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Head of School

'Tis the Season

This is the season for concerts and performances at Southridge, and I hope you have had (or will take advantage of) the opportunity to see one or two of our many Junior and Senior School performances. For those parents who have students in both schools, you may very well have seen all of our music students perform – right from Kindergarten to our Senior Concert Band. I have been lucky enough over the years to see the variety and diversity of our musical talents and creativity at Southridge, and I have observed a few things about the importance of music at Southridge along the way.

First of all, music at Southridge is important because it places our students at the centre. From an educator's perspective, student-focused and experiential learning opportunities act as a cornerstone for personal growth and development. Not only do our students learn the skills associated with playing a musical instrument, but they also learn about important elements of good character – perseverance, responsibility, truthfulness, taking risks and working as part of a team. Character development is an essential ingredient to a Southridge education and our music program helps guide our students in their growth as good people.

Second, music at Southridge is important because it develops critical skills our students will need to be successful after they leave our school, whether or not they continue to play a musical instrument or sing. Thinking creatively, collaborating with peers in the pursuit of a common goal, communicating effectively in a variety of ways and critically thinking about contributions are all part of the music experience at Southridge. Analysis, synthesis and evaluation, all of which are high level thinking and reasoning skills, are abundantly evident through music – as they are in all of the arts at Southridge.

And third, music at Southridge is important (to me, personally) because it affects me in a deep way. Rather than using the word “deep” to mean profound in this case, I use it here to describe the level that music strikes me physically. It may sound odd, but when I hear our students sing and I listen to them play there is a space in the core my body that lights up and comes alive. Maybe it happens to you as well, but when this space comes alive for me I feel joy and happiness.

I am so thankful to the music teachers at Southridge – Mrs. Winterburn, Dr. Besspflug, Mr. Burrage, Ms. Parker and Mr. Mitchell. From a purely educative point of view, these teachers facilitate a wonderfully student-focused, experiential and collaborative classroom environment where our students are challenged to learn important skills and develop as people. And in a selfish way, I am thankful to our teachers and students for lighting up that space in me that makes me feel so alive and well. As we step into this winter break and we look forward to enjoying time with family and friends, I hope you have the time to appreciate the beauty of the season through music.

Have a peaceful three weeks!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Junior School Christmas Concert	Tuesday, Dec 17	1:30 – 3:00 PM	Jr School Great Hall
	Wednesday, Dec 18	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Jr School Great Hall
PYP Feast	Thursday, Dec 19	8:30 – 12:30 PM	Jr School Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, Dec 20	All Day	Both Schools
Jr School Report Cards Home	Friday, Dec 20		
Jr School Noon Dismissal	Friday, Dec 20	12:00 PM	Jr School
Christmas Holidays – No School	Monday, Dec 30 to Friday, Jan 10		Both Schools
Late Start	Monday, Jan 13	10:25 AM	Both Schools
Grade 6 - 7 Dance	Friday, Jan 17	7:00 - 10:00 PM	Jr School Gym
Current Grade 7 Parent Information Evening	Thursday, Jan 23	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Alan Brown Great Hall
Jump Rope for Heart	Friday, Jan 24	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Jr School Gym
Grad Photos	Friday, Jan 31		
Casual Day	Friday, Jan 31	All Day	Both Schools

Junior School News

Head of Junior School

“Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can.”

Danny Kaye, Actor

Sometimes life at Southridge does feel like a big canvas, absolutely chalk full of activities and events. Frankly, it is this vibrancy and energy I love about our school, and as I was reading report cards this week, I was reflecting about what our students and faculty have already added to the canvas in just four months.

Academics: Our faculty has continued to meet each month to carefully plan our PYP and MYP programmes. The IBO (International Baccalaureate Organization) sets forth rigorous standards which require continual reflection and readjustment. Beneath the guidance of Shanaz Ramji Motani and Alison Graham, our faculty continues to refine our programme and strive to deliver excellence. We have also sent many faculty members for professional development to IBO conferences in Toronto, New York, Portland, and Vancouver. I was fortunate to attend our first international conference in The Hague, Netherlands with Mrs. Raber and it was impressive to share with educators from Europe, Africa and the Middle East. This ongoing, professional training highlights our commitment to providing the best practices in pedagogy for our students. Further to professional training, several field trips cemented important aspects of our academic programming including: the Grade 6 Qwanoes trip, the Grade 7 Outdoor Education trip, the Grade 4 trip to Grouse Mountain, and the Kindies’ pumpkin patch trip. We celebrated our literacy programme through continued involvement in the AR reading programme, author’s visits, as well as through the enjoyable purchasing opportunity of the Scholastic Book Fair. Additionally, student writing was celebrated through the sharing of the poignant pieces completed for Remembrance Day. Our use of technology is infused into our daily lessons and Mr. Steve Anderson, our Technology Coordinator, has been spending time in all our classes. It is quite endearing to see our 6’5” Mr. A working with our youngest five year old students.

As faculty, we also wish to thank our families for your support of our academic programme at home, through daily prep. We understand that our students are very busy, but your support and alignment of our academic goals provide a strong partnership towards student success.

Athletics: Under the direction of Kirby Gallant, Katie Reid, Megan Fretter and Perry Harder, our students have been offered a tremendous athletic program during this first term. Intramurals have been in place for Grades 4 – 7 and with very active participation. Southridge School has offered the following co-curricular athletic sports: Grade 5, 6 and 7 girls volleyball, Grade 3 – 7 cross country running, Grades 3 – 7 swimming, Grade 5 and 6/7 boys soccer, and we are well

underway with our basketball teams. A special recognition to our entire faculty involved in coaching these clubs; the hours that you have dedicated have been noticed and appreciated. We are especially excited about hosting the upcoming U13 CAIS basketball tournament on January 29 – February 1, 2014 as we host 15 other schools to showcase this great tradition in boys basketball. Thank you to our families who are billeting the players from other schools, and showing our western hospitality.

Arts: We continue to operate a strong arts programme at Southridge School including performing arts, music, and visual arts. Acknowledgement is given to Jackie Reyes, Paul Best, and Allison Redies for providing guidance in our art program and filling our hallways with student masterpieces. We also need to acknowledge the extracurricular choir program offered to our students. Under the direction of Mrs. Donna Winterburn, music exudes from the classroom and Dr. Bessflug, Mr. Burrage, and Mr. Mitchell have produced musicians in our Grade 6 and 7 years. Also important, were the wonderful performances for our Christmas concert for all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. In our assemblies, we have been enjoying the diverse talents of our student body. We appreciate our student contributions and the difference that they make in each assembly.

Service: Contribution is at the heart of what we inherit and what we pass on. Southridge students believe in making a lasting difference in the lives of others. Our list of service items this year is impressive and humbling: The Terry Fox Run, the Grade 7 shoreline cleanup, casual days each month supporting a charity, Unicef contributions through pumpkin carving and donations, students making sandwiches for the less fortunate, Food Friday initiative spearheaded by a few Grade 7 girls, the collection of winter clothing for W. E. Kinvig, the Christmas ornaments made in support of G.F. Strong, the popcorn bags and bracelets sold by Grade two students to support fairness in education, the lemonade stand and Jelly Beans for Philippines to help those devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, and ultimately, the food hampers provided by each classroom to Options. The generosity of our community is humbling; the initiative of our students is noteworthy, and the belief of contribution and making a difference in the lives of others, truly resonates with our students.

The aspect of leadership has been underscored through our Grade seven ambassador programme—at this point in the year, all 44 Grade seven students have had a formal leadership role as either a tour, birthday, sports, fairplay, or house captain ambassador. We have also augmented the technology team with a mentoring component, giving Grade seven students a chance to train and mentor upcoming Grade six students. The photo team are capturing amazing images that will also complete our canvas of activities for the duration of this whole year. We are proud of giving our young people tangible opportunities to lead and affect life in their school.

Thank you for a great start to a wonderful year and a promising continuation in 2014.

Mrs. Middelaer
Head of Junior School

Tonight's Christmas Concert

Being mindful of the upcoming season and busy schedules, we would like to announce our second Christmas concert performance on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 6:30 pm. We hope that our families will be able to attend this presentation.

Dismissal for Christmas Holidays and Return for Monday, January 13, 2014 - Late Start

On Friday, December 20, 2013, all students are dismissed at 12:00 noon. At this time, all students will receive their report card. Please do not ask for the report card early, as our policy is not to give them out.

Our Christmas break is three weeks this year. Please ensure your calendar is clearly marked for a return date of Monday, January 13, 2014 (Day 2). Please also note that we have a late start that day and students need to arrive between 10:10 and 10:20 for a start time of 10:25 a.m. Please do not bring students any earlier as the faculty will be in meetings and unavailable to supervise.

Upcoming Dates in February

As families will be have time together over the Christmas break, it may be helpful to consider the following days in February. Students will have an extended 5 day weekend from February 7-February 12, 2014. On Friday, February 7, our entire Southridge faculty will be attending the ISABC Collaborative Pro-D Day at St. George's School. This collaborative day features our own ISABC teachers leading workshops, and we are pleased to have 7 of our Junior School teachers presenting on this day. On Monday, February 10, our province honours the new Family Day holiday, and on Tuesday,

February 11 is the half term holiday. We resume school on Wednesday, February 12 with a regular start time of 8:05 a.m. We hope that you plan some wonderful time together with family and friends.

Kindergarten Parents Only: No school on Friday, February 14, 2014

All students in Ms. Worner's and Mrs. Ridley Thomas's kindergarten classes will have the day off on Friday, February 14 as we are conducting entrance testing for the 2014 kindergarten class. Thank you for your flexibility.

MYP Breakfast

The MYP Breakfast for Grades 5-7 is happening this Friday, December 20th. Please remember to send your child to school HUNGRY, as they will be eating a huge breakfast at 8:30 AM. Students are allowed to wear either their pajamas or winter wonderland wear (hats, toques, festive sweaters, etc.). The schedule for the morning is as follows:

8:00 - 8:30 students with homeroom teacher

8:30 - 9:15 breakfast in Great Hall

9:15 - 10:00 holiday songs sing-a-long in Great Hall

10:00 - 10:25 recess

10:30 - 11:30 Vancouver Theatre sports presentation in Great Hall

11:30 - 12:00 back with homeroom to receive report cards

12:00 dismissal

Ms. McNeil

Scholastic Book Fair

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the families who visited and supported the Scholastic Book Fair at the Junior School during the first week of December. We were able to donate books to Kinvig School and to all our Christmas Hamper Families. We will also be purchasing items for classroom use in January. Thank you again.

Ms. Chong
Junior School Librarian

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

"Take time to recharge your batteries. It's hard to see where you're going when your lights are dim."
~Robert H. Conelly

It Has Been a Very Busy Term!

We have made it to the final week of the term and with it comes a time to celebrate, reflect and then to relax. Our Spirit Captains have added a fun way to do this with their annual festive uniform swap. Each day this week, students may switch an article of clothing with a festive alternative as well as add some other fun accessories such as scarves, boots and hats depending on the day. This is just one small way to celebrate the end of term and enjoy some time together before the holidays. Two other special events this week help to celebrate the highly successful term we have had together in the Senior School.

Feast

The first one is our annual Feast on Thursday evening. Students are required to be at their Advisory locations by 5:30 PM decked out in their full winter uniform (including blazer). From here, they will be called down to the gym to sit around tables together in a festive setting. As their table gets called to the cafeteria they will enjoy an amazing turkey dinner with all of the fixings! This is all arranged by the amazing team of volunteers coordinated by Jacquie Lougheed and Leanne Zanatta. The post-dinner celebrations are fun and enjoyable in the Great Hall and everything wraps up around 9:30 PM. For those students new to the Senior School, this is not an event to be missed and is a truly shared experience for all of the faculty and students to enjoy together.

Final Morning

The second event is our final morning on Friday. Regular classes are suspended in favour of an alternate program. Students may come in casual clothes and there is usually a festive theme to this – red and green, and fun festive items are encouraged

to be worn. The day begins with our annual Christmas Debate in the Great Hall where some festive themed resolution is debated and lightly judged. From here we enjoy time in Advisories, a huge tournament in the gym and the obligatory cleaning out of every one's locker to ensure no "science fair-type" growth emanates over the holidays! We finish up again in the Great Hall for our end of term Spirit Assembly and the presentation of the Golden Boots to the winning house of the term in addition to a great slideshow culminating the term's myriad of activities. Students are dismissed at noon and once again, it is an important way to celebrate and I ask that every student attends to be a part of this great day.

The second part of this week is that of reflection. I encourage you to help your children look back on the term and their success in academics, the art, athletics and service learning and perhaps in areas that they wish to improve. It is important to decide on and set clear goals that they can strive to achieve over the next term. A reminder that any such goal should be realistic and have a detailed plan in order to be successful. I also encourage the students to share these goals with their Advisors and any applicable teachers so they can be supported in their challenge.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, it is a time to recharge! As the above quote reminds us, we need times to recharge our brains, bodies and spirit in order to be prepared when we return in the New Year! While I know it might be a good idea to remain focused and continue working and demanding review, but everyone needs down time to rest. I encourage students to read a book purely for pleasure, choose a new hobby to try or just to try and gain a few more minutes of sleep that they have lost along the term.

Late Start

Our first day back on Monday, January 13, 2014 will be a late start. Students are not required to arrive until 10:20 AM. Please refrain from sending students in earlier as the faculty will be engaged in professional development for the morning and we cannot provide and support or supervision until this time.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday filled with family and friends wherever you may be – near or far from home. See you in the New Year ready to learn!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

How Are We Doing? 'Harkness' Update

As we move forward with our student centred, discussion based model, I would like to share a few reflections from two current students, and from a visiting colleague, Andrew Jones, who heads up the Math department at St George's School. Amid the weariness that settles on the school like winter weather at this time of the year, I think these observations breathe light and life into us and allow us to celebrate our achievements to date and reenergize for next year.

Andrew Jones, Head of Math at St. George's School visited Southridge a week or so ago and visited many of our math classrooms. Cam Seib commented that their discussions ranged from the value of introducing Foundations 11 & 12, to our use of technology, to a consideration of our student centred classroom approach. One comment that Mr. Jones repeated over and over again with obvious passion and sincerity was paraphrased by Mr. Seib as follows:

I am completely blown away by the level of mathematical language and discussion being used by your students. Our kids (St. George's) can do all "the stuff" (referring to being able to do the math problems/skills on paper or on a test), but in terms of being able to explain and discuss it, your students are far beyond ours."

Our students, too, have felt the power and possibilities of being immersed in communicative, collaborative, based learning and, in their personal essay submissions for entrance to UBC, have written about it. Sarah Grimm offers a candid and convincing argument for her positive experience with this approach:

At my school a new system of learning has been implemented called Harkness. It is where students come together to collaborate and learn through each other's knowledge, while the teacher facilitates, adding little input. This has been my most significant group work experience because the entire class is a group working towards a better understanding of concepts. It really helped me to break out of my shell more and gain the confidence to talk and express my thoughts. It is an open space to ask questions and give answers, receiving a better understanding of concepts. I have noticed a major difference in not only my grades but my performance in class because theories are explained in terminology that I understand, not a textbook definition but a fellow students understanding of it. This is a really valuable thing for me

because this year I am taking AP Calculus and I get such a stronger grasp on the concepts now that they are explained in words that I can understand and interpret. It is such an open environment to ask questions and learn. This is by far the most significant group work experience that I have ever partaken in.

And Avery Kan, another current Grade 12 writes of his struggles in the AP English Language & Composition course which he took last year:

The class also brings back great memories of working through discussion, collaboration, highs and lows, as we tackled problems, bonding strongly around the Harkness table. Our tight knit class of thirteen fought hard, striving to, not only help ourselves but also our group improve, as we tackled higher level rhetorical analysis and in-class essays. The energy that kept us motivated and experience challenging ourselves will stick with us for the rest of our lives.

Of course, these are selective experiences and we have many students at various grade levels and stages in their intellectual and social development for whom this approach remains challenging. It is challenging for faculty too. The idea of the teacher as the sole purveyor of knowledge imparting his or her wisdom to open eyed, but essentially passive students creates the image for me of a censorious adult pouring thin gruel into Oliver Twist's empty bowl. It is a familiar but not very satisfying image, and it is literally a picture from another time. We are asking our teachers to do so much more today. We are asking our teachers today to lead without dominating the discourse, to facilitate rather than control, to help students to collaborate and communicate, to allow students to participate and gain understanding at their own pace, to discover rather than be told. For me it goes to the heart of what education is about. The Latin root of the word, educere, emphasizes the leading out, and drawing forth that is at the heart of the educative process and I hope that we have begun to shift our practice to create a more vibrant, meaningful and dynamic classroom environment in order to better serve the needs of all our learners.

I believe we are on our way.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Program Director

Grad Portrait Sessions

The Artona Group website is now open to book Grad portrait sessions, which will be held on Saturday, January 31st and February 1st. Artona Studios are located at 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC. Phone: 604-872-7272.

To book appointments, please visit the Artona website:

http://www.artonagroup.com/programs/high_school_grad/2?school_id=114247. If you know that you will not be able to book an appointment on either of these dates, please call the studio directly to make alternate arrangements.

Artona has provided a helpful video to prepare for your portrait session. <http://vimeo.com/36716678> and there will be a poster at Senior Reception with some portrait examples from the Southridge Grads of 2013.

Ms. Lisa Byrom
Asst. to Head of Sr. School

News for Both Schools

Support the CAIS U13 Basketball Tournament by Sponsoring an Ad

Southridge School is hosting the CAIS U13 Basketball tournament from January 29th to February 1st, 2014. Fifteen teams, representing independent schools from across Canada, will be travelling to Surrey for the tournament.

The Tournament Program provides a great opportunity to support the tournament, advertise to the Southridge Community and our tournament guests. The program will include information about our school, the tournament, team photos and team rosters.

Four hundred copies of the program will be printed, which will be primarily distributed to the visiting teams' players, who are representing some of the most well-known independent schools in the country. The front and back cover will be in colour and the inside pages will be printed in grayscale. The cost for supporting the tournament with an advertisement ranges from \$200.00 to \$600.00.

Please see the attached forms for additional information and order forms.

Thank you in advance for your support!
Mr. Gallant and Mr. Porpaczy

Holiday Hours

For those interested in coming into the school over the holidays, please be aware of the following hours of operation:

- Monday, December 23rd: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Tuesday December 24th: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursday, January 2nd: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Our regular hours will be in effect from this day onwards.

End of Year Giving

My sincerest appreciation to everyone that has made a contribution to Southridge School in 2013! To-date, we have raised more than \$675,000 in donations this calendar year!

But the year is not quite over yet...and there are some wonderful programs at the school that could still use your support.

Since it is the season for giving, and you may still be wanting/needing a tax receipt for 2013, you may want to consider making a gift to an area at Southridge that is near and dear to your heart – the Arts, Athletics, or our bursary programs, for example.

There are a couple of ways to do so:

- Snail mail – All gifts received by December 20th or post-dated by December 31st, will be receipted for the 2013 tax year.
- Drop-off – Anytime at the JS or SS front desk before noon on December 20th.
- Online – It's quick and easy! [Click here](#) to donate before December 31st.

Thank you again for your support! Please know how much we appreciate it!

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Girl Rising – The Film, the Movement, the Future

'Over 65 million girls around the world are denied an education and a right to a better future.'

The Senior and Junior School students from the Girl Rising Committee have been working hard for the past few weeks to raise awareness on girls' issues from around the world. Girl Rising is a documentary film which is being shown at Southridge on February 22, 2014. The film journeys around the globe to witness the spirit and the power of education to change the world. It spotlights the stories of nine extraordinary girls from nine developing countries who share their journey of the unforgettable circumstances they went through, each struggling to achieve against nearly impossible odds. It captures their voices, their dreams, and their remarkable lives. Join us for the viewing of the fascinating lives of these young girls:

When: Saturday February 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Where: Southridge Junior School at 2656-160th Street, Surrey, B.C.

To Save Your Seat: Admission is by donation with all proceeds to "Because I'm A Girl"

For more information, [click here](#).

Sanya Grover
Girl Rising Committee



2014 SOUTHRIDGE CAIS U13 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Support the 2014 CAIS U13 Basketball Tournament by advertising in the Tournament Program

The **Southridge CAIS U13 Basketball Team** will host 15 teams at Southridge School from January 29 to February 1, 2014. These teams will be travelling to Surrey for the tournament, and representing independent schools from across Canada.

The Tournament Program provides a great opportunity to support the tournament, advertise to the Southridge Community and our tournament guests. The program will include information about our school, the tournament, team photos and team rosters.

400 copies of the program will be printed, which will be primarily distributed to the visiting teams' players, who are representing some of the most well-known independent schools in the country. The front and back cover will be in colour and the inside pages will be printed in grayscale. As an advertiser, you will receive 5 copies of the program. The costs for supporting the tournament with an advertisement are:

Business Cards:	\$200.00	1/4 Bars	\$250.00
1/4 Pages	\$250.00	1/2 Pages	\$400.00
Full Page	\$600.00		



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Business Card Advertisement \$200 (3.5" X 2")

Business cards will be scanned, or graphics files can be provided.

1/4 Bar Advertisement \$250.00 (7.5" X 2")



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Example Message

**BEST OF LUCK
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If you would like to advertise, please fill out the attached order form.

The order form, business cards, other graphics and cheques should be given to Mr. Gallant or Mr. Porpaczy.

If you have questions, please contact:

Mr. Kirby Gallant
604 542-5365

kgallant@southernridge.bc.ca

Mr. James Porpaczy
604 542-2319

jporpaczy@southernridge.bc.ca

1/4 Page Advertisement \$250 (3.5" x 4.5")

Scanner ready graphics, or a graphics file should be provided

1/2 Page Advertisement \$400 (7.5" x 4.5")

Scanner ready graphics, or a graphics file should be provided

**Full Page Advertisement \$600 (7.5" x 10")
Not Shown**

Scanner ready graphics, or a graphics file should be provided



2014 SOUTHBRIDGE CAIS U13 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PROGRAM ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

I will support the 2014 Southridge CAIS U13 Basketball Tournament by advertising in the tournament program.

Please check the type of advertisement that you would like:

	Business Card (3.5" x 2")	\$200	Provide business card or graphics file
	¼ Bar (7.5" x 2")	\$250	Provide business card or graphics file
	¼ Page (3.5" x 4.5")	\$250	Provide scanner ready art or graphics file
	½ Page (7.5" x 4.5")	\$400	Provide scanner ready art or graphics file
	Full Page (7.5" x 10")	\$600	Provide scanner ready art or graphics file.
	Full Back Page (7.5" x 10")	\$1500	SOLD

Good Luck message to accompany the ¼ Bar Advertisement:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please return this order form, along with the business card, graphics file or artwork, and a cheque made payable to **Southridge School** to Mr. Gallant or Mr. Porpaczy.

**We Thank You for Supporting the 2014 Southridge CAIS U13
Basketball Tournament**