



1. In December, students across the district participated in various assemblies celebrating the holiday season including helping those in need in our community:
  - Congratulations to the Como Lake Middle School community for raising \$12,600 and making food and gift hampers for 25 families in their school community.
  - Gleneagle Secondary School's spirit assembly was not just a celebration of school spirit but also a meaningful effort to support BC Children's Hospital. The community came together, raising an impressive \$1,000! This milestone led to some fun: Principal Mr. Conley worked from the roof for an entire day, one teacher dressed up in a funny costume, and another teacher dyed their hair.
  - On December 15, Heritage Woods Secondary School members of the Kodiaks With A Purpose (KWAP) student group collected and delivered winter clothing items to those in need. Read more as shared on the Tricity News [here](#).
  - On December 20, the Gleneagle Music program hosted another successful winter concert featuring all music ensembles bringing out the theme of Carols by Candlelight. Thank you, students, for bringing more cheer over the holidays.
2. Congratulations to Liam Gorton, a Grade 10 student at École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, who received multiple accolades for his outstanding wrestling skills.

Below are the following competitions he won:

October 26: Liam was chosen to compete in a University Duel, where he placed 6<sup>th</sup> competing against the Calgary Dinos.

December 8: Liam won first place at the Bishop Ryan Open Wrestling Tournament in Hamilton, Ontario, defeating the current first place holder and the bronze medalist from the 2023 Pan Am Games.

December 10: Liam competed in and won a gold medal at the Burnaby SFU War on the Floor Elite Tournament in Burnaby.

In March, Liam will compete in the Canadian National World Team Trials in Ottawa. If he wins, he will represent Canada at the 2024 Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic in July.





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- SD43's Student Wellness and Safety Team is launching the Family and Community Learning Series, a comprehensive initiative dedicated to enriching student well-being and safety in today's ever-changing world. This series offers insightful discussions on the latest trends and essential topics in child and youth development.

From January 18th to the 31st, families are invited to watch the documentary "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" followed by an online panel discussion on January 25, 2024. Learn more at [www.sd43.bc.ca/familyseries](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/familyseries).

- SD43 has invited families to apply for Kindergarten and Late Programs of Choice from January 11 at 9 AM to January 17 at 4 PM. Families interested in a Program of Choice, including French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Montessori, and Reggio, can apply online at [sd43.bc.ca](http://sd43.bc.ca). All applications will be processed through a random draw.

- On January 11, the SD43 Learning Services Zone Coordinators and staff hosted a Transition into Kindergarten Information Session for families of children with developmental delays, disabilities, and diverse learning needs and discussed what to expect for kindergarten.

- Gleneagle Secondary School is hosting their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Jazz Gala Dinner and Silent Auction on February 24, 2024, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Buy your tickets [here](#).



- Congratulations to Insiyah Dharsee, who has been honoured with the prestigious National Philanthropy Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. This recognition is a testament to the incredible impact Insiyah has made through her unwavering commitment to philanthropy.

Nominated by both the Royal Columbian Hospital for her contributions to the Zaky Hugs program and Pitt Meadows Community Services for her generous donations, Insiyah's efforts have provided essential support to babies in need and fostered resources for our youth.

At the Association of Fundraising Professionals Award ceremony, Insiyah stood out among four outstanding nominees in the youth category, captivating the panel with her inspiring story.



- In an impressive display of creativity and business acumen, the Entrepreneurship 12 students of Pinetree Secondary School hosted a highly successful Business Fair in December. This event featured an outstanding collection of student-created businesses, each showcasing innovative products and services developed as part of their entrepreneurial studies.





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## **Upcoming Events**

- January 8 – Schools re-open
- February 6- 8 – Kindergarten Registration Period
- February 6 – Board Meeting
- February 9 – Cross- Catchment Process Begins at 9 am
- February 14 – Cross Catchment Process Ends at 4 pm
- February 24 – Gleneagle Secondary School Jazz Dinner & Silent Auction