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Head of School

Welcome to Summer

I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a relaxing and enjoyable summer. For those who are traveling, I bid you all safe journeys. I wish for everyone that summer offers opportunities for plenty of rest and rejuvenation. Thank you to everyone for the contributions you have made to Southridge this year. Our new families will most certainly welcome your stewardship.

Summer officially begins on Sunday, if you follow celestial influences as they relate to solstices and equinoxes. Summer solstice takes place this year on Sunday, June 21. The word "solstice" comes from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky, resulting in the longest day (and the shortest night) of the year.

For hundreds of years, civilizations have celebrated the first day of summer. Pagans often wore protective garlands of herbs and flowers, for example, to thwart the evil spirits they thought came out on this special day of magic. One of the most powerful plants used by Pagans was called 'chase-devil', which is also known as St. John's Wort. St. John's Wort is still used to this day by herbalists as a mood stabilizer. Even common words like "honeymoon" come from this special day. Pagans called the midsummer moon the "honey moon" for the mead made from fermented honey that was part of wedding ceremonies performed at summer solstice.

As we step into the honeymoon of summer, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for supporting Southridge in so many ways.

- To our parents, thank you for supporting all that we do here at Southridge. Your partnership with us is critical to the success of your children and our school.
- To our teachers, thank you for your daily commitment to Southridge. You are all role models and leaders, and our community benefits from your energy, commitment and passion.
- To our administration, thank you for all that you do behind the scenes. We truly appreciate your work and recognize the efforts you make to help create an excellent school environment for everyone.
- To our Board, thank you for taking a long-term perspective when making decisions on behalf of our community, for your dedication to the health and well-being of our school and for your commitment to ensuring that Southridge remains an excellent school for future generations of students.
- And finally, to our students, thank you for another wonderful year of excitement and energy. You are the reason we are all here and we most certainly enjoy the time that we spend with all of you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior School Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, June 17 th	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Senior School Gym
PYP Picnic (Grades K-4)	Wednesday, June 17 th	All Day	Centennial Beach
MYP Certificate Ceremony	Thursday, June 18 th	8:10 - 9:10 a.m.	Junior Great Hall
Athletics Banquet	Thursday, June 11 th	11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Cafeteria and Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior School - no school	Friday, June 12 th and Monday, June 15 th	All Day	Senior School
Grade 7 Dinner/Dance	Thursday, June 18 th	5:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall and Junior School Gym
Junior School Late Start	Friday, June 19 th	8:45 a.m.	Junior School
Junior School Closing Ceremony (Grades K-7)	Friday, June 19 th	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Senior School Gym
Senior School Commencement and Closing Ceremony	Friday, June 19 th	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Senior School Gym

Junior School News

Low Tide

“To finish the moment, to find the journey's end in every step of the road, to live the greatest number of good hours, is wisdom.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Finishing well is so important; to have closure and a feeling of completion is paramount to moving forward and taking the next step. That is why at Southridge we offer and support the traditions of closing ceremonies and the singing of the ‘*Low Tide*’ song. Traditions offer predictability, consistency, and help to target those emotions of closure in a very powerful way. The singing of ‘*Low Tide*’ does prompt many tears as students realize that the strong connections that they have made each and every day will be on a brief hiatus over the summer. We thank the students for their excellent investment in one another, and although we must say ‘good-bye’, we look forward to reconnecting in September.

LOW TIDE

Low tide waves rolling out.
This is what summer is all about.
You and I must say good-bye for the summer time.

Low tide, here it is June and I can't believe the year's over so soon.
You and I must say good-bye for the summer time.

Row your boat across the sea
Until you find your way home to me.
Don't rock the boat, just make it to the shore.
Some day we won't say good-bye anymore.

Low tide, here it is June and I can't believe the year's over so soon.
You and I must say good-bye for the summer, summer, summer time.

Have a wonderful summer,

Mrs. Middelaer
Assistant Head/Head of Junior School

Important Dates

MYP Final Assembly: Thursday, June 18, 2015 - 8:10 a.m.

This Thursday, our MYP students (grades 5-7) will be acknowledged for their academic performance, effort and AR reading at an assembly at 8:10 am. This year we will present the **SPIRIT award plaques** at this ceremony . The assembly should be between 40 -50 minutes in length. There will also be several book trailers shown to encourage active summer reading. All students in grades 5-7 need to wear their summer or winter uniform with their green sweater or vest. If there is a class party scheduled for later in the day, students are encouraged to bring a change of clothing for after the assembly.

Grade Seven Graduation, Thursday, June 18, 2015 : 5:30 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall

Our grade sevens are eagerly looking forward to celebrating their completion of Southridge Junior School and their transition to senior school. We look forward to acknowledging and highlighting their years of learning and growing in the Junior School and proudly support each one of them as they move forward on their educational journey. We are honoured to have been part of their growth.

Junior School Closing Ceremonies: Friday, June 19, 2015 9:00 a.m. - Senior School Gymnasium

Please join us next Friday as we celebrate the closing of the school year. Students are expected to wear full winter uniform with ties and sweaters. Please drop your child off at the Junior School between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. School will officially be over after the closing ceremony. There will be a special presentation to our grade four students who are celebrating their last year of PYP. Congratulations to all our students for finishing well.

PYP and MYP Report Cards

PYP report cards will be distributed by homeroom teachers after the completion of the closing ceremonies. MYP report cards will be mailed to your residence on June 26, 2015.

Locker Dimensions for Students in Grades 4 to 7

If you are planning to purchase a backpack or other school bag for your child, please keep in mind that our locker dimensions are 32 cm (depth) by 21 cm (width). Bags must be able to fit completely into lockers for safety reasons. It is difficult to find a backpack with wheels that fit into the lockers so please take a measuring tape with you when shopping.

Uniform Reminders

For those parents purchasing black dress shoes over the summer, just a reminder that the shoes must be polishable, and not have logos or designs on them. Thank you for your support in this area.

September Dates

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. New student orientation and laptop rollout (see our website for time for each class)

Thursday, September 10, 2015 - First Day of School

Parent Coffee Hours

Although Southridge is a very busy place, we strongly believe in making connections with our parents and teachers. This past year we hosted coffee hours for all grade levels. The feedback was so successful that we have scheduled one coffee hour for each grade over the course of the year. The coffee hour is from 7:45 – 8:45a.m. in the great hall, and we would love to see as many parents as possible. Please check our school website for these dates, and mark them on your calendar so that you can attend that day.

Outdoor Education

All students in Grades Four through Seven will be going on exciting adventures during the year. For your planning, here are the dates of the trips:

- Grade 4: Sea-to-Sky Outdoor School, Web Weavers Program, June 15-17, 2016(compulsory)
- Grade 5: Sea-to-Sky Outdoor School, Discovery Program, Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 2015 (compulsory)
- Grade 6: Camp Qwanoes, Adventure Program, September 29 – October 2, 2015 (compulsory)

- Grade 7: Camp Summit Outdoor Camp, September 29 – October 2, 2015 (compulsory)

For all outdoor education trips, there will be an additional charge to school accounts. All-inclusive costs range from \$200.00 - \$325.00 (approximately).

Summer Hours

The school will be open throughout the summer from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This has been an amazing school year, with such memorable experiences. We are so proud of our students and the growth that they have shown. Have a great summer and we look forward to having you with us in the fall.

Grade 7 Grad Live Video Broadcast

The Grade 7 Grad ceremonies on Thursday, June 18th will be broadcast live starting at 6:00 pm. You can watch the broadcast by going to [this web page](http://www.southernridge.bc.ca/page.cfm?p=2679). You can send this URL to family and friends to watch as well: <http://www.southernridge.bc.ca/page.cfm?p=2679>

You will need a high speed internet connection and a web browser that supports the Flash plug-in.

Alan McInnes
Manager
Web and AV Services

Sandwich Making Summary

Thank you so much to all of the parents and students who generously donated, picked up and organized supplies, and volunteered to make sandwiches for the Surrey Urban Mission this school year. Your tangible actions made a huge impact to people in our local community. In total, we made about 1,740 sandwiches over 29 weeks from September through May! That's a lot of sandwiches! The mission is very appreciative of our regular and caring support for its clients.

Mrs. Murchie
Junior School Service Coordinator

Senior School News

A Time to Support your "Family"

Each year that June comes around on the school schedule, my thoughts drift to my own experience at independent school and the memories I have of this time. The first one is always exams probably because I wrote so many of them over my educational experience. I also vividly recall the memory of my younger brother who didn't have to write exams at the time playing in our backyard while I sat at my desk with my window open trying to stay focused and study effectively. The longing I had to go outside and join him is one memory that hasn't faded very much in my mind. The second memory I have of June is the ceremonies that occurred – commencement, awards days and athletics banquets. I think now, I realize the importance of these and the opportunities they present to celebrate accomplishments even when they weren't ones that I was awarded.

Specifically, I remember the year that my older brother was going to graduate high school. I had finished writing my necessary exams and didn't really feel it was necessary to come to this event. I was not graduating and I told my parents that I didn't expect my two brothers to come to my graduation, so it made sense for me not to attend. The truth be told, in the moment, it seemed a much better opportunity to do nothing at my house versus sitting in a hot gym wearing my school uniform watching a ceremony. The reaction from my parents was not one of agreement...

I remember them sitting me down and telling me that wasn't how our family worked and that it was extremely important to attend to support my brother. They acknowledged that it was going to be hot in the gym and that there might seem to be a better place to be; however, I was going to be at his graduation. At the time, I wasn't very happy with this decision and I attended grudgingly. My brother achieved an award that day (to my surprise) and I got to see and celebrate this and I was thankful that my parents made me come. I also got to acknowledge many of the students

that were friends of my brother that I appreciated and admired for various reasons. It was the right decision and I wouldn't have made without my parents wise (and unbending) council.

This Friday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m., each student in Grade 8-11 has a "big brother" or "big sister" in their Advisory family that is graduating from Southridge. It is important that they are there to help them celebrate and let them know that they are supporting them. Just like the students in their Advisory will be asked to attend their graduation in future years. I recently learned that a few Grade 11 students had tickets to a concert on this night and initially they were going to miss the Commencement. However, after thinking about it and wanting to support the Grads of 2015, they let me know that they were selling the tickets and attending the Southridge event. I was so pleased and proud of their decision and let them know!

Please help us to explain the importance of all of us supporting and sharing in this important event for our community...even if your children sound a little like I did to my parents. You are more than welcome to attend as well!

See you at Commencement and have a wonderful summer break!

Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Grade 12 Grad Live Video Broadcast

The Grade 12 Grad ceremonies on Friday, June 19th will be broadcast live starting at 7:00 pm. You can watch the broadcast by going to [this web page](http://www.southridge.bc.ca/page.cfm?p=26780). You can send this URL to family and friends to watch as well: <http://www.southridge.bc.ca/page.cfm?p=26780>

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Alan McInnes
Manager
Web and AV Services

Senior Student Wins Chemistry Contest

Congratulations Sam Chan for placing in the top 5% in Canada in the Waterloo Chemistry 13 News contest.

Kierstan McCaw

Provincial Track & Field Results

Southridge congratulates Cayla Smith (Grade 8) on her Silver Medal performance in the 800m at the Provincial Track & Field Meet on Saturday, June 6th in Langley. An awesome run Cayla!

Yvette Livingston

Used Instruments from Southridge Alumni or Retiring Band Members

Each year students complete their journey with the concert or jazz bands at our school. Some students may wish to sell their instrument to someone beginning his or her travels into the wonderful world of making music in an ensemble. (Students, please don't get rid of your instrument if there is a possibility (ie. choices 2 or 3 on your course selection form) that you may be in band next year!) To facilitate this, students or parents may post the important information on the Bulletin Board (it is in both the Parents' and Faculty Portals of our website).

If you would like to include a photo of your instrument, please email Mr. McInnes (amcinnes@southridge.bc.ca). We recommend a couple of things. First, brass instruments should be given a bath and 'lube and oil'. Woodwind instruments should really be checked by a music store to ensure they are in good repair. Second, please include all of the following: type of instrument (e.g. clarinet), brand & model, age, asking price, and your contact information.

Mr. Steve Burrage
Music Curriculum Leader

Laptop Returns

Grade 8

June 8th from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224. These laptops are collected for the summer and you must hand in your **laptop, charger and backpack.**

Grade 9

June 11th from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224. These laptops are collected for the summer and you must hand in your **laptop, charger and backpack.**

Grade 10

June 23rd from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224 and June 24th from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224 **If you are requiring your laptop for a provincial or final exam, please hand in your laptop on the later date.**

Grade 11

June 24th from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224. These laptops are collected for the summer and you must hand in your **laptop, charger and backpack.**

Grade 12

June 18th 12:00pm – 4:00pm in room 224 and June 19th from 11:30am – 4:00pm in room 224. **If you are requiring your laptop for a provincial or final exam, please hand in your laptop on the later date.**

Heather Mosher
Senior School Education Technology Coordinator

End of Year: Senior Library Books and Textbooks

Library Books

Thank you to all of the students who have returned their library books and textbooks. Students have received an email regarding all books still on their accounts. Students may sign out books for the summer if they have returned all of their books signed out for the 2014-2015 academic year. Any outstanding books will be assumed lost and will be charged to student accounts.

Textbooks

- Students can return textbooks to the library at any time prior to the exams for courses without final exams.
- For subjects WITH final exams, keep the textbooks until the exam date.
We will continue to be in the Great Hall collecting textbooks before each exam on exam days (from 7:45 am for morning exams and from 11:45 am for afternoon exams). Students may also return the textbook directly to the library after their exam.

Please note that students will be charged for any lost library books or textbooks outstanding on student accounts after June 24th. Unfortunately, we are not able to issue refunds as replacement books will need to be ordered for next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher-Librarian

Both Schools

Thank You to All! Advancement Year in Review

I would like to thank the Southridge Community for their generous support over the past year. Our three major events, two fundraising campaigns, and the many other events and initiatives within Advancement were all great successes!

The Great Gatsby Gala, chaired by Jody Thomas and Anita Hundal, was a great achievement. The 20's theme was embraced by all and was a fitting tribute to our 20th year. The support of our generous parent community allowed us to raise \$184,000 that evening and complete every project on our wish list, including new carpet throughout the Junior School. We are looking forward to another great gala next year – save the date – November 21, 2015!

The Country Fair was also a great success. The crowds came out on a beautiful day in May and were greeted by our warm and welcoming volunteers. Expenses are still being tallied, but we'll net more than \$50,000! What many of our families don't realize is that half of the money we raise from the Country Fair is earmarked for endowment funds that will one day support bursaries for students who would otherwise be unable to attend Southridge. The other 50% of the money we raise is used for capital items at the school. Thank you so much!

The golf tournament, our third major event of the year, was held only a few short weeks ago. We are still finalizing expenses, but we are able to report that more than \$15,000 was raised from our parent and alumni community. Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors, and dinner guests for your participation in this fun community event.

History was also made this year at Southridge School. In our 20th anniversary year, at our 20th Great Gatsby Gala, Mr. William Vandekherkhove, a current Southridge parent, made the single largest donation in our School's history – a gift of \$200,000. His generous donation will fund two major projects at the school, including a new school bus. The new bus is currently being built and we are hoping to have it in September.

Mr. Vandekherkhove's donation was also used towards our technology program. His gift allowed us to purchase tablets for all our teachers, who will use them next year in preparation for the student roll-out in 2016-2017. Thank you, Mr. Vandekherkhove!

Our Legacy Giving Campaign was also a great success. Once again, the vast majority of our new families made multi-year pledges totaling more than \$700,000. My personal thanks to all our canvassers and our very gracious new families who welcomed their visits. Thank you!

Through the EveryONE Annual Campaign, we raised over \$163,000. This allowed us to purchase all the items on our wish list, including the high jump mat for our Junior School track athletes, a set of tubular bells for our Senior School music program, as well as invest an additional \$91,000 in our endowment funds. Thank you to all our families who so generously gave to this campaign!

I would also like to extend our most sincere appreciation to Gemma Martini and Jackie Christofferson who spear-headed the 20th Anniversary Cookbook project. The funds raised through this project have allowed us to purchase a 3D printer. The printer will be set up over the summer and will be ready for our students' return and imaginations in September!

Reporting related to our fundraising events and campaigns would not be complete without acknowledgement and appreciation directed to our Southridge community volunteers. It is you who make our school the special community that it is. A special thank you to the volunteer committee, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that hundreds of volunteers are in place for the year!

Thank you all and have a wonderful summer.
See you in the Fall!

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Link to the 2015-2016 Forms That Were Due Friday, June 12th

During this busy end of year we appreciate you taking the time to complete all the required forms for the next school year. All forms have now been distributed through the email broadcast of Friday May 29th and with the June 1st quarterly billing. You can access the online forms by [clicking here](#). If you haven't already, please complete the appropriate forms on-line and return the Family Information Form to the school to ensure that the school has the information it needs to prepare for the 2015-2016 school year.

Copies of forms are available at reception of the Junior and Senior schools or by emailing forms@southridge.bc.ca.

Mrs. Wendy Simpson
Director of Finance & Administration

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

The Volunteer Committee would like to extend our thanks to our incredibly vast network of parent volunteers. Over the past year, you have all come together to generously share your time, energy and passionate commitment in a multitude of ways. Whether you helped to apply band-aids to monkey bar blisters, assisted in photocopying precious writing assignments, tracked down the last copy of Mercy Watson, served up hot pasta and cold ice cream, counted running laps, baked pies, tied shoelaces, sorted lost sweaters, poured coffee, assembled baskets, chaperoned field trips, decorated gyms, (this list could go on ad infinitum) your collective spirit was deeply appreciated and greatly valued. We cannot thank you enough for all your selfless contributions throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, *your demonstration of the true power of community at work at Southridge is inspiring.*

Uniform Shop News

Please kindly be informed that the last day on which the Uniform Shop opens in this school year is Tuesday June 16, from 7:45 to 9:00 am and 2:00 to 4:00 pm. It reopens on the following dates:

Date	Time
Sep 2, 3, 4 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)	10:00am -2:00pm
Sep 8, 9 (Tuesday, Wednesday)	10:00am -2:00pm
Sep 10 onwards: Monday – Thursday (close on Fridays)	Regular hours: 7:45 - 9:00am & 2:00 - 4:00pm

To avoid the busy, hectic period in early September, you are welcome to come in on or before June 16 to select needed items.

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL

- Friday, June 19th (12:00 p.m.)

This year the scheduled date for the English 12 examination in June is on June 19th which is the same afternoon as the Southridge Commencement ceremony. In consultation with the English Curriculum Leader, Ms. Gail Robinson, and the English department we have decided to have ALL our students write on Thursday, May 14th. Students who achieve a satisfactory grade will NOT need to write on the 19, but those who wish to strive for an improved grade will have the opportunity to write for a second time on Friday, June 19th starting at noon. Therefore, the commencement ceremony has been moved to 7:00 p.m.

Southridge School Examinations: Friday, June 5th - Thursday, June 11th

The last day of classes for Southridge students will be Thursday, June 4th. Grade 8 final science tests will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd and for Grades 9 and 10 on Thursday, June 4th during classroom time. School examinations, which take place in the Senior School gymnasium, will begin the following day on Friday, June 5th and end on Thursday, June 11th. Full details of the schedule for each grade level will be published early in the third term.

BC Provincial Exams

There are 5 mandatory Provincial exams that all Southridge students must write to meet graduation requirements in British Columbia: English 10, Foundations of Mathematics 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11 and English 12. The provincial exams, with the exception of the first session for English 12, will run from Thursday, June 19th until Wednesday, June 24th:

- English 12: Thursday, May 14th (8:30 a.m.)
- Science 10: Friday, June 19th (8:30 a.m.)
- **English 12: Friday, June 19th (12:00 p.m.) (Second Session)**
- Math 10: Tuesday, June 23rd (8:30 a.m.)
- English 10: Wednesday, June 24th (8:30 a.m.)
- Social Studies 11: Wednesday, June 24th (12:30 p.m.)