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Head of School

The Importance of Trust and Self-Regulation

When founding Headmaster Emeritus Alan Brown set the foundation for some of the key messages Southridge would stand behind, he also spent considerable time intentionally cultivating our school's culture. While Southridge is a light-hearted place of serious purpose (as Mr. Brown described it), our school is also a place rooted in values. One of the key values that Mr. Brown purposefully integrated into Southridge's fabric is truthfulness. Mr. Brown knew that truthfulness and trust go hand in hand and that any successful community has a supportive network of trust that provides a special structure for its members.

Mr. Brown truly knew what he was doing. In a recent *Teachers College Record* article, authors from the University of Oklahoma reported on their study of school climate and its impact on student achievement in 80 elementary and secondary schools in a large urban district. The researchers compared schools that controlled student behavior and regulated performance to schools that worked to create a self-regulatory climate emphasizing student autonomy, competence, and relationships.

The authors thought that a school with a self-regulatory climate would lead students to be more active learners who could take ownership of their own academic goals, and thereby, improve academic achievement. The researchers found that a self-regulatory climate produced significantly higher student achievement, and that these schools successfully balanced four important ingredients:

- Collective faculty trust in students
- Collective student trust in faculty
- Students' perception of a strong academic emphasis
- Self-regulated learning

The study found that "schools organized in ways that build collective trust and emphasize academic excellence can regulate student learning in ways that leverage the natural capacity of students to flourish... A self-regulatory climate establishes predictable and cooperative interactions through shared influence and risk taking, reducing the dependence on external controls that constrain behavior and undermine autonomous action... Schools with high collective trust and strong academic emphasis can use these conditions to their advantage as they implement new curricula, assessments, instructional technology, and other improvement strategies."

A school based on strong visible signs of trust has an impact on student achievement. Certainly, bottom lines in terms of behavioural expectations and values are extremely important. It's one thing to say we trust one another at Southridge, but it is quite another when we take it a big step further and demonstrate our trust by not putting locks on our lockers. No wonder Mr. Brown would *always* ask me whether or not we still had no locks on our lockers whenever I spoke with him before he passed away. He knew it was *that* important to perpetuate the notion of trust in and for our students.

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
New Parent Night	Thursday, May 28 th	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Southridge Golf Tournament	Friday, May 29 th	1:00 p.m.	Hazelmere Golf Course
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
PYP Speech Celebration - Grades 1 - 3	Tuesday, June 16 th	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall

Human Resources

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.

Ms. Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Junior School News

Playing Host to a Great Sport- BC Provincial Girls 'A' Soccer Tournament here at Southridge School

On Thursday, May 28th in our senior school gym, we commence the opening ceremonies of the Provincial Girls 'A' Soccer Tournament. Sixteen teams will enter the gym in a procession and be introduced as they walk in and then take their seats. As is the tradition of soccer, younger players have the honour of escorting the players. Our grade four girls have been asked to accompany each one of these visiting teams, walking in with the captain of the team. Our grade two girls have been asked to escort our Southridge Team, each grade two girl holding hands with one of our senior girls. The Honourable Mr. Gordon Hogg, MLA for Surrey/White Rock will be the opening speaker, followed by the Mayor of Surrey, Ms. Linda Hepner, and the Head of our School.

This a 16 team event "A" Girls Soccer Provincial Championship, featuring teams represented from around the province, including the Fraser Valley region, Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Okanagan, North Central, Kootenays and the Northwest (Queen Charlottes). In total, there will be more than 300 student-athletes and coaches competing, each playing 5 games over a 3 day period. It is coming up on the 20th year of the tournament. The "A" designation refers to the size of the schools participating. These teams are the 'smallest' schools in the tiered competition. (There are also "AA" and "AAA" versions of the same tournament that feature progressively larger schools).

50 teams began the season, and these are top 16 that have done extremely well just to qualify. Besides the games, there is a tournament banquet on Friday, May 29th that is always a fun event with awards for Fair Play, Top Scorer and MVP's presented on Saturday at the conclusion of the tournament.

The opening round of games begin at 9:30 a.m. right after the Opening Ceremonies including our team taking on Fort St. James. Please come and enjoy some excellent soccer on our campus. We are proud of our facilities, and

appreciate the contributions of so many that allow us to host an event of this calibre. Many hands over these past twenty years have led to the campus that we have today, and it is an honour to share or host this with others on a provincial scale. GO STORM, and thank you for the treat of great soccer.

Have a great week and tournament,

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

Grade 5-8 Parent Laptop Evening- Thursday, June 4, 2011 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Junior School Great Hall

As the year draws to a close, we want to prepare our existing grade 4 students and parents for the upcoming MYP programme as well as Grade 8. Perhaps the most exciting addition to their educational programme is the use of the computer laptops. We view the laptop as an educational tool, and work with the students to teach the proper care and usage of the laptop. We are also mindful that the students have access to the internet and email with the laptop, and we teach the appropriate use of these tools as well. We do feel that it is very important for our parents to understand our philosophy for these laptops, and also our expectation for their use at home. As such, we are hosting a parent –laptop information session on Thursday, June 4 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. Our education at Southridge School is a partnership and Mr. Anderson, our MYP Technology Coordinator, welcomes you as we present the goals of the laptop programme, and our recommended use for the laptop at home.

Upcoming Dates in the Junior School

There are many exciting activities as we draw to the year's end. Please refer to the list below so that you may plan accordingly.

Monday, June 15, Day 6

Sports day all day

Tuesday, June 16, Day 1

Kindergarten – Grade 3 Speeches in the morning
MYP speech celebration in the afternoon 1:20-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, Day 2

PYP Celebration Picnic at Centennial Beach

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 and academic honour roll and AR reading

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

11:20-12:00 soccer game teachers versus grade 7's on turf field

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

5:30 p.m. Grade seven graduation dinner and dance

Friday, June 19, 2015

Late start of 8:45 a.m. with Closing Ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. in Senior School Gym

Dismissal after Closing Ceremonies

PYP report card sent home. MYP report card mail home on June 26, 2015.

Class Lists

At this time of year, some parents may be contemplating the upcoming school year. It seems like an appropriate time to restate our procedure for compiling the class lists. At Southridge, we strive to create the best educational groupings that we can. That means that we try to ensure our classes are balanced in terms of leadership ability, academic ability, athletic well-roundedness, gender, and social responsibility. We try to ensure that each student has at least one close friend in their class, and given the fact that we only have 2 classes, we do our best to create the best social dynamics. There is a great deal of thought and care in this process. After the lists are compiled by the present home room teachers, the specialist teachers and primary and intermediate division leaders look at the lists,

and discuss the groupings. At this time, there are no teachers' names on the class groupings. Once the lists are approved, they are signed by all the teachers and submitted to the Head of the Junior School. At that time, the teacher's names are then assigned to those groupings by the Head of the Junior School.

Given the extensive work that has gone into developing the groupings, it has always been our policy not to entertain parental requests for certain teachers. We strive to have parallel programming in all our classes, the teachers work collaboratively in their planning and their assessment, and we truly believe that our students will thrive in any classroom setting. We thank you for your confidence in our faculty as strive to make the best learning groupings for your child.

PYP Speech Celebration and Year End Dates

We are starting to prepare 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 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 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 1st - Sign up to volunteer items to bring to the yearend picnic/beach. Sign-up sheets will be on the classroom doors.

Monday, June 15th - Sports' Day (K-7)

Tuesday, June 16th - Speech Celebrations (1-3)

8:15 a.m. for 1RK, 2TW, 3SW

10:30 a.m. for 1TD, 2JM, 3CK

Wednesday, June 17th - PYP Picnic (for K-4)

Thursday, June 18th - Regular Classes (for K-4) Casual clothes

Friday, June 19th - Closing Ceremonies (K-7) 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Full winter uniform

Enjoy these last weeks of school!

Mrs. Rowena Raber
PYP Division Leader

World Partnership Walk

In addition to the community World Partnership Walk in Stanley Park, we have an annual school walk as well. Our walk will be held this Friday, May 29th from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

This year the walk coincides with our casual day so you can wear casual clothes (something you can run in) but still must wear your running shoes. Please bring a \$5.00 donation as well as a re-useable water bottle as we are trying to cut down on paper cups. This donation will go the Aga Khan foundation, which contributes to the fight against poverty in the developing world.

The Aga Khan foundation is a Canadian charity that helps people in the developing world break the cycle of poverty by providing funding to the people who need it most. To learn more about them, visit their website at <http://akfc.ca>

Thank you for your support!

The Grade 6 Students

There's Still Time to Join the Southridge School World Partnership Walk Community Team

Thanks to everyone who has already joined the Southridge World Partnership Walk team. If you haven't already signed up, there's still time! Please join us in this event that makes a difference in the fight against global poverty - with 100% of money raised going to specific micro-financing projects in the developing world. This year, all money raised by Southridge families will be generously matched by an anonymous donor!

This year's community event takes place **this coming Sunday** (May 31st) at Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Students and staff members of the Junior and Senior Schools, as well as their families, are welcome to join the fun by walking or running either 5 or 10 KM. To join our school team, please go the World Partnership Walk [website](#) and click on the 'Register' button on the right side of the screen. When it takes you to the next screen, please click on 'Vancouver' for the walk city, and on the next screen click the button for 'Join an Existing Team'. It will take you to a page that allows you to specify if you are a 'New User' or 'Returning User', and then directs you to a page where you can type in our school team name. Enter 'Southridge School' and click the button for 'Search for a Team', and you will then be able to click the link to join the school team!

We hope that you will join with us this year to make an even bigger team - and an even bigger difference. Please note that this is not an official Southridge excursion so families will need to arrange their own transportation and supervision for the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, mihemani@southridge.bc.ca, or see Dr. Bspflug. Thank you and hope to see you at the Walk on Sunday!

Jaedyn & Mizan
MYP students

MacDougall (Junior School) Library Books Due Monday, June 1st

It's that time of year again where all Southridge Library materials need to be returned for inventory. Please return all checked-out materials to the library on or before Monday, June 1st. Billing will happen in the summer months if the materials cannot be found after inventory. Thank you!

Ms. Joyce Chong
Teacher/Librarian

Junior School Library Chairs Needed - Scheduler and Liaison

The Junior School Library Chair position will be moving to a dual role. We are looking for two library chairs to begin learning the roles and begin coordinating library volunteers as of August 2015.

One chair will be a liaison between Ms. Chong and the library volunteers, ensuring that the needs of the library are communicated to the volunteers. This chair will meet weekly with Ms. Chong and will need to have availability to spend time at the school accordingly. Strong personal skills are an asset.

The other chair will be the schedule coordinator. This is a great role for someone that may not have the on-site availability. It involves arranging and communicating the library volunteer schedule, addressing vacancies as they arise. Strong computer and organizational skills are an asset. For more information, or if interested, please email Stephanie Schmidt at nuffers@ymail.com.

Terry Fox Run Chair Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to assist in the coordination of the annual Terry Fox Run. This volunteer would shadow this coming Fall to learn about the event, and assume the full role for Fall 2016.

This is a fairly low time-commitment role, as the event is one day. The chair would coordinate with the teacher leading the event. For more information, or if interested, please email Stephanie Schmidt at nuffers@ymail.com.

Senior School News

A 'Bookends View' on Year-end Events

Grade 8 - Explaining Expectations for End of Year (Reminders for all!)

The end of the year calendar contains many different events and activities. Along with formal classes finishing, the routines and expectations change significantly. Below is a helpful synopsis to aid Grade 8 and new students and families to understand when attendance is expected (and when it is not!). For all of our 'veteran' families, it is a friendly reminder.

Thursday, June 4th - Final Day of Classes

The 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 5 - 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 Alan Brown Great Hall. Details can be found through the Athletics department.

Friday, June 12th & Monday, June 15th

Both 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. We have spent considerable time 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 11's 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 will 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 - From 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.

Grade 12's - Looking Ahead - Grad Transitions Interviews

If you have a Grade 12 student, you are very aware that their focus has turned to their future. Although there are important events and summative evaluations still to occur, last week there was a wonderful opportunity provided to give our Grads a look ahead and some excellent feedback to help them prepare. As part of the Ministry required Graduate Transitions program, Grade 12's were asked to prepare for a formal interview. A number of parents acted as the interviewers and the students introduced themselves, explained their post-secondary plans and career aspirations. In speaking with a number of students and our parent interviewers after the event, both explained the benefits of the process. Students were provided feedback on strengths and areas where they might be able to improve in a subsequent interview. It allowed our Grade 12 students an opportunity to prepare for an event that will definitely occur in the future - either in a post-secondary institution or for a career opportunity. Our interviewers also explained it was wonderful to see the skills and abilities our Grads exhibited and how many of the activities they have participated in over their Southridge career have shaped their confidence. I was proud to see how much effort the students put into the preparation and thank our volunteers for providing such a useful experience for them. Have a great week and I hope to see many of you at the girls' soccer provincials we are hosting that officially begin Wednesday, May 27th and run until Saturday. Go Storm!

Have an excellent week!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

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 ***More details to come***

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. ***More details to come***

Students win multiple awards in WorkSafe B.C. Video Contest!

Congratulations to the two groups of Grade 9 Southridge students who have won awards for their entries in the 2015 WorkSafe B.C. Student Safety Video Contest!

Representatives from WorkSafe B.C. and industry sponsors visited the school on Monday, May 25 to present the awards. This is the fourth year in a row that Southridge students have been recognized in this province-wide student video competition for youth judged by industry health and safety representatives.

Using the theme, *No bullies at work, my right to a safe and respectful workplace*, students were challenged to create a two-minute video targeting young workers that explores the topic of bullying and harassment in the workplace. Winning videos are ultimately used for young worker health and safety training.

Please enjoy watching the winning videos by clicking the links below:

2nd place, Junior Category (\$500 to students, \$1500 to the school)
“Kitchen Bullies”

- Fiona Firby
- Catherine Mao
- Olivia Li

Honourable Mention, Junior Category (\$500 to students)
“Haunted”

- Rachel Tong
- Samantha Chiang

Please enjoy watching the winning videos by clicking the link below:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/YoungWorker/Past-Winners.asp>

To learn more about the WorkSafe B.C. Student Safety Video Contest click here:

<https://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/YoungWorker/Safety-Video-Contest.asp>

Chris Westendorf
Media Arts

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), Jessie 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 6th at 6:15 p.m. Guadeloupe December 25th 2015 to January 10th 2016

We are heading off to Guadeloupe this year for our second languages tour! The trip will leave on December 25th (at 11 p.m.) as we must first 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 on this tour, there will be a 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

University Counselling Update

Please note that University Counselling newsletters are posted on the Parents Portal on the Learning Management System (LMS). The spring newsletter was posted recently and outlines activities and events occurring for all Senior School grades.

Ms. Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

University Counselling Exit Interviews

Last Wednesday and Thursday afternoon the Senior School Library was transformed into a multi-interview room and for both days we welcomed Junior School parents to participate as interviewers for the Grade 12 students. These “exit” interviews are the capstone activity for the Ministry-prescribed Graduation Transitions Program (GTP), which is a guided journey in researching career and post-secondary options and preparing for life after high school. The components of the GTP are built into Grade 10 Planning, Grade 11 Planning and Portfolio 12 classes and the program is assigned 4 credits which are required for graduation. The four components of the GTP are:

1. Who am I? (personality and learning style assessments, understanding of skills and abilities)
2. What have I done? (academics, service, athletics, performing/visual arts etc.)
3. Where am I going? (research on colleges and universities and career exploration)
4. How am I going to get there? (post-secondary application preparation, budgeting, resume development, cover letter writing and interview skills)

The interview is centered on these four components and not only gives Grads an opportunity to discuss their accomplishments and goals, but also provides a practice opportunity for a formal style of interview experience in preparation for job, internship and cooperative education options at the post-secondary level.

I would like to express my appreciation to the parents who gave their time to participate in the 2015 graduation transitions interviews.

Ms. Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

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 all books signed out on their accounts. The Senior Library is now closed for borrowing and will reopen once inventory is complete.

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. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR NOTES AND TABS BEFORE RETURNING YOUR BOOKS.

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.

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

2015-16 Forms are Going On-Line

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 will also be available at reception desks in both the Junior and Senior schools, if required.

Mrs. Wendy Simpson
Director of Finance & Administration

Grandfathering Period for Uniforms is Coming to an End

As some of you may recall, in May 2013 Southridge sourced a new uniform supplier as our previous supplier was no longer able to keep our shop adequately stocked. We used that opportunity to review all the school uniform pieces and make adjustments and updates.

As a result of these updates, we offered a two year uniform grandfathering period, during which time students have been permitted to wear the discontinued uniform pieces. This alleviated the need for families to replace items they had recently purchased.

The uniform grandfathering period will close this June with the end of our school year. We kindly request students replace the discontinued items with updated uniform pieces for the start of school in September.

If you have any questions regarding school uniforms and the grandfathered items, please contact Ms. Phala Tan at ptan@southridge.bc.ca.

We appreciate your help in ensuring all students are wearing the appropriate uniforms. Please see below for changes and or additions to the Junior School and Senior School uniforms.

Ms. Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Junior and Senior School Uniforms

The biggest change to the uniform is the PE kit. The new PE dry fit t-shirts and shorts are better quality and fit. An addition to the school uniform for Grades K to 12 is the mandatory leisure track suit. This new tracksuit replaces the discontinued Umbro tracksuit (which students have been allowed to wear during the grandfathering period.) The new leisure track suit is to be worn for team travel, co-curricular teams, competitions, field trips, service trips and any other off-campus excursions.

This tracksuit addition ensures that Southridge is well identified and represented when our students are in the public eye and representing the school beyond our campus. Team and individual disciplines, as well as team unity, are also supported in making this move.

Changes and or additions to the Junior School uniform:

- Mandatory new dry fit t-shirt and shorts for PE
- Mandatory tracksuit for all Gr. K - 7
- Optional long sleeve dry fit t-shirt for PE
- New tie options

- Style change (minor) for K - 3 tunics for girls
- Style change black summer uniform short
- New black skort option for K - 3 girls

Changes and or additions to the Senior School uniform:

- New mandatory tracksuit for all Gr. 8 - 12s
- New dry fit t-shirt and shorts for PE
- Optional long sleeve dry fit t-shirt for PE
- Optional Southridge logoed black fleece jacket
- Style change for summer black uniform short
- New tie options

Senior School athletic teams traveling to games and tournaments will require:

- Training uniform - for most teams this will be the PE kit except in some sports
- Playing uniform - provided by school (except socks)
- Leisure track suit - for travel to and from games

Ms. Erin Labbe
Director of Communications and Marketing

Golf Tournament Volunteers Needed!

The Southridge Golf Tournament is coming up on Friday, May 29th and we are looking to fill several important volunteer positions this week. Volunteers are needed to set up, assist with registration, on course activities, banquet and clean up. Positions are available even for those unable to attend during the day. This is a great opportunity to show your support! To volunteer, please [click here](#).

Call for Buddy Families

Do you have lots of Southridge spirit and enthusiasm? We are looking for engaged Southridge families to buddy our incoming families and help them learn about our Southridge community. This is a one year commitment. In particular need are families that have students entering Kindergarten or Grade 8. If interested, please contact Christiane Hodson directly at chodson@southridge.bc.ca. Note that buddy families are separate from buddy students.

Ms. Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Cafeteria Notice

In order to minimize the balance remaining on student accounts, Compass Group will only be accepting payments on accounts up to a maximum of \$50.00. Thank you.

Mr. Mike Leif
Operations Manager

ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL

- Thursday 14 May (8:30 a.m.)
- Friday 19 June (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 pm.

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.)