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Head of School

Trouble Maker

Getting to know one's self is a daunting journey. I can't think of too many people who can claim that their pathway to self-knowledge was easy. In fact, self-knowledge often goes undeveloped because we tend to resist it. Honest - and I mean *really* honest, no-holds-barred, authentic introspection is scary stuff.

Interestingly, the theme of self-knowledge is present in many of Shakespeare's plays. Some plays are comedic, of course, while others are tragic; but Shakespeare explores the subject of self-knowledge from multiple perspectives and different experiences. My favourite Shakespeare play is *King Lear*. This tragedy highlights the prominent barriers we so often face when exploring who we really are - our insecurities and the difficulty we have in understanding truth.

Be that as it may, I happen to be one of those introspective types. Sometimes a heavy burden and yet often extremely fulfilling, I repeatedly find myself spiraling deeper and deeper in thought for no apparent reason - a casual comment, a knee-jerk reaction, a passing consideration or even a light-hearted joke. At other times, though, I prepare myself for the journey with a cup of tea, a good book and a series of poems or a favourite playlist. As a matter of fact, one of the things I really enjoy is ironing clothes while listening to music with my headphones on. I find it a wonderful way to travel through the pathways of my thoughts in solitude and reflect on experiences and events that have shaped who I am.

Over the years, and acknowledging that the journey is never over, I have come to know myself pretty well. Some things that I know about myself I have accepted, while other truths are more like satellites - forever hovering within reach and calling after me. One day I know I will muster up the courage to hold them, but for now they'll remain tethered to me, not completely integrated into my personal truth.

Alas, I had an introverted moment while reading an article earlier this week. The sentence that caught my attention was, "In the morning when I look at myself in the mirror, I like to remind myself that I am seeing the person who is probably going to give me the most trouble that day." Well, of all the things I know about myself, being a trouble maker is definitely *not* one of them . . . it wasn't even on my radar screen - until now, of course. It looks like my ironing respite this weekend will be filled with all sorts of new pathways to explore. Trouble maker? Really?

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
High School Artists Exhibit	until Friday, June 12 th		Semiahmoo Arts and White Rock Community Centre
Grades 5-7 Parent Laptop Evening	Thursday, June 4 th	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Athletics Banquet	Thursday, June 11 th	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Grade 7 Band Concert	Thursday, June 11 th	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
Junior School Sports Day	Monday, June 15 th	All Day	Junior Field & Turf Field

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
PYP Speech Celebration - Grades 1 - 3	Tuesday, June 16 th	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall
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

Human Resources Updates

Please welcome Mr. Raubi Dillon. Mr. Dillon will be joining Southridge in September as the Junior School Intern. Raubi is a recent graduate from the University of Victoria and holds a Bachelor of Education. He completed his student practicum at Elgin Park Secondary where he taught PE, Art, Planning and coached the Junior Boys Rugby Team. Raubi has a passion for sports, coaching and values academics and community spirit.

Ms. Megan Fretter will be returning to Southridge on a temporary, full-time basis for the 2015-16 school year as the PYP PE Teacher. Megan initially joined Southridge in 2012 as the PYP Intern, a position that she held for two years. Megan holds a Bachelor of Education with an undergraduate degree in PE and Coaching from Douglas College. Megan is an accomplished athlete, participating in triathlons and ran in the Boston Marathon in 2013. During her time at Southridge, Megan has developed a strong rapport with students and parents and is excited to have the opportunity to continue to develop and implement innovative and engaging lessons for our PYP Students.

As of September, Ms. Katie Reid will be taking on the role of a Kindergarten Teacher on a temporary basis while Ms. Lea Worner is on maternity leave. Since joining Southridge, Katie has had the opportunity to teach in both the PYP and MYP programs and brings to this role teaching experience in Kindergarten, PE, Grade 6 and as a PYP Intern. Katie has recently completed her Masters in Educational Methodology and is an active member of our Southridge community, providing coaching leadership to co-curricular activities such as volleyball and first aid support for students and staff in the Junior School.

Mrs. Darcie Sager
Human Resources Manager

Junior School News

Final Days Summation

June has arrived and I wish to highlight the wonderful ways 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 15th, Day 6

Sports day

All students dress in house colours for the day. Students are grouped in their houses with a Grade 6 leader who guides their team through the events of the day. The events are run by our Grade 7 students. This is a great day for our students, rain or shine so please dress your child accordingly.

Tuesday, June 16th, Day 1

- Kindergarten to Grade 3 speeches in the morning
- All students in Grades 1-3 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 celebrations in the afternoon from 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 17th, Day 2

- PYP Celebration Picnic at Centennial Beach. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 meet directly at Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen at 9:00 a.m. for a great day of fun on the beach with hot dog roasts and delicious treats. Please bring your beach chair and plan for an engaging day of connection and conversation with our staff and other parents.
- **9:20-10:30 a.m.** - Regular classes for Grades 5-7
- **10:30-3:00 p.m.** - Normal classes for Grades 5 and 6 and Greek Feast and Festival for Grade 7s

Thursday, June 18th, Day 3

- **8:10-9:10 a.m.** - 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 a.m.** - Students with their regularly scheduled teachers.
- **11:20-12:00 p.m.** - Soccer game: teachers versus Grade 7s on the turf field. Witness another teacher victory as both Senior and Junior School teachers play against our Grade 7 students. Great fun for all.
- **12:00 p.m.** - All MYP students dismissed for class parties - Grade 7s grad prep
- **5:30 p.m.** - Grade 7 Graduation Dinner and Dance - all Grade 7 students will be presented with their graduation certificate and a memorable graduation video.

Friday, June 19th, 2015

- 8:45 a.m. - late start and Closing Ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. in the Senior School gym - **Please note that the Spirit Award plaques will be presented at the MYP Certificate Ceremony.** This is a very formal closing ceremony with opportunities for photographs and memories. Students must wear full winter uniform and there are special rites of passage for our Kindergartens, Grade 3 and Grade 4 students. Kindergarten students are dismissed right after their part in the program, as it is a longer ceremony. Parents are welcome to join Ms. Worner and Mrs. Ridley Thomas in the Kindergarten rooms during their transition time in this program.
- Dismissal for all students after Closing Ceremonies
- PYP report card sent home. MYP report card to be mailed home on June 26th, 2015.

UBC Practicum Students

This year has marked a great partnership with the University of British Columbia where Southridge hosted four students from the International Baccalaureate cohort. Please join me in congratulating the following young teachers for successfully completing their program and entering this great profession of teaching. In addition, sincere thanks to the excellence of our Southridge faculty who mentored and guided these practicing teachers:

Kindergarten: Ms. Jenna McArthur, under the guidance of Mrs. Samara Ridley-Thomas
Grade 1: Ms. Grace Kim, under the guidance of Ms. Ravi Kooner
Grade 2: Ms. Mary MacKenzie, under the guidance of Mrs. Jo-Ann Murchie
Grade 2: Ms. Ashley Dobroszek, under the guidance of Ms. Trisha Wray

Sincere thanks to Ms. Shanaz Ramji-Motani for completing her first year in secondment as a UBC faculty advisor. Ms. Ramji-Motani has brokered a great partnership with UBC and her leadership and guidance is one reason we had such a successful experience with our practicum students.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

PYP Speech Celebration

We have started preparing for the PYP Speech Celebration. All students in Grades 1-3 will participate. (Grade 4s did their speeches during exhibition.)

The goal for the students is 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 16th** in the morning. The MYP Competition will happen the same day in the afternoon. The teachers will send home detailed instructions on how the students will be prepared for this great event. Enjoy these last weeks of school!

Mrs. Rowena Raber
PYP Division Leader

World Partnership Walk

The Grade 6s were grateful for the sunshine and the eager participants at this year's school wide World Partnership Walk. Together we raised \$1,200.00 that went towards the community team's total. The students handled every part of the run, from planning to clean up. Way to go Grade 6s!

Thank you to all the students and teachers who helped with the school's World Partnership Walk. The event was a huge success and we appreciate the dedicated time and effort of all the volunteers that helped out. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Ms. Katie Reid
PE Teacher

Who Loves Popcorn?! Ride to Conquer Cancer Popcorn Sale on Tuesday, June 9th

The Friends of Southridge Cycling Team is once again participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer, raising funds for the BC Cancer Foundation. Our ever-growing team of 35 riders will be cycling from Surrey to Seattle in August over two days. There are seventeen Junior School parents on the team, with thirty-one students cheering on their parents. To date, our team has raised over \$57,000.00. As part of the team's fundraising efforts, the students have initiated a popcorn sale to help raise money to reach our goal of over \$100,000.00.

Delicious fresh-popped popcorn will be for sale on Tuesday, June 9th for only \$2.00 a bag. Please help the students make this a successful fundraiser and help our team reach our goal of over \$100,000.00! All sale proceeds will go directly to the BC Cancer Foundation.

Friends of Southridge Cycling Team

Senior School News

Grad 2015: Leaving a Positive Legacy; Beginning Anew

As our school year moves towards its close, we have to say goodbye to our Grad Class of 2015. They are ready to move forward in their lives and we feel sad that they have to go but also incredibly proud of them as leaders and people.

At Monday's final Senior School assembly I was tasked with trying to summarize their time at Southridge - an almost impossible undertaking. For a number of these students, Southridge has been their school for 13 years! Once again, I looked for help from the staff and asked them to give me 3 words that they felt described the Grad class of 2015. From all the descriptors I created a wordle. For those of you unfamiliar with a wordle, it is a word cloud that is created from a passage, poem, story or a list of words. The words repeated the greatest number of times is depicted in the largest font. A smaller font denotes words that were used, but with less frequency. Very fittingly, the three largest words in the cloud are TALENTED, KIND, and LIGHT-HEARTED.

Four years ago, in my CDL 8 class, I had asked each of these Grade 8 students to reflect on how they planned to be stewards of the school. How would they make a difference by leaving the school a better place than when they arrived? During their Grad retreat, we challenged them to set a legacy as a grade that they could own and be proud of.

Having had the privilege to watch these young people for the last four years, there have been so many ways they have been stewards of the school. We appreciate and thank them for the example they have set and the lasting memories they have provided for all of us at this school. And I believe they have left a lasting legacy.

One unique way I noticed, throughout this past year, is the intentional ways they have mentored the younger students - both in the Senior and Junior Schools. Whether it has been as Kindergarten buddies, leading younger members on a team, creating a new co-curricular activity for the school or simply looking out for and interacting with those younger students, their mentorship has been exemplary.

Their time as students may be drawing to a close but their connection with the school in another way is just beginning as members of the Alumni Association. To quote one of my favourite Harry Chapin Songs, *Circle*, "All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown. The moon rolls through the nighttime 'til the daybreak comes around." The graduating class of 2015's time as students is setting, but the sunrise as alum is just about to break the horizon.

At assembly, I asked each student in Grades 8-11 to remember that our Grade 12s are like our 'big' sisters and brothers. They are graduating and it's a big deal; just like it will be a big deal when they are set to graduate. I ask the younger students to support them by attending the Closing and Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 19th. Students need to be in Advisory at 6:30 p.m.

We are proud of our Grad's and look for them to make a difference in the world, just as they have done here at Southridge!

I wish the Grade 12s the very best: "*Hum-Bah-Nay-Callay*" - go well and safely.

Expectations for the End of the Year

Below are expectations for students after regular classes finish:

Thursday, June 4th - Final Day of classes

This day will follow a regular Day 2 schedule. During long advisory in the morning, students will spend time completing the first of two locker clean-out's.

Friday, June 5th to Thursday, June 11th Southridge Exam Period

Students are expected to be at school for all examinations they are required to sit (please see schedule in the Wednesday). **Students are expected to be in summer uniform with a blazer and will not be permitted to enter the exam hall without proper uniform.** Specific expectations about each exam in terms of calculators etc. will be

explained by each teacher prior to the exam period. Textbooks will be collected on the day of each student's exam; please remember to return these on this day. After students have completed their exam, they are asked to return home for the day. If students do not have an exam on a specific day, they are not expected at school.

Thursday, June 11th - Athletics Banquet (lunch)

Students that have participated in athletics during the year are encouraged to attend this luncheon banquet in the cafeteria and Great Hall. Details can be found through the Athletics Department.

Friday, June 12th & Monday, June 15th

Both of these days are marking days for faculty to mark examinations - students do not attend school on these days.

Tuesday, June 16th - Exam Return Morning

The day begins at 8:00 a.m. and students will visit every class they have taken this year in a modified schedule. If they have written an exam, students will be able to review it during this time. In other classes, final projects or other work will be returned. Please note, if a student wishes to have a longer opportunity to review his or her exam, an alternative appointment may be made with that specific teacher. Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:40 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17th - Senior School Awards Ceremony (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

This ceremony will celebrate and acknowledge our Grade 8-11 students. **All students in the Senior School are expected to attend (Grades 8-12) wearing their Number 1 uniform.** Students should arrive at 1:30 p.m. and go to their advisory locations for attendance. Considerable time has been spent modifying this ceremony, after gaining important feedback from students, parents and faculty. Our hope is that it better aligns with our view of acknowledging all facets of our SSEP. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!

Thursday, June 18th

Students are not required to be at school on this day with the exception of our Grade 12's that have a mandatory Grad Rehearsal in the gym at 1:00 p.m., along with those Grade 11s that are part of the ceremony (next year's Head Boy, Head Girl and Spirit Captains).

Friday, June 19th - Senior School Commencement and Closing (7:00 p.m.)

This is the final event of the school year (unless there is a Provincial exam still to sit - see below). As you know, this celebrates and acknowledges our Grad Class of 2015. All Grade 12 awards will be presented, commencement exercises will occur, and the Valedictorian address will be heard. **All students in the Senior School are expected to attend (Grades 8-12) wearing their Number 1 uniform.** Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and go to their advisory locations for attendance. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Provincial Exams - Friday, June 19th through to Wednesday, June 24th

There are five provincial exams that occur during this time and students in Grades 10-12 are required to attend. Please note the schedule distributed in the Wednesday. **Students are expected to be in summer uniform with a blazer and will not be permitted to enter the exam hall without proper uniform.** Specific expectations about each exam in terms of calculators etc. will be explained by each teacher prior to the exam period. Textbooks will be collected on the day of each student's exam; please remember to return these on this day. Students are expected to go home after their exam is finished each day.

Have an excellent week!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

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 17th to 26th, 2016
- Where: Bermuda
- Cost: \$3,100.00 (flight, meals, lodging included)
- Deposit: \$1,000.00 due Monday, June 8th

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 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). 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

Great Year of Tennis

The Senior Tennis Team has had amazing results throughout our entire season. We were a younger team this year so we are all extremely proud of how well we did. Our team was able to bring home the Fraser Valley banner as well as place 5th in Provincials which is an amazing accomplishment for us. This is the second best result in Southridge history. We also had a first this year as Michael Chu and I won Top Mixed Doubles Team in the tournament.

Thank you to all of the students who played on both the Junior and Senior teams and thank you to our coaches Ms. Jones and Mr. Davies for all of their hard work! Overall, our team had a lot of fun this season and I look forward to next year!

Kyla Davies

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 12th, 2015. Please stop by and view the works of our talented students and their peers.

Ms. Susy Baranszky-Job
Visual Arts Curriculum Leader

2015 Languages Tour Parent Meeting - Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:15 p.m. Guadeloupe December 25th 2015 to January 10th 2016

We are off to Guadeloupe this year for our second languages tour! The trip will leave on December 25th (at 11 p.m.) as we make our way to Montreal. Then we will be on to Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe and will transfer to our studio accommodations at Sainte-Anne.

The tour includes flight, accommodation, activities and tuition at a school where we will study and improve our French skills. If you would like more information, please attend the parent meeting on Wednesday, June 6th in room 235 at 6:15 p.m. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact Madame Lew at the school. There are only twelve spots available as the school is very small. Allons-y!

Madame Myrna Lew
Modern Languages Teacher

DELFL Exam Results 2015

Today, French is an official language in almost 50 countries, including Canada. It is spoken by more than 200 million people on five continents. It is also an official language of the United Nations, the Red Cross, and many other international organizations. A DELF or DALF diploma offers:

International recognition of French proficiency:

- Life-long certification whether obtained in the candidates country or another country
- Based on the same international standard used in 154 countries (CFR)
- Facilitates interprovincial dialogue in Canada

A testimonial to one's success in learning French:

- Recognition of the candidate's accomplishments to date on the path to French proficiency
- Represents an official document recognized internationally, that enriches the candidate's school or professional portfolio

Advantages for post-secondary education:

- Recognized internationally by francophone post-secondary institutions including a growing number in Canada
- Acceptance into a university in France (B2 or higher)

Enhances one's resume:

- A description in meaningful terms what the candidate is capable of doing in French
- An aid for professional advancement
- Helps to open doors to a wide range of career and recreational opportunities throughout Canada and the around the world

Congratulations to the following Southridge students who succeeded in passing the DELF examination in April this year:

- **Niveau A2:** Jennifer Zhang, Isabelle Lei, Devon Jenkins, Louie Lu, Hamza Hasan, Sally Yoo, Ekanan Hou, Kyla Davies, Samantha Chiang, Kylie Ren, Andrea Otamendi, Kieran Weaver and Mia Cender.
- **Niveau B1:** Ishaan Kohli, Min Jy Kim, Zoe Kang, Kai Lung and Emma Bordes.

We have not yet received results for the students who wrote in May, however, we will keep you posted!

Madame Lew
Modern Languages Teacher

End of the Year Book Return Process for the Senior School LibraryLibrary 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 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

Southridge School Examinations

The last day of classes for Southridge students will be Thursday, June 4th and school exams will begin the following day on Friday, June 5th. I would ask you to review the schedule, and our examinations policy, (see attachments) very carefully with your sons and daughters.

It is really important that students get enough sleep, exercise, relaxation, and quiet study time in order to be at their best. Southridge exams are designed to be completed within a maximum of two hours, but students may take up to three hours for each exam if they wish. In the event of illness, or any circumstance that prevents the student being on

time or able to write the exam, please contact Mr. Palm, Head of the Senior School, or Mrs. Holt, Senior School Academic Director as soon as possible.

Mrs. Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Program Director

Both Schools

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 with any questions or to express interest.

All 2015-16 Forms Due Friday, June 12th

As an environmental initiative, Southridge is switching to an electronic method of distribution for a majority of the annual forms normally mailed out to you in May. Consent forms and important information will be available through an on-line process in the first week of June. You will receive an email from Mr. Stephens with a link to a webpage to access the appropriate forms for your children. The Family Information form & Medical Update form will be distributed via mail with the June 1st billing. Kindergarten students will also receive the Fraser Health's Health History Request form at the same time. **All** forms must be returned to the school by **Friday, June 12th**.

Thank you in advance for your support in this initiative.

Paper copies of the forms are also available at the Junior and Senior School reception desks, if required.

Mrs. Wendy Simpson
Director of Finance & Administration

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.)



SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL

Final Examination Policy, Senior School

MORNING EXAM SCHEDULE:

7:55 – 8:05am	Faculty distribute exams in the exam hall (gym)
8:05 – 8:10am	Advisory
8:10 – 8:20am	Assembly in the Great Hall
8:20 – 8:25am	Student Book Return
8:25 - 8:29am	Students enter the exam hall (gym) in silence
8:30am	Exams begin

AFTERNOON EXAM SCHEDULE:

12:00 – 12:10pm	Faculty distribute exams in the exam hall (gym)
12:10 – 12:15pm	Student Book Return
12:15 – 12:25pm	Assembly in the Great Hall
12:25 – 12:29pm	Students enter the exam hall (gym) in silence
12:30pm	Exams begin

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

Students

- 1) Unless otherwise specified, exams will be written in the senior school gymnasium. Only students with prior approval of the Senior School Academic Program Director, and the requisite documentation, can write in the alternate setting (room 120).
- 2) Students must bring the appropriate writing implements and calculators where applicable. Soft pencils are required for filling in SCANTRON sheets. Pencils will NOT be supplied.
- 3) Full school uniform (summer or winter) with blazer is required at all exams.
- 4) Unless in distress, students are not allowed to visit the washroom during an exam period. If necessary, an invigilator must accompany such exits.
- 5) An exemplary standard of honesty is expected. Notes of any kind (on paper, hand, arm etc.) are not allowed. Talking during an exam is unacceptable and any infraction of examination protocol will result in serious academic penalties outlined in the school's Academic Integrity Policy.
- 6) All requests for re-scheduling of exams must be arranged through the Senior School Academic Program Director.
- 7) No student is required to write more than two exams per day. Although every attempt has been made to avoid conflicts, it is the specific responsibility of each student to make the Senior School Academic Program Director aware of any conflicts in a timely manner.

- 8) In the event of illness, it is the responsibility of the student and his/her parents to contact the Senior School Academic Program Director or the Head of the Senior School prior to the exam.

Faculty

- 1) Exam invigilators must take attendance at the beginning of the morning and afternoon examinations and bring it promptly to senior reception.
- 2) Faculty of the subjects being examined must be in the exam hall for the beginning of the exam (for questions and/or problems) and at the end of the exam for the collection of their students' papers.

ENTRY:

Students

- 1) Students are required to enter the exam hall IN SILENCE and remain silent for the duration of the exam.
- 2) Students are advised to leave their cell phones and electronic devices at home. Those who bring them to school must, on immediate entry to the exam hall, place them in the containers provided.
- 3) Students must promptly go to their assigned seats and keep their exams face down until the Senior School Academic Program Director or Head of the Senior School gives the signal to begin.

Faculty

- 1) The Senior School Academic Program Director or Head of the Senior School will commence all exams.

DISMISSAL:

Students

- 1) Students are not allowed to leave the exam until 1 hour and 30 minutes have passed, after which point, dismissals will occur at 15 minute intervals.
- 2) When students have finished their exams, they must raise their hands to have their exam papers collected.
- 3) No student is dismissed until his or her exam has been collected.
- 4) When the allotted exam time is over, students must remain silent and seated until all exams have been collected.

Faculty

- 1) A table is placed at the back of the gym and labelled by grade, class section and teacher for ease of exam collection.

Southridge Examination Schedule

June 2015

Students will write their examinations in the Gym with the exception of those students who are authorized to write in the alternate setting. Southridge examinations are designed to be completed in under **TWO hours** but students may take up to 3 hours to complete any examination. **Please remember to return all your books prior to the examination. Please return your laptop, including charger and backpack, to Mr. Latta immediately after your last examination.**

MORNING EXAMS:

Advisor Groups: 8:05 am

Assembly: 8:10 am

Exam Begins: 8:30 am

AFTERNOON EXAMS:

Assembly: 12:15pm

Exam Begins: 12:30 pm

8:30am Start	Friday June 5	Monday June 8	Tuesday June 9	Wednesday June 10	Thursday June 11
8	ENGLISH 8	MATH 8 & MATH 8 (Accelerated)			
9	ENGLISH 9	MATH 9	SOCIALS 9		FRENCH 9
10	ENGLISH 10 (Literary Essay)	MATH 10 (Mock Provincial exam)	FRENCH 10	SCIENCE 10 (Mock provincial exam)	SOCIALS 10
11	SOCIALS 11 (Mock Provincial exam)	FOUNDATIONS of MATH 11 PRE-CALCULUS 11	ENGLISH 11	CHEM 11/11H	BIOLOGY 11 (Hons) Gym
12	CHEMISTRY 12	PRE-CALCULUS 12	HISTORY 12	CALCULUS 12 FOUNDATIONS of MATH 12	BIOLOGY 12
12:30pm Start.					
10			<u>Math 10 Exam Return</u> Rooms 240, 236, 235	<u>Science 10 Exam Return</u> Rooms 112,114, 116, 118	<u>ATHLETIC BANQUET</u>
11	FRENCH 11	BIOLOGY 11 (2hrs) Practical Lab Exam 116	PHYSICS 11		
12	LAW 12	FRENCH 12	PHYSICS 12	ECONOMICS 12 SPANISH 11/12	

BC Provincial Exams (Reminder)

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.

English 12:	Thursday May 14 (8:30am) (First Session)
Science 10:	Friday 19 June (8:30 am)
English 12:	Friday 19 June (12:00 pm) (Second Session)
Math 10:	Tuesday 23 June (8:30 am)
English 10:	Wednesday 24 June (8:30 am)
Social Studies 11:	Wednesday 24 June (12:30 pm)