

# 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



May 2018	
11	Music Dept. Small Ensemble Concerts (see Pg. For more info)
12	SD43 Concert Banks in the Park at Rocky Point Park (see Pg for more info)
14	PAC Meeting - 7pm, Library - Elections
18	<b>Pro D Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
18-25	Music Tour to Cuba
21	<b>Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
June 2018	
6	Music Concert
7-8	Dance Recital
13-14	Drama Performance
16	Grad Dinner & Dance & After Grad
21	Commencement Ceremony
22	Awards Afternoon
28	Last Day of school for all students
29	Administrative Day

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### *Principal's Message*

As the weather becomes nicer at the start of May we are reminded that we are in the home stretch here at Pinetree. Students and teachers are racing towards the finish line in all of our courses. We need to especially remind our Grade 12 students how important it is to remain focused firmly on finishing strongly in all their courses. Remember only students who are passing all courses that are required for graduation will be permitted to participate in the Commencement Ceremonies on Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Later in this newsletter there will be information for parents and students reviewing information for graduating students of the upcoming deadlines and events.

Later this month we will have some of our students writing AP exams as a culmination of all their hard work. Starting next week will begin having our Grade days on Wednesdays to celebrate each grade at lunch in our courtyard. This is a tradition where the school celebrates each grade with the Grade 12's having theirs the last Wednesday of the month and the start of their graduation celebrations.

While students are thinking about graduation, the sprint to the end of the school year and plans for the summer, we are continuing to plan for the next school year. We are still working with the changes in the teacher's collective agreement language that has added some complexity to how we schedule students. To help us with this planning we are asking if families know that they will be moving and not returning to Pinetree that they let the office know as soon as possible.

Lastly parents should check out the calendar section of the newsletter for information on scheduling for the end of June. We will have an altered schedule with classes being double blocked to allow for final exams and project completion.

**Mr. Clarke**

### **FROM THE PAC (PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL).....Deborah Cousins, President**

All Pinetree parents are invited to the Parent Advisory Council General Meeting on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm in the Library. At this meeting, voting for next year's PAC Executive will take place.

Parents who wish to join the PAC for the 2018/2019 school year are encouraged to attend. Key PAC Executive positions will be vacant in September 2018 and we need new parents in order to function. Positions to be filled are President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **Principal—Mr. Jeremy Clarke**

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**UPCOMING GRADE 12 GRADUATION  
CLASS OF 2018**

**Dinner & Dance**

**DATE & LOCATION:**           **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**6:30pm to Midnight**  
The Westin Bayshore Hotel

**TICKETS SALES:**           **Date:**     May 14<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:45pm  
**Location:** Main office with Mrs. Wigman  
**Price:**     \$150.00.

Includes a buffet dinner, desserts buffet and unlimited soft drinks.

**Only students that have paid outstanding fees will be approved to purchase tickets. A list of eligible students will be posted outside the main office on Wednesday, May 9th.**

**GUESTS APPLICATION:**   **Available in the Main Office from April 25th**  
**Due no later than May 4<sup>th</sup> to your Vice Principal in the Main Office**

**After Grad Festivities**

**DATE & LOCATION:**       **Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 11:30pm until 4:00am**  
**The Pinetree Community Center**

**TICKETS SALES:**           **Date:**     Ongoing until June 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Location:** Main office with Mrs. Wigman or online  
**Price:**     \$35.00

**Commencement Ceremony**

**DATE & LOCATION:**       **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2018@ 7:00pm**  
**The Queen Elizabeth Theatre**

**TICKETS SALES:**           **Date:**     June 4<sup>h</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 3:45pm  
**Location:** Main office with Mrs. Wigman or online  
**Price for Guests:** \$7.00  
  
(Grads do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves) .  
**Cap and Gown will be distributed the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS MUST PAY FOR CAP AND GOWN. THE COST IS \$45. IF THEY HAVE NOT PAID BY 3:00PM THIS FRIDAY, MAY 4, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE (CREDIT CARD) OR TO MRS. WIGMAN IN THE OFFICE (CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY)**

## Aftergrad

The Pinetree PAC's Aftergrad committee has been planning an Aftergrad celebration for June 16/17th at the Pinetree Community center for our Grade 12 students after the Grad Dinner and Dance finishes. Tickets for this event will go on sale in May.

Currently, the main work of fundraising, prize/game/decoration/food planning are done by a handful of parents. **Now it's time to fill the gap toward ~80 parents**, who will help us from the last week into the night of June 16.

Please join the following volunteer areas – without enough volunteers, this traditional event will be in jeopardy

- Prizes and Donation** (~10 volunteers) Send out donation requests, shop and wrap prizes, organize and run the event prize booth, send out thank-you cards
- Food & Beverage** (5+ volunteers): Make, buy or get donated tasty treats; organize and run the event concession
- Games & Activities** (~10 volunteers): Plan the event setup and activities, arrange and supervise games on event night
- Decoration and Event Night** (30+ volunteers): Arrange supplies, make stuff, do lights and decorate at the event, and clean up after the event; assist with making posters, thank you board, event signs and flyers
- Front of House** (20+ volunteers): Make registration envelopes, organize event registration, check coats and coordinate security

You are invited to **the next Aftergrad meeting on Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm at school library**. You can also directly **send email to [d\\_cousins@telus.net](mailto:d_cousins@telus.net)**, and indicate which team you would like to help.

### From Our Accounting Department

#### Fee Statements

Fee Statements for students will be handed out during PACK class on May 9. We recommend using the School Cash Online method of payment which can be accessed by logging on to the school website at [www.sd43.bc.ca/pinetree](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/pinetree) and under Quick Links selecting "School Cash Online" and following the instructions; otherwise cash or cheque payment can be made to Mrs. Wigman, our Accounting Clerk, in the office.

Please note that **Grade 12's will not be able to purchase a Grad Dinner/Dance ticket** until all fees are paid.

#### Commencement Tickets

Grade 12 Commencement takes place on Thursday, June 21st at the Queen Elizabeth theatre. Tickets will go on sale **from June 4 - 20th from 9:00 am - 3:45pm**. Cost is \$7 each. Grads do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves. Again, payment can be made online as per above or see Mrs. Wigman in the office. Payment for Cap and Gown **MUST** be made by 3:00pm on Friday, May 4 either online or given to Mrs. Wigman in the office.

### ***THE CORE COMPETENCIES AND SELF-ASSESSMENT***

*Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal and social-emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep and life-long learning. They fall into three categories: thinking, communication and personal and social. Teachers have always engaged and supported the Core Competencies; now the intent is to make this hidden curriculum intentional and help students gain the ability to assess their own strengths, provide evidence and examples, outline achievable and realistic goals and construct a clear plan to reach them.*

*The Core Competencies are not evaluated by the teacher; each student assesses their individual strengths and sets goals for growth and improvement. In PACK this year, as well as in many classrooms, students have been practicing the skill of self-assessment. For the June report card, we are mandated to have Grade 9 students report on their self-assessment of the core competencies. A committee of teachers is currently planning how that will look for the students and how that information will be communicated with you, the parents. Please look for some kind of notification in your Grade 9 and 10 students' report cards.*

*For more information, please check out the ministry site: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/> and click the tab "Core Competencies"*

*If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me (Liz Bell) at [ebell@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:ebell@sd43.bc.ca)*

## DANCE RECITAL

Pinetree's Annual Dance Recital "HOW DO YOU DANCE" is Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Pinetree Cafetorium (Theatre/Cafeteria at Pinetree).

Tickets are \$12, or 2 tickets for \$20, and will be available from the dance students OR at the school office in mid-May.

The Spring Semester Dance 11 & 12 classes will be presenting all styles of dance, including Contemporary, Hip Hop, Bollywood, Musical Theatre, Persian, K-Pop, and more! Do not miss this AMAZING show!

**Ms. Fera - Drama and Dance Teacher**



## DRAMA RECITAL

Pinetree's Senior Acting class recently travelled to Vernon for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Good Will Shakespeare Festival (formerly in Summerland). They attended 3 days of performing arts workshops in the areas of Theatre, Technical Theatre, Choral Music, Photography, Writing, Stage fighting, TV & Film acting, and many other exciting sessions! The delegates from Pinetree presented a 30-minute version of "Shakespeare's Star Wars", and the cast blew the roof off of the Vernon Arts Centre!

See the senior actors present "Shakespeare's Star Wars" and a 30-minute musical hip-hop version of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Pinetree Cafetorium (Theatre/Cafeteria at Pinetree). Tickets are \$7, or 2 tickets for \$10, and will be available from the senior acting students or at the school office in mid-May!

**Ms. Fera - Treehouse Theatre**



## OUR VERY BUSY MUSIC DEPARTMENT - Mr. & Mrs. Carmichael - Band & Choir Teachers

**May 11** – Small Ensembles Concert on Friday, May 11 – This concert will feature music department students as soloists, duos, trios, and other small groups. Students must audition for the opportunity to be in this special Music Dept. talent show night. Tickets for this show are \$7 for students/ adults with a special deal of two tickets for \$10. Audience members will be treated to a delicious dessert along with coffee, tea, or iced tea. Tickets will be available through the music dept. and at the door on May 11. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:00 pm.

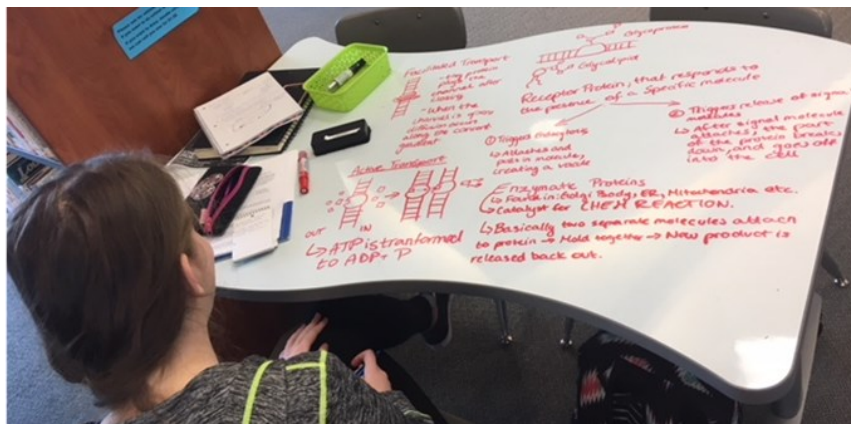
**May 12** – Saturday – SD43 Concert Bands in the Park at Rocky Point Park in Port Moody. Pinetree's concert band students in grades 9 – 12 will be performing on May 12, along with hundreds of other middle school and secondary school band students. Come and join us in the park from 10 am- 3 pm.



**May 18 – 25** – Music Tour to Cuba – we will be taking 33 concert band and jazz band students and three teachers to Havana, Cuba for a week of cultural and musical experiences. These band students have been practicing music every Tuesday evening for the past 3 months in order to get ready to perform for schools and at public venues, including the famous Jazz Café, in Havana. Every year, the Music Department offers band and choir students an opportunity to perform and travel as an extension of their regular music classes.



## LIBRARY NEWS



Thanks to the administration for the purchase of three whiteboard tables (which fold down.) Students have been making good use of them.

Also, a thank you to Jennifer Sommersby, a Pinetree parent and author, for donating her novel, *Sleight*, published by HarperCollins. It is wonderful to have a connection with a successful published author at Pinetree!

**Ms. Ikeda—Teacher-Librarian**

## MATH CONTEST RESULTS

### University of Waterloo - Fermat Mathematics Contest

Congratulations to Pinetree Math students for their achievement on this year's University of Waterloo Fermat Mathematics Contest!

Team members include:

**HONGJIANG (HENRY) GAO**  
**JACK GONG**  
**QIWEN (ERIC) HUA**  
**CHENG (PETER) KE**  
**YUFAN (LYNN) QIAN**  
**YUZE (KEVIN) ZHOU**

### Math League – Canadian National Mathematics League Contest

Congratulations to Pinetree Math students for their achievement on this year's Canadian National Mathematics League Contest!

Team members include:

**ALLEN ZHANG**  
**ERIC HUA**  
**ANGUS WANG**  
**KEVIN ZHOU**  
**PETER KE**  
**MICHAEL YU**  
**MICHAEL LIU**  
**JEFF WANG**  
**ALEX LIU**

Based on team scores, Pinetree Secondary ranked as PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS and 3<sup>rd</sup> in CANADA.  
Way to go, math scholars!

**Mr. Lin - Head, Math Department**

## ATHLETICS

The Pinetree Girls Soccer season began in April, and the girls are having fun and learning more about the game. The girls range in ability and age, which makes for a positive learning experience across grades. Team Captains **Camila Gomez and Deborah Berman** have done a great job motivating and teaching during practices and games. Coach Rioux is pleased with the effort and attitude from each player. Graduating soccer players this year are: **Camila Gomez, Deborah Berman, Andrea Demeter, Alyssa Lee, Maggy Omrani, Lillian Liu, Kay Yang, Morgan Cowley, Daniella Charria, Jasmine Ibasco, Tia Blaszczyk, and Shezheen Arshad.**

*Ms. Rioux - Coach*



## An Extraordinary Month for PE 12 Block 5 at Pinetree Secondary

Despite the record rains, Mr. Wazny's PE 12 block 5 students had an extraordinary month. It began by learning TCHOUKBALL, some DODGEBALL/BASKETBALL then a dedication on jersey day for the Humboldt Broncos at Port Moody Recreation Center where the class went SKATING on April 12th followed by classes in ZUMBA and YOGA. Then to top it off Fridays were spent doing JUI JITSU with Mr. Darren Faulks and his instructors. We are now looking forward to being outside more often and doing the outdoor sports such as FOOTBALL, AUSSIE RULES, TENNIS, SOCCER, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, SWIMMING at the Aquatic Center, running the CRUNCH, and BASEBALL all forecast for May and June amongst many other super activities.

*Mr. Wazny - Athletics Teacher & Coach*



## Pinetree ~ A Smoke Free Environment



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!

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

Follow us on social media.

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



## PINETREE'S GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES' STUDENTS VISIT TO LAOS AND VIETNAM



The Pinetree Global Perspectives students had a successful visit to Laos and Vietnam in March for three weeks after months preparing and raising awareness and funds for their humanitarian trip to Laos. This year the project focused heavily on education, and the students spent six days at two high schools in a rural area. Funds were raised to provide the schools with classroom fans and sports equipment. While in Laos, the students taught English, built barbed-wire fences, painted a building at one of the schools, as well as sanded, and fixed up desks and chairs at the other.



In addition to their work at these schools, the Global Perspectives class made donations to a mobile floating library which services remote areas in Laos, a Children's Cultural Centre in Luang Prabang, and to the COPE Rehabilitation Centre that helps victims of exploded ordinance bombs. In addition, they visited with students at a more affluent high school and toured a vocational training institute in Vientiane, the capitol of Laos. They also met some amazing diplomats at the Canadian Embassy in Hanoi, and Canadian Consular office in Vientiane.

According to Alyssa Lee, "our short, but deeply inspiring, time at the school, was humbling and eye-opening. Although there was a language barrier, the teaching sessions were accompanied by genuine smiles. This experience provided us with a lens into the lives of people our age on the other side of the globe, and reminded us that we share many traits as teenagers. We observed that a special kind of wealth comes with having strong relationships that one cannot put a monetary value on."

Many thanks to the staff and students at Pinetree Secondary, as well as the staff and students at Bramblewood, Glen, Panorama, Pinetree Way, and Walton Elementary, and Summit Middle, for their support of our project initiatives. A special thanks also to Hazel Postma, a CUSO cooperant who worked in Laos for six months, for facilitating our visits in Vientiane.

**Ms. Browne and Ms. Ikeda—Organizing Teachers**



## Learning for All

Engaging and quality learning opportunities await your child this summer!

**Summer School Programs 2018**  
Registration opens April 27th

**Elementary Skill Building**  
Friday, April 27th

**Middle School Skill Building**  
Tuesday, May 1st



**Secondary Program**  
Secondary Skill Building and Remedial  
Tuesday, May 1st

**Grade 10 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track**  
Friday, May 4th

**Grade 11 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track**  
Tuesday, May 8th

**Grade 12 Advanced (High School) Credit and Online Fast Track**  
Friday, May 11th

- Students must have an account on our online system BEFORE registering for courses.
- Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your child's home school.

**Courses are Tuition free for BC Residents.**



**Courses Start July.**  
For exact dates, times and locations visit our website.



[www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)

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Thank you!





Welcome to Secondary School  
Summer Programs 2018

Please visit our website for details:  
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Phone: 604-936-4261



Engaging and quality learning  
opportunities await students this summer!  
All courses are taught by fully qualified  
teachers in a safe and friendly  
school environment.



**PROVINCIAL  
EXAMS**  
AUGUST:  
English  
AUGUST:  
Communications  
LOCATIONS:  
Centennial &  
Gleneagle Secondary

### Fast Track

Blended Model of Instruction;  
Face-to-face classroom methods  
(twice a week, 3 hours each, AM/  
PM), combined with computer moder-  
ated activities (online 3 days)

**Dates:** July 4-August 10  
**Location:** Gleneagle Secondary

**Courses:** Biology 12; Career Life  
Education (Planning 10);  
Chemistry 11; English 10,11,12;  
Mathematics 10,11; Physics 11,12;  
PE 10; Fitness & Conditioning 11/12;  
Social Studies 11.

Completion of course is within a 6 week  
timeline

**Online Registration opens  
6am on:**

**Tuesday, May 1st**  
Secondary Skill Building and Secondary  
Remedial

**Friday, May 4th**  
Grade 10 Advanced (High School) Credit  
and Online Fast Track \*

**Tuesday, May 8th**  
Grade 11 Advanced (High School) Credit  
and Online Fast Track \*

**Friday, May 11th**  
Grade 12 Advanced (High School)  
Credit and Online Fast Track \*



### Advanced (High School) Credit

Students who complete these  
courses will receive full credit and a  
final mark on transcript.

**Dates:** July 4-August 10  
**Locations:** Centennial Secondary,  
Gleneagle Secondary

\*\* **Courses:** Grade 10, 11 and  
12 courses in English, Mathematics  
& Sciences, Canadian Studies 10,  
Social Studies 10/11, Composition 11  
& Communications 12

\*\* See Counsellor for Access Codes  
(only applies to Canadian studies and  
Composition 11)

#### What do you do next?

- Visit our website
- Returning students need to update  
their accounts BEFORE registering for  
courses
- New students to summer learning need  
to create an account BEFORE registering  
to courses. You will need your child's PEN  
number, which is available at their home  
school

\*Tuition free for BC Residents. A \$100  
textbook & commitment deposit is re-  
quired upon registration for all secondary  
courses. See refund policies page on our  
website.  
Tuition fee for International  
students only.

@SummerLrngCoq



### Skill Building and Remedial

**Dates:** July 10-27  
**Times:** 8:30-11:30 & 12:00-3:00pm  
**Location:** Centennial Secondary

#### Skill Building - Grades 8, 9 & 10

Courses are non-credit. Students  
may take these courses to review  
previously covered course content  
OR preview a course that they will  
take in the future. No final letter-  
grade issued nor will it be recorded  
on their transcript.

\*\* **Courses:** English, English for  
School Success, Math, Jazz, Band,  
Concert Band, Science, Fitness, Tech  
Ed, Coding (Info Tech).



#### Remedial - Grades 9 & 10

Courses provide a path for students  
who achieved 40-49% in a course to  
attain a passing grade. For grade 9&  
10 remedial courses, students will  
be able to update their mark to 50%  
(C-)

\*\* **Courses:** Grades 9& 10 courses  
in English, Math, Science & Social  
studies

\*\* See Counsellor for Access Codes  
(only applies to remedial)

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

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mobile/index.html](http://online.flipbuilder.com/bmrxxag/mobile/index.html)

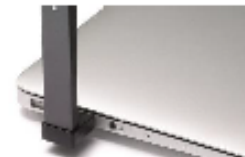
## E-cigarettes, what are they and why you should be concerned?

One of the growing trends amongst young teenagers is the fad of e-cigarettes. The plume of vapour seen from afar is the first clue. As one gets closer the smell of Vanilla, Cotton Candy, Cinnamon Funnel Cake, Honey Dew Melon, or Berry Blast hits your nostrils. The scent lingers in the air and is extremely obvious to the casual observer. This fad among teenagers is quite prevalent and has the same addictive qualities as traditional cigarettes. E-juice is sold in the bottle and can range in volume and price. 15 ml will cost \$13 while the 60 ml can cost as much as \$60. Nicotine content can vary in e-juice but can be as high as 25%.



Vaporizers have been banned from schools; however, several are confiscated each month. They come in different shapes, sizes, and colours and can range in price from \$50 - \$300. Although mainly designed for nicotine products higher end models have the ability to handle Marijuana concentrates.

The Juul vaporizer looks like a USB flash drive. It even charges when plugged into a laptop. It is small enough to fit inside an enclosed hand. One Juul pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes, and comes with flavors like crème brulee, mango and fruit medley.



The Aspire Breeze is another vaporizer that has been confiscated on school grounds and is small enough to fit into an enclosed hand. Both the Juul and the Breeze are easy to conceal and emit very little vapour. Lastly, students have been found in possession of the Nicorette Spray. The spray is dispensed under the tongue providing students with an instant hit of nicotine. Students have reported that three blasts of the spray is the maximum dose. The spray can be purchased from most drug stores at a cost of approximately \$35.



**Health Effects of Nicotine and E-cigarettes**– New studies report that E-cigarette vapor contain dangerous levels of toxic metals including lead, chromium and manganese. These substances raise the risk of cancer, heart disease and brain damage. Nicotine found in the Vape Juice is highly addictive and adversely affects the heart, reproductive system, lungs and kidneys. Immediate effects are increase in pulse rate, blood pressure and increased rate of respiration.