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## Head of School

### The Wall

If you have ever run a marathon, you know all about the wall. Admittedly, it has been many years since I have tackled a marathon challenge, but the wall hasn't faded very much from my memory. As a matter of fact, the wall comes to mind every year at about this time.

Essentially, the wall is a term used by exercise physiologists and marathon buffs to explain the body's response to changing fuel sources. Once muscle glycogen is depleted, the body shifts to burning fat to supply much needed energy. Unfortunately, burning fat is not as efficient as burning glycogen and a runner feels the effects.

Hitting the wall typically happens with only a handful of kilometres left to run, and you quickly begin to wonder if you'll ever see the finish line. The pace slows down, metabolic by-products build-up, concentration fades and you hurt all over. You are, quite literally, run-down.

It's likely obvious why the wall springs to mind this time of the year. Shifting from May to June is akin to switching from glycogen to fat for energy, and we all feel the effects – especially our students.

I don't want to over dramatize the comparison, but generally speaking this is the time of year when our community's energy starts to wane. And rightly so; ours is a very busy school and the final push of events, activities and commitments inevitably takes a toll.

I recognize the wall analogy may not be a seamless descriptor for what happens at the intersection of May and June at Southridge, but I think it's worthwhile to recognize that maintaining the pace of May right up to the end of the school year requires some thoughtful strategy. So, please help your kids finish the year strong by helping them pay attention to the basics like getting plenty of sleep, eating a well-balanced diet, limiting caffeine intake and staying active.

I am looking forward to our upcoming events and activities as we enter the final few kilometres of the school year, and we all appreciate your support in helping students get to the finish line in fine form.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
High School Artists Exhibit	until Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>		Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre
Athletics Banquet	Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Grade 7 Band Concert	Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Junior School Sports Day	Monday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Junior Field & Turf Field
PYP Speech Celebration - Grades 1 - 3	Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Senior School Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Senior School Gym
PYP Picnic (Grades K-4)	Wednesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Centennial Beach

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

## Human Resources Updates

Ms. Tierney Davis has recently advised Southridge that she will not be returning for the 2015 – 2016 school year as she will be relocating to the Sunshine Coast. Tierney joined Southridge in 2001 and has spent the past nine years teaching and providing coverage to the primary years program as a teacher on call and as a full-time and part-time teacher to Grades Four, Two and One. We have appreciated her work with our girls and boys soccer teams, as well as her recent leadership with our photo team and yearbook. We thank Tierney for her contributions to the Southridge Community over the past fifteen years.

With Tierney’s move to the Sunshine Coast, resulting in a vacancy in Grade one, we have taken the opportunity to revisit the structure of the PYP department and will be moving our PYP Division Leader, Mrs. Raber, back to the Primary Hallway to teach Grade one. Mrs. Raber has been in Grade four for the past few years, and is eager to get back to early primary where she will continue to lead and oversee key academic aspects of the division while having additional day to day presence with the PYP faculty.

Ms. Sian Weatherly will be moving upstairs to cover the temporary Grade four teaching position for the 2015/2016 school year. Ms. Weatherly is currently completing her first year teaching at Southridge where she has taught Grade three. She is completing her Bachelor of Education in the International Baccalaureate Cohort at UBC specializing in the Primary Years Program (PYP) and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Geography. Ms. Weatherly is an enthusiastic and passionate teacher who is delighted to have the opportunity to continue to be a part of our Southridge community.

Mrs. Darcie Sager  
Human Resources Manager

## Junior School News

### Finish Well

With this busy time of year, and the lovely weather that we sometimes witness the students easing up on their academic commitments. This week contains many summative activities, and it is very important for our students to finish well. As Professor Dumbledore described to Harry Potter in the Rowling books, ***“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”*** I like this quote because it shows that it is a choice to finish well. Anyone can let up at this time of year, or ease down, or relax—however the choice to pursue on despite the draw of the beautiful sunshine, or the Stanley Cup finals. It is not our ability that defines us, but what we do with that ability.

Let’s finish well, Southridge.

Have a great rest of the week!  
Mrs. Laurel Middelaer  
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

## **Important Dates and Events**

### **Final Assembly on June 12, 2015**

The last morning assembly for this year is on Friday, June 12, 2015. Please join us as we practice our song 'Low Tide' which is only sung at the end of the year.

### **Cafeteria Services End on June 12, 2015**

For parents and students in grade 4-7, it is important to note that there will be no more food service in our school cafeteria as of Friday, June 12, 2015. Students will be eating at the tables in the cafeteria and still able to access the microwaves, but food will be available for sale. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

### **Final Days Summation**

As June has arrived, I wish to highlight the wonderful way we finish the year in the junior school. We believe in finishing in a very memorable, light-hearted, yet serious way which honours and recognizes the incredible work of our students, but also embraces the fun of learning. Outlined below is our last week:

#### **Monday, June 15, Day 6**

Sports day all day- All students dress in house colours for the day. Students are grouped in their houses with a grade six leader who will guide their team through all the events that day. The events are run by all our grade seven students. This is a great day for our students, and we continue: rain or shine—please dress your child accordingly.

#### **Tuesday, June 16, Day 1**

Kindergarten – Grade 3 Speeches in the morning- All students in Grade one – three will have a short entertaining speech memorized and ready for presentation. Kindergarten students will watch these presentations in anticipation of their next year.

MYP speech celebration in the afternoon 1:20-3:00 p.m.- All grade 5- 7 students present speeches in their English classes the week prior to this event. The top two speeches in each English class will present at the afternoon speech celebration in front of a panel of judges. One per grade will be awarded the Mandy Richmond Public Speaking Trophy.

#### **Wednesday, June 17, Day 2**

PYP Celebration Picnic at Centennial Beach - All students from kindergarten to grade four meet directly at Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen at 9:00 for a great day of fun on the beach, with hot dog roasts and great treats. Please bring your beach chair and plan for a great time of connection and conversation with our staff and other parents.

**9:20-10:30** Regular classes grades 5-7

**10:30-3:00** Normal classes for grades 5 and 6 and Greek Feast and festival for grade 7's

#### **Thursday, June 18, Day 3**

**8:10-9:10** MYP Certificate ceremony for effort honour roll, academic honour roll, AR reading certificates, and this year we will present the **SPIRIT award plaques** at this ceremony. Parents please plan to attend.

**9:10-11:20** Students with their regularly scheduled teachers.

**11:20-12:00** Soccer game: teachers versus grade 7's on turf field- Witness another teacher victory as we have both senior school teachers and junior school teachers play our grade seven students in soccer. Great fun for all.

**12:00**-all MYP students dismissed for class parties—grade sevens for grad prep

**5:30 p.m.** Grade seven graduation dinner and dance- all grade seven students will be presented with their graduation certificate, with a memorable graduation video. This event will be broadcast live. You can watch it by [clicking here](#).

#### **Friday, June 19, 2015**

Late start of 8:45 a.m. with Closing Ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. in Senior School- **Please note that the SPIRIT award plaques will be presented at the MYP certificate ceremony.** This is a very formal closing ceremony, with opportunity for photographs and memories. Students must wear full winter uniform, and there are special rites of passage for our kindergarten students, grade three students and grade four students. Kindergarten students are dismissed right after their part in the programme, as it is a longer ceremony. Parents can join Ms. Worner and Mrs. Ridley Thomas in the kindergarten rooms during their transition time in this programme.

Dismissal for all students after Closing Ceremonies  
PYP report card sent home. MYP report card mail home on June 26, 2015.

### **Ride to Conquer Cancer Popcorn Sales Success!**

The Friends of Southridge Cycling Team is on a conquest! This is the third year the team has joined up with The Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting the BC Cancer Foundation. It's a two day cycling journey through Canada's Pacific region taking place on August 29-30, 2015 riding from Vancouver, BC to Seattle, WA. This week, children of the Southridge team riders sold popcorn at the school to support the team, raising \$352! All money raised goes to support the Ride to Conquer Cancer.

You can find out more about their ride and their inspiration for riding this year here:

[http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Vancouver2015?team\\_id=71913&pg=team&fr\\_id=1524](http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Vancouver2015?team_id=71913&pg=team&fr_id=1524)

Jo-Ann Murchie  
Junior School Service Coordinator

### **PYP Speech Celebration and Year end dates**

We need to begin preparing for the PYP Speech Celebration. All students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will participate. (Grade 4's did their speeches during exhibition.)

The goal for the students is for them to gain confidence and feel successful speaking in front of an audience. It is not a speech competition at the PYP level, but a celebration of all the students' courage! It takes tremendous courage to present in front of a crowd of people. The students will present their speeches first to each other, then to other classes and finally to the parents.

The Speech Celebration will take place on **Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. The MYP Competition will be happening the same day in the afternoon. The teachers will send home detailed instructions on how the students will be prepared for the great event.

Details for the year end will be coming soon. Meanwhile mark your calendar with these dates for the PYP special days:

- **Monday, June 1:** Sign up to volunteer items to bring to the yearend picnic/beach. Signup sheets will be on the classroom doors.
- **Monday, June 15** - Sports' Day (K-7)
- **Tuesday, June 16** – Speech Celebrations (1-3) - 8:15 a.m. for 1RK, 2TW, 3SW - 10:30 a.m. for 1TD, 2JM, 3CK
- **Wednesday, June 17** – PYP Picnic (for K-4)
- **Thursday, June 18** - Regular Classes (for K-4) Casual clothes
- **Friday, June 19** - 9:00-approximately 9:45 Closing Ceremonies (K-7) Full winter uniform

Enjoy these last weeks of school!

Mrs. Raber

### **Grade 7 Grad Live Video Broadcast**

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

### **Congratulations to the Southridge School World Partnership Walk Community Team!**

The World Partnership Walk was held in Stanley Park on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and Southridge School was well represented by a group of staff, students, and their families. A lot of fun was had by all as we joined the crowd of thousands enjoying the music, food, and activities in the sunshine!

Thanks to your support, our school team raised \$28,531.60 in the fight against global poverty – 100% of which will go towards specific projects in communities in Africa and Asia. All of these funds will be matched by CIDA to ensure that their value multiplies in the fight against global poverty. Examples of this include micro-financing for women starting businesses to support their communities, health care for children in need, and the building of new schools and training of new teachers.

Because of our school's enthusiastic effort, we were the second-highest fundraising school and the ninth team overall in the Vancouver walk! An extra-special thank you to an anonymous donor who so very generously matched all donations fundraised by our school team two to one!

If you weren't able to be a part of our School team this year but are interested in this amazing event, we hope that you will be able to join us in Stanley Park next May!

Jaedyn Nuraney (grade 6 student) and Mizan Hemani (grade 7 student)  
Southridge School World Partnership Walk Team Co-Captains

## **Senior School News**

### **Summertime – “Unstructured” and “Unplugged” Time Important.**

As our school year nears its close, I am often asked questions about summer and what might be the best use of time for students. You might notice that there are more articles in newspapers and social media in general explaining the benefits of many different options in this regard. There are those that explain that continuing schooling in the summer is imperative to ensure that skills are further developed or not lost. Others state that recharging and having an opportunity to “slow down” a bit is important. My advice is twofold – it is important to embrace the opportunity that not having school provides and that the ‘right’ decision is one that looks at the individual student.

On a personal level, summertime for me was a glorious time! I looked forward to the freedom that summer provided away from the school routine and structured activities of sports and other activities. I loved playing all day and being allowed to stay up later. I can recall many days of unstructured play where my brothers and I invented games, quests, and competitions that could and did last for many days. We also went to summer camp for a part of the time and this provided so many benefits to me. I learned many skills and gained much knowledge in an environment that was safe and open and allowed for me to take important risks to try new things. I have said in this very space that without my camp experience I am confident I wouldn't have become a teacher or leader. So, my summer experiences were a balance of intentional activities and unstructured time. Both of these helped me to recharge and once September returned, I was ready (and eager) for the structure of school both physically and mentally.

In reading some articles focusing on students these days and what summer can provide, many of the same sentiments are being expressed. The importance of unstructured time can't be emphasized enough to be able to allow teenagers to recharge – gain back lost sleep, cause a drop in intensity of stress and prepare themselves for the rigours of school in the fall. One additional change from my own teenage years is how this unstructured time needs to have an element of being digitally “unplugged” as well. Obviously, there is a real concern that with more time on their hands in summer, teens can spend greater screen time. There needs to be an intentional break from this type of connection. One article suggested a holiday or time each week that the whole family agrees to be disconnected. I have heard of family cottages that have no cellular service or wifi access that can help in this way. These families explain that initially there are some feelings of frustration or “loss”, but soon this can lead to finding new ways to fill the time – games together, or physical activities such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, or sailing. From my own experiences, reading became a joy of the summer and this was often done at night together.

At Southridge, we encourage students to follow their passion and summer can be an opportune time to delve a little deeper in this regard. It could include trying something new or having the time to spend longer, uninterrupted time pursuing to higher level in an existing passion. While this might mean taking a course to help in this regard, it doesn't always mean spending more structured time for this to occur. It can just be having the freedom to spend more time that might not normally exist during school months. It can also be academic in its focus – perhaps spending time developing a science experiment, writing more regularly or perhaps learning more about a topic that was particularly interesting during this year in school.

One article explained that volunteering is a wonderful way to build confidence and feel positive through giving of one's time. Certainly, I know that many Southridge students find amazing opportunities at our summer camps as well as through organizations that we connect with throughout the year during the summer months. This focus looking outward to others is such a powerful way to feel you are contributing as a person and the summer can provide the necessary time.

Finally, it may be appropriate to take a summer class. As I stated at the beginning of the article, these decisions need to be done on an individual basis and what is right for student. School can be an intense and busy effort for ten months of the year. Taking another class isn't necessarily a positive decision, especially if there is a real need for a break from this type of leaning. As much as this might seem a way to focus attention in one discipline it can be at the risk of feeling like there is no break for this type of learning.

A final analogy, it is extremely difficult to effectively recharge a battery while it is in use. Take time during this break away from the consistent routine and rigour of school to take advantage of these precious summer months and the many opportunities they provide.

Have a great week!

Mr. Doug Palm  
Head of Senior School

### **Grade 12 Grad Live Video Broadcast**

The Grade 12 Grad ceremonies on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Rugby Tour 2016**

Approximately every three years, the senior rugby team heads out on tour, traditionally to the UK. This time, however, the UK schools have their Easter Break at the same time we do so no one will be around to host us. So, we had to look elsewhere for a tour destination.

I am pleased to announce that the Senior Rugby Tour destination for March 2106 is ... Bermuda!!! There is a CAIS school in Bermuda called Saltus School and we have decided to make the ultimate sacrifice in the name of community and visit this lonely outpost of the CAIS family. These are the details of the trip:

- Who: The tour is open to all rugby boys in current Grades 9 - 11.
- When: March 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Where: Bermuda
- Cost: \$3,100.00 (flight, meals, lodging included)

- Deposit: \$1,000.00 due Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Because it is June already, we have a very short deadline for players to sign-up for this tour and pay their deposit. Please email me as soon as possible at [bbecker@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:bbecker@southridge.bc.ca) if your son wants to go on tour. Deposit cheques can be given in at reception. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Brenda Becker  
Mathematics Teacher

### **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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30am – 12:00pm in room 224 and June 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm – 4:00pm in room 224 and June 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### **High School Artists Exhibit, Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre**

Once again Southridge Senior School art students, Grades 10-12, have been invited to participate in the third annual *Art on Display* program at the White Rock Community Centre Gallery. Students from Elgin Park Secondary, Earl Marriott Secondary, Semiahmoo Secondary, White Rock Christian Academy and Southridge School are participating. The students invited to participate this year from our fine school are Tasia Karasick (Grade 12), Jessy Sidhu (Grade 11), Nina Chen (Grade 11), Julia Lukaski-Dolecki (Grade 10) and Stephanie Pak (Grade 10).

The exhibition is open now until Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please stop by and view the works of our talented students and their peers.

Ms. Susy Baranszky-Job  
Visual Arts Curriculum Leader

### **End of the Year Book Return Process for the Senior School Library**

#### Library Books

Thank you to all of the students who have returned their library books. Students have received an email regarding any library books still on their accounts. The library will reopen next week when our inventory has been completed. 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 be in the Alan Brown Great Hall collecting textbooks before each exam on exam days (from 7:45 a.m. for morning exams and from 11:45 a.m. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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

### All 2015-2016 Forms 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 29<sup>th</sup> and with the June 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly billing. You can access the online forms by [clicking here](#). Please complete the appropriate forms on-line and return the Family Information Form to the school this week 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@southeridge.bc.ca](mailto:forms@southeridge.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 Southeridge is inspiring.*

### Hospitality Needs Your Help!

The volunteer committee is looking for an individual to chair the hospitality volunteer operations, starting in September. This position would oversee coffee set up and clean up for a variety of school events, including class coffee mornings, open house, and other special occasions as required. Please contact Stephanie at [nuffers@ymail.com](mailto:nuffers@ymail.com) with any questions or to express interest.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> (12:00 p.m.)

This year the scheduled date for the English 12 examination in June is on June 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 19<sup>th</sup> starting at noon. Therefore, the commencement ceremony has been moved to 7:00 p.m.

### **Southridge School Examinations: Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

The last day of classes for Southridge students will be **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Grade 8 final science tests will take place on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and for Grades 9 and 10 on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during classroom time. School examinations, which take place in the Senior School gymnasium, will begin the following day on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and end on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>:

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