular school hours if you have any questions or concerns regarding your son or daughter's progress.

December is a busy month at Pinetree with classes this year going until December 22nd. During the month of December Pinetree will be participating in the Pinetree food drive to help families in our community. Students will be encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to school to donate to support Pinetree families.

Our Music Department will be presenting their Christmas Concert on December 13th and parents are encouraged to come out and support our awesome students.

When families begin thinking about the upcoming winter break we ask that they try and minimize student absences due to extended vacations. It is more difficult for students to be successful if they miss long periods of time due to extended holidays. This year after winter break there are only two weeks of school before the end of the first semester and the start of the provincial exam week (More information about this week is in this newsletter). If families are going to be away for extended holidays we ask that students inform their teachers in advance and try to make up as much work missed before returning to school. The office should also be notified about absences.

Also many students have not yet paid fees. Remember, fees can now be paid online. Simply go to our website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/pinetree/Pages/default.aspx> and click on School Cash Online located under Quick Links on the right hand side of screen. Follow the instructions to register if you have never used the system before, or log in. Grad costs are included on the school fee

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schedule. If you prefer payments can be brought to the office.

During the next three weeks of school before winter break Pinetree will be hosting a Grade 9, junior and senior boys' basketball tournaments with teams from around the province. We hope students and parents will come out and support our Pinetree teams and enjoy some entertaining basketball (More information about the tournament is in this newsletter).

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeremy Clarke



Stay up to date on what's happening at Pinetree!



Follow us on social media.

Instagram: [pinetreesecondary](https://www.instagram.com/pinetreesecondary)

ATHLETICS

PINETREE XMAS CLASSIC 2017 SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT NEWS

A big buzz is going around Pinetree Secondary by word of mouth and on social media thanks to the news of three local sponsor partnerships for our Pinetree Xmas Classic basketball tournament which takes place at Pinetree Secondary on December 18th-19th. Hub International Insurance Brokerage (Pinetree village, Coquitlam), Club 16 Trevor Linden (Coquitlam location) and Sport Chek (Coquitlam Mall) all offered their support for the great things that are being done with the Pinetree Basketball program and the Pinetree Xmas Classic Tournament. We would like to thank our sponsors! Stay tuned for more great news about Pinetree Xmas Classic 2017!

Mr. Melnik



Pinetree Cross Country ALL STARS 2017 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS 4th Year in a Row! ALL XC RACE RESULTS

It has been quite a record breaking year for Pinetree Cross Country 2017. After starting out the year losing two good coaches and no grade 9 boys on the team, we rebounded well with a record number of team members and with a spectacular season finishing with winning our 4th Consecutive DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP John Taylor AWARD trophy! (Has never been done before!) I am very proud of our group, as we have truly improved a lot from the beginning of the year. I also want to thank Sophia Zhao (gr. 9 girl) who wrote a great article in the Pinetree Post about our team. It is nice to hear good things from the students about them enjoying the team. I have too many drivers to thank here, As you know, without your help driving our kids up to Mundy Park, there would basically be no team.

Yvonne Wang, Gr. 11 represented our team and school at the Provincials on the morning of Saturday November 4 in Jericho Beach Park in Kitsilano. Again, special thanks to the Pinetree Staff and Administration who all helped me with this team to be continually so successful every year! Next year will be our Drive for Five theme!

Pinetree Cross Country ALL STARS WIN 4th Consecutive DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM John Taylor Award!

Pinetree Cross Country ALL STAR Team Members 2017 - DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Gr. 9 Girls 3

Samantha Nix, Nona Mohammed, Sarah Ip

Gr. 10 Girls 8

Emily Jeon, Mehrsa Samani, Erin Petrik, Martine Crespo, Liya Asgharpour, Alice Nui, Sarina Minaei, Kimia Mousavi

Gr. 9 Boys NONE

Gr 10 Boys 10

Nestor Lin, Thomas Gabut, Orien Huang, Caesar Ni, Matteus Ticne, John Wang, Michael Zhang, Richard Lee, Leon Li, Richard Wang

Gr. 11 Girls 3

Yvonne Wang, Ivana Truong, Rebecca Lui

Gr. 11 Boys 6

Nick Rodrigez, Jeff Wang, Angelo Wang, Jacob Angeles, Sunny Sun, Seongho Yeon

Gr. 12 Girls 4

Camila Gomez, Judith Nagy, Elena Balogova, Phoebe Zhang

Gr. 12 Boys 10

Taishi Ishioka Michael Chan, Nick Tara, Simon Yu, Chadi Sahlane, Cameron Lee, Malcolm Koh, Abay Nassimov, Pudam Jayasekara, Jacob Sun



This picture was taken at the very end of the District Championships and where most of our athletes had to leave early and also when their rides were available. It has been quite hectic this year with all the arrangements that were necessary to make this happen!! Congrats Pinetree! True Champions!

Coach Wazny

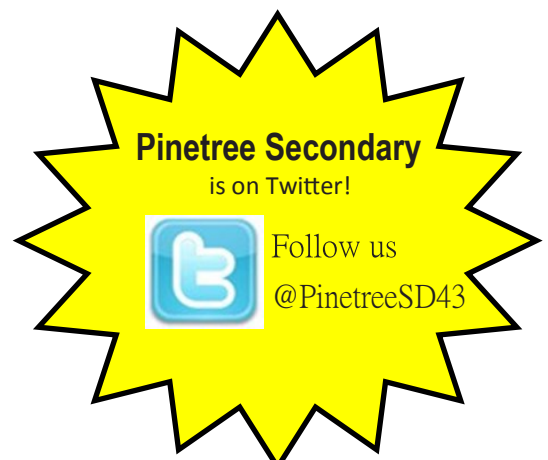
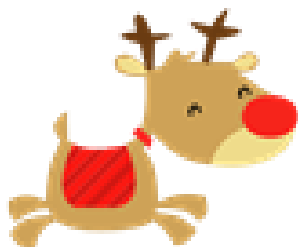


Draft Schedule for January 2018 end of semester

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| Mon., January 15 <i>Regular Day</i> <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i> | Tues., January 16 <i>Regular Day</i> <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i> | Wed., January 17 <i>Regular Day</i> <i>(Periods 1 to 5)</i> | Thurs., January 18 <i>Period 1 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i> <i>Period 2 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i> | Fri., January 19 <i>Period 3 (double block 9:00 -11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 – 12:30)</i> <i>Period 4 (double block 12:30-3:00)</i> |
| Mon., January 22 <i>Period 5 (double block 9:00 - 11:30)</i> <i>Lunch (11:30 -12:15)</i> <i>Grade 9 Presentation in the afternoon (12:30 – 2:00)</i> | Tues., January 23 Numeracy Exam 9:00 am <i>Grade 10 Math Students</i> Numeracy Exam 1:00 pm <i>Grade 10 Math Students</i> | Wed., January 24 Numeracy Exam 9:00 am <i>Grade 11 Math Students</i> Numeracy Exam 1:00 pm <i>Grade 11 Math Students</i> | Thurs., January 25 ENG 12 Provincial Exam (9am) | Fri., January 26 Grade 8 Walkabout Pinetree Students do not attend |
| Mon., January 29 Semester 2 begins | Tues., January 30 Semester one Marks Due at 8:00 am | Wed., January 31 | Thurs., February 1 | Fri., February 2 |

Course planning for 2018 – 2019 School Year

Even though we are only just approaching the half way point of this school year we are already starting the process of course selection for the 2018-2019 school year. In December Grade nine students will be attending presentations from counsellors about the course selection process. Grade ten and eleven students will attend presentations from counsellors in early February. Course selection is a very important process for students and the school. The choices that students make drive the building of our timetable for the next school year; therefore, we need students and parents to make informed choices about course selection. In May students will be given the opportunity to review their course selections and let us know if there are errors. After this check in May we have limited ability to make changes. This means in September of 2018, we cannot have students coming to us asking for course changes. Thank you for your understanding and helping your child make positive course selection decisions. This helps us build the best possible timetable for our entire school community.



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO HAVE THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME BY TRAVELLING TO EUROPE NEXT SUMMER?

Ms. Korby, one of our Languages teachers, is organizing the bi-annual European study tour of Spain and France in July 2018. This is an educational trip to Europe. The main goal is to improve students' language skills and self confidence abroad while obtaining a unique first-hand look at the culture and people of the places visited. Spain and France were selected as destinations because French and Spanish are two of the languages taught at our school; students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of these two languages.

They will stay with trusted families, all of which have had background checks by Police, the international schools and by C.S.L.I. Tours. Students will stay in groups of 2, 3 or 4 per family, allowing them to choose their roommates. In Paris, students stay in a hotel for two nights.

The tour includes language and history classes in Cadiz, Spain and Nice, France. They will visit museums and see the history come alive through the arts.

If you are interested in your child participating in this amazing trip, please have him/her see Ms. Korby in Room A209 as soon as possible or email Ms. Korby at pkorby@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!

DRAMA



Pinetree Secondary's Treehouse Theatre presents "Cry-Baby: The Musical", a jumping, jiving, Tony-nominated show and rebellious teen comedy event from January 24th-26th, January 31st, and February 1st-2nd, 2018. Tickets will be available at the Pinetree Secondary Office and from cast members January 2018.

Based on the cult classic, 1990 John Waters film, *Cry-Baby* features a delightfully demented book from the writers of *Hairspray* and a rockabilly score from the co-founder of Fountains of Wayne and the executive producer of "The Daily Show."

It's 1954. Everyone likes Ike, nobody likes communism, and Wade "Cry-Baby" Walker is the coolest boy in Baltimore. He's a bad boy with a good cause - truth, justice and the pursuit of rock and roll. Cry-Baby and the square rich girl, Allison, are star-crossed lovers at the center of this world. Fueled by hormones and the new rhythms of rock and roll, she turns her back on her squeaky clean boyfriend, Baldwin, to become a "drape" (a Baltimore juvenile delinquent) and Cry-Baby's moll. At the other end of the topsy-turvy moral meritocracy of 1954 America, Baldwin is the king of the squares and leads his close-harmony pals against the juvenile delinquents, who are ultimately arrested for arson, sending the drapes all off to prison. It's *Romeo and Juliet* meets *High School Hellcats*.

Filled with unforgettable songs and a truly unique and fresh story, *Cry-Baby* is a rock-in' good time!

RATED PG

Directed & Choreographed by Ms. Natalee Fera

Additional Choreography by Gregory Jungco and Marley Jordan

Band Directed by Mrs. Marcia Carmichael

Musical Directed by Gleneagle Secondary Alumni Waleed Hakim and Pinetree Secondary Alumnus Samantha Dowdell & Sarvin Esmaeili

Technical Directed by Pinetree Secondary Alumni Dustin Stratford

Costume Design by Mrs. Janice Murphy

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. Pinetree will remain OPEN, if at all possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family. Families are encouraged to use transit or have students walk.

Transit schedules/updates are found on Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

School District 43 - updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca



ATTENTION NEIGHBOURS OF

PINETREE SECONDARY SCHOOL

You can help stop vandalism on school grounds

What You Can Do

Parks, schools and public spaces are most vulnerable at night. Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious activities. Everything you see and hear helps. Note the physical characteristics and clothing of individuals. If you see automobiles, jot down license plate numbers.

Report All Suspicious Activities to the Vandal Watch Tip Line

604-927-7600

***Call immediately when something raises your suspicions.
Do not wait for the damage to be done.***

Your Call is Anonymous and Confidential

No one will ask for your name or phone number. Security personnel will be alerted and will investigate. They will take direct action or involve the police. **Do not get involved in a confrontation yourself.** The Tip Line is available 24 hours a day.

KEEP THE TIP LINE PHONE NUMBER HANDY. MAKE SURE IT IS GIVEN ONLY TO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS.

Can you help?

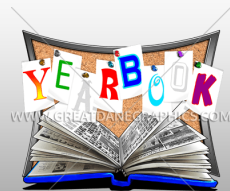
The Tech Ed Department is always looking for sources of free, useful materials to support our program. If you or your company have any of the **following** materials that you could donate, please contact Nicola Shotton at nshotton@sd43.bc.ca:

- Acrylic clear or coloured $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3/6/9mm) thickness
- MDF $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3/6/9mm) thickness
- Plywood $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\frac{1}{8}$ " (3/6/9mm) thickness
- Corrugated cardboard large pieces unbent
- Any clean solid wood



BUY A YEARBOOK for the Holidays!

\$45 - 256 colour pages of all the students and events in the school. Student Life, Halloween, Christmas, Dances, Sports Teams, and much, much more! Yearbook distribution in June is an event in itself. All the students signing and commenting in their friends books. (8 blank pages at the end of the book for signing). Purchase online <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com> or bring a check into the office. It's the one book you will keep forever!



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