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Head of School

Our Glowing CAIS Accreditation Report

Southridge has received an excellent review from the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools, and I couldn't be prouder of our fantastic school community. CAIS is a national organization dedicated to excellence in education, and for Southridge to come through its first accreditation process with such an outstanding report is a testament to the commitment of the many, many people who have worked so hard and given so much to help create the school we are so lucky to be a part of today.

As most of you may remember, Southridge hosted a team of educators from across the country in November 2014. The visiting team was with us for four days to evaluate our school on eleven accreditation standards. Meeting the accreditation standards is a requirement for membership in the CAIS organization. The standards are comprehensive and rigorous, and they cover all aspects of our school's operation. CAIS accreditation is a recognized mark of distinction in the world of independent schools and Southridge is a proud and highly involved member of the organization.

There are many benefits to being a CAIS school. Here is a list of some of them:

- accreditation promotes a reflective and collaborative school improvement process;
- accreditation provides school leaders with validation of current programs and services and suggested planning for future growth and development;
- accreditation provides educators with valuable professional development and information about effective practices in other independent schools through participation on peer review teams;
- accreditation provides a school's Board of Governors with an independent, non-governmental validation that the school they oversee is effectively delivering a quality educational experience to its students;
- accreditation eases the transition students face as they move from one internationally accredited school to another;
- accreditation provides education leaders at all levels with deserved recognition for going above and beyond the minimum to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to quality;
- accreditation assures parents and the public that the school is focused on providing a safe and enriching learning environment while maintaining an efficient and effective operation.

Southridge recently received the report from our accreditation visiting committee. I am very happy to report that the CAIS Board accepted the Evaluation Council's recommendation for *continued status as a member of the corporation* - which is the highest accreditation status a school can achieve, meaning there were no major recommendations in our report.

The report is highly favourable toward Southridge. It will be posted on the parent portal of our website for you to read. I believe its complimentary findings are a reflection of the commitment and hard work of our teachers, staff, students and parents, as well as the leadership, dedication and devotion of our founding families and our Board of Governors. I would like to thank our Senior Management Team, our teachers and all of our staff for their ongoing and tireless contributions to Southridge. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Kevin Besspflug for his efforts as our Internal Evaluation Coordinator for the CAIS accreditation process.

Continuous whole-school improvement is a commitment that Southridge takes seriously. While I am extremely pleased and very proud to have received such a strong endorsement of what Southridge has accomplished over its first twenty years, I am equally energized and excited about what lies ahead for our school.

Have a wonderful week!

Mr. Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Guest Speaker - Madeline Levine	Thursday, April 16 th	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Junior School Great Hall
Full School Assembly	Monday, April 20 th	9:40 - 10:30 a.m.	Senior School Gym
Junior School Sex Education Parent - Saleema Noon (parents of Grades K - 7)	Tuesday, April 21 st	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Junior School Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, April 24 th	All Day	Both Schools
April Break - No School	Monday, April 27 th	All Day	Both Schools
Country Fair	Saturday, May 2 nd	All Day	School Grounds

Human Resources News

Ms. Phala Tan will be joining Southridge on Wednesday, April 8th as the Business Services Manager. Ms. Tan comes to us with nine years' experience working at an Independent IB school in Hong Kong, called the Independent Schools Foundation Academy, where she managed business operations. In this role, Ms. Tan managed all purchases and was responsible for the operational logistics of support services, including food services, uniforms, purchase requests, risk management, budget and facilities rentals. Prior to taking on this role, she worked for Sara Lee Honk Kong limited as well as Kraft Foods International. Ms. Tan holds a Bachelor of Arts combined with a Master's in Business Administration and is also a Certified General Accountant. Ms. Tan is looking forward to being able to support and ensure the business operations of the school continue to run smoothly and effectively.

Ms. Jasmine Boyes will be taking on the new role of Community and Alumni Relations Manager as of April 22nd. Ms. Boyes' career to date has centered on community relations, including sponsorship management, strategy development and event planning; most recently as the Sponsorship and Event Specialist with Coast Capital Savings and previously with CIBC as the Community Relations Manager. Ms. Boyes has experience managing a broad scope of initiatives and holds a diploma in Marketing Management and Sales. She has an ability to build strong working relationships, lead teams and volunteers and is delighted to be provided with the opportunity to manage the community and alumni relations for Southridge School.

I'm pleased to share that Mr. Gordon Smith is the successful candidate for the Senior School Director of Athletics position. Mr. Smith brings to this role 18 years of teaching and coaching experience. Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Human Kinetics combined with his teaching degree and has completed a Masters of Education in Coaching Studies and Co-operative Education. He is a licensed national B level soccer coach with a strong background of achievement in multiple roles across many sports. His collaborative approach and diverse organization skills coupled with his ability to incorporate innovative instructional approaches into his teaching and coaching will be instrumental in leading and managing the athletics program at Southridge.

Mrs. Erin Labbe will be joining Southridge as the Director of Marketing and Communications on April 27th. Mrs. Labbe comes to us from Fraser Health where she has most recently held the role of a Senior Consultant, Public Affairs. Previously she spent eight years working for the Rick Hansen Foundation where she held the positions of Senior Specialist, Social Media and Communications as well as Manager, Media Relations and Communications. Mrs. Labbe is a lifelong learner and has completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree as well as a Diploma in Public Relations. She has a passion for family, community and for building lasting relationships and is excited to have the opportunity to apply her skills and experience in communications and marketing at Southridge.

Please join me in welcoming and congratulating Ms. Phala Tan, Ms. Jasmine Boyes, Mr. Gord Smith and Mrs. Labbe.

Mrs. Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Junior School News

Southridge - The Power of Conversations

Yesterday I spent a good portion of my day with our consultant who implements the student and parent survey that we complete every three years. Getting feedback in a cyclical and objective manner through the form of surveys is one of the best practices that Southridge employs in order to improve and refine our programs. The conversations yesterday were with our Junior School Leadership Team, and our Senior School Leadership Team. Conversations and discussions are always a good thing - it gives everyone a chance to contemplate, think, synthesize and verbalize, and the outcome is a strengthened connection with those involved in the discussion. The results of the student survey and parent survey are excellent and these will be shared with students and parents in the upcoming weeks - however, being at Southridge for eight years now, I know our culture of leadership very well. Although we acknowledge great results, we habitually dig deeper to determine how we can get better, always looking for the next targeted area to grow our program - hence the consultant and the gathering of our team. I walked away from the day feeling so full intellectually as I heard philosophies discussed, data interpreted, premises challenged, practices analyzed and leaders always keeping our students at the centre of the discussion. Something amazing happens in discussions - there is insight, courtesy, respect, disclosure, passion, humour and purpose. A lovely bi-product of discussion is the connection and sense of belonging that can occur when you feel heard, appreciated and respected. I understood why the discussion aspect of our learning program at Southridge is so important - it lends to greater understanding of material and information but it also gives a sense of connectedness to something greater than oneself. I felt this with one with my colleagues; although we intellectually wrestled and discussed issues of philosophy and practice, we were all aligned to doing what is best for our kids. It was a great day.

Have a great week of learning and discussing.

Mrs. Laurel Middelaer
Deputy Head/Head of Junior School

Full School Assembly - Monday, April 20th, 2015 from 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for our last full school assembly on Monday, April 20th as we highlight our students in the areas of arts, athletics and academics. This is a great time to build community as our students sit with their senior school buddies and experience the full school assembly together.

Sex Education Night for Parents

Tuesday, April 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall

Who should attend: All parents of students Kindergarten to Grade 7

Not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about sex, but all parents can *learn to be comfortable*. During this open and informational session, parents will come to terms with sexual health, and understand how it fits into the lives of their children at this stage of life. Attendees will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the questions children ask. The workshop is light hearted, but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good sexual decisions for a lifetime.

A 'body scientist' expert will be coming to the school to speak to your children. Be prepared by attending the information session with Saleem Noon prior to the body scientist visit with your children. The parent session takes place on Tuesday, April 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. We encourage all parents (no children) to come to this evening presentation, even if you have heard her before. It's a great idea to listen to it again to refresh our memories. Being knowledgeable about the facts she gives the children will help you to answer your child's questions. She comes on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 to speak to the students. Be prepared to answer your child's questions during the week as the students think about the information they heard.

Mrs. Rowena Raber
MYP Division Leader

Book Swap 2015 in the Junior School!

What: a process that helps students trade their books from home for "new" books at their reading level as a way of recycling and sharing. Books will be collected on the morning of swap day and students will have an opportunity to choose from these books in the afternoon. To participate in the swap, we are asking for \$2.00 per student at the time of book collection. They can bring as many books as they would like for the cost of the \$2.00.

Who: All students (Kindergarten to Grade 7) are asked to bring in books at their reading level to swap with others. The Kids Lit Quiz students will be assisting with the swap.

Where: Ms. Chong will collect the books in the Junior School Library on the morning of Tuesday, April 21st, 2015. They will be placed on tables and the “swap” will happen after lunch on the same day in the Junior School Great Hall.

How: One coupon for every book will be issued for materials brought in and will be used for claiming a new book (a chapter book coupon for a chapter book, and a picture book coupon for a picture book). We are asking for books at the student's current reading level to ensure an equal swap for all. Coupons can only be used for the corresponding books brought in by each student. Please ensure they are in good condition and meant for trading. Unfortunately, we cannot return books once they have been swapped. All remaining books will be donated to Kinvig School for their book swap on Earth Day.

If there are any questions, please see Ms. Chong.

Ms. Joyce Chong
Junior School Teacher Librarian

Southridge Junior Golf: Returning and "New" Members Welcome! Grades 1 to 7

[Registration](#) starts this week for the Southridge Junior Golf Program. The golf program will start the week of April 15th and will run for 6 weeks, ending May 20th. The times will be the same for all Grades 1 to 7, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., your choice of day either Wednesday or Friday, once a week.

The program will be held at Birdies & Buckets Family Golf Centre located at 5228 King George Blvd. in Surrey. The 6 week program will be taught by CGPA golf professionals and includes: Full Swing, Chipping, Putting, Sand Play, Course Play, Etiquette and Rules of Golf. Extras features are 10 extra practice buckets of balls or rounds of golf, golfer gift and golf medallion.

Jacquie Lougheed
Program Coordinator

Senior School News

Forced to Disconnect

Last weekend, after the first week back, I was set to participate in an overnight camp with my son for Beavers, where I help out as an assistant leader. While I love to camp and be in the out of doors - I went to summer camp and worked as a leader for over 20 years - the first week back to school is often busy. This was certainly the case last week and I do admit that thoughts of spending a quieter time at home was preferred as I prepared to head out on Saturday morning. As I reflect since returning from the camp, I am so grateful to have gone and what it reminded me about being present.

After a brief 25 minute car ride to the camp we arrived and found a very quaint and beautiful setting with some very nice views and the weather decided to cooperate and be sunny, even though the forecast wasn't promising. After getting settled and beginning the day I admit I fished in my pocket and pulled out my iPhone. What I found was no signal. The camp had no Wi-Fi as well, so I was completely unconnected in terms of receiving or sending any information.

My first reaction was concern - what if someone was trying to get a hold of me from school. A team or maybe even Mr. Stephens! These initial thoughts led to realizing I wouldn't be getting any tweets or other social media updates to follow. However, as I calmed myself down a bit from this shock I realized that anyone could get in touch with my home and they knew where I was to get me should there be any real emergency. I was literally disconnected, and as I allowed myself to let go of this fact I became really present in what was going on. I looked for my iPhone much less during the day and began to really focus on how I could help maximize the opportunities for the kids and parents I was with. The only time I took out the phone was to take a picture - but never tweeted or posted because I couldn't! We went on a hike and I enjoyed the entire time talking to others and looking at all of the amazing natural beauty.

I am currently reading a book called *The Distraction Addiction* by Alex Soojung-Kim Pang. While he feels that technology is here to stay and will only get more complex, he suggests one needs to practice “contemplative computing”. He explains this as having a more balanced relationship with information technology; being more mindful of one's use in this regard. He proposes rules for mindful social media that include engaging with care, being mindful of your intentions, remembering the people on the other side of the screen, quality not quantity, live first- tweet later, and being deliberate.

Coming back to last weekend, perhaps the best part was that I could really connect with my son and we played catch, basketball and enjoyed a great campfire among other activities. I enjoyed this immensely and I didn't become side-tracked from a message or other digital interruption. As we headed for bed I read a paper book and was asleep soon after him. At the end of the camp we spent a moment as a group reflecting on what we were thankful for during the weekend. We did this in a cedar grove surrounded by huge old trees watching over us. As I listened to others giving thanks I decided to share my enjoyment of becoming disconnected and how much it had propelled me being so present and in the moment.

I encourage everyone to try and spend some time away from their phones, computers, tablets and other Wi-Fi enabled devices for a time. Perhaps you could do this as a family? Soojung-Kim Pang describes this as a 'Digital Sabbath'. While it might be a bit of a shock to begin with, it will likely tell you how much you rely on these devices each day. Hopefully, just like it did for me last weekend, it makes you realize how much more present you can be when you aren't being distracted by the device.

Happy Contemplative Computing!

Mr. Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Café Concerto Tuesday, May 26th and Wednesday, May 27th

Our musical year ends at Southridge with the annual Café Concerto. For two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26th and 27th, in the Alan Brown Great Hall, our senior school students will showcase the arts. This year our audiences will be taken on a short journey around the world with music from various cultures and countries. Tickets will be available through the school website shortly.

Students involved in the music department should reserve those two evenings, as well as Monday morning, May 25th for the dress rehearsal. In addition, if they would like to audition for a 'solo' spot, they should find an appropriate song (focusing on a different country) and audition on Wednesday, May 13th in the band room at lunch. Ethnic attire is appreciated, as is memorization of the music. (If you need an accompanist, speak to them early; you can come and see any of the music teachers for suggestions, if needed). Successful candidates will also need to attend the tech rehearsal on Friday, May 22nd from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Steve Burrage
Music Curriculum Leader

London - Paris: Battlefields Tour Parent Meeting on Thursday, May 7th

There will be an important parent/student trip meeting on Thursday May 7th at 6:30 p.m. (in the Senior Library) for the upcoming trip to Europe. This will actually be the 4th Battlefields tour the school has conducted since 2001. It is a trip that the Social Studies department feels very strongly about and one that has definitely left a strong impression on those who have gone in the past. To actually be on Canadian soil in France at Vimy Ridge and see the impressive monument commemorating the Canadians who died for their country, or to go through the trenches at Beaumont-Hamel, or even witness the terrain at Dieppe or at the D-Day beaches, the trip is definitely an unbelievable experience. Stops in London and Paris are also part of the tour. Tentatively the tour will begin June 27th and end July 6th, 2016 and will last for 10 days.

The tour will touch on many educational subjects, and will definitely enhance the student's knowledge of the world wars, which is a key component to the Social Studies 11 Provincial Examinable course.

In addition, for those who are 16 years or older at the time of the tour, this trip may be used as their 'Residential Project' component of the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program. More information will be presented at the tour meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca. Thank you.

Mr. Knihniski
Social Studies Curriculum Leader

Film Nights 2015 in the Little Theatre Wednesday, April 29th Thursday, April 30th

The media students of Southridge proudly present the best of this year's student work at Film Nights 2015. Shows are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 30th in the Little Theatre. Hope to see you there!

To see a trailer for one of the films featured at Film Nights, please [click here](#). To purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

Mr. Chris Westendorf
Media Arts Teacher

Operation Smile

Here at Southridge, under the careful education of an institution whose motto is “we are all one,” it can be assured that all our children get the equal rights and privileges they are entitled to. However, for many children suffering from cleft palate/cleft lip, the same cannot be said; cleft palate and cleft lip is a gap on the lip that can extend into the patients nasal cavity. These children not only can’t talk, eat, drink, or breathe properly, but they are segregated by others. Due to lack of education, children suffering with cleft palate/cleft lip are often regarded as evil and shunned in third world countries. I decided that I wanted to change that.

In Grade 11 I founded the organization *Operation Smile* as one of the few non-profit medical organizations that help children in foreign countries get good oral health care. *Operation Smile* goes to poorer countries and does free cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children. These surgeries help transform the lives of many individuals as they are able to eat and talk properly but most of all they find a new place in society (after being sequestered as abnormal). Through an ice cream fundraiser and a casual day I was able to raise \$580.00 dollars; enough to conduct two free surgeries.

Now ladies and gentlemen a newer opportunity arises, one where we could possibly raise ten times as much as the funds I raised. Dr. Mahsa Soraya (a practicing dentist) is hosting a Gala for everybody on April 25th at the Aria Convention Centre; at this Gala people will enjoy a sumptuous dinner with lively entertainment. Some of the entertainment includes a comedy show by the hilarious Amir K who is coming from Los Angeles and a DJ and dance. There will be live and silent auctions, free parking, a jewellery show, and some promotional products. If you are looking to advertise your business at all, you can rent a promotional table at the event. All the funds collected from this event will go to surgeries for cleft palate and cleft lip.

Each ticket costs \$175.00 and is deductible under business expenses. To reserve your tickets for this event you can go online and pay at this website <http://www.angelforcharity.com/>. The website contains information about ticket packages and VIP tickets. You can also pay using your Visa and call 604-597-6711. If you wish you can even mail a cheque to Dr. M Soraya at Unit #103-7511 120th Street, Delta, BC, V4C 0C1. Don’t hesitate to contact Dr. Soraya at dr_mahsa_soraya@yahoo.com or myself at ssainche@southridge.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Imagine an event where you could both enjoy yourself and transform the life of an individual at the same time. The Gala on April 25th gives anyone attending both those privileges. It’s such a great opportunity for anyone to get involved in both a local and global community. By transforming the life of others you transform your own life.

Samir Saincher
Grade 11 Student

News for Both Schools

Used Uniform Items

The Grad Committee is collecting used uniform items (based on the new uniform requirements) for their upcoming sale on May 5th, 6th and 7th. We will be setting up a table in the Junior School Great Hall from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. for students/parents to purchase the used items. Please drop-off your donations to the Senior School, attention: Heather Mosher or Grad Committee. Thank you.

Grad Committee

Mother’s Day and Spring Flower Sale

The grad committee is happy to announce that we will be selling four flower options for the upcoming Mother’s Day and Spring Flower Sale. We will have hanging baskets for \$25.00, a beautiful Swirl Deck Planter filled with colourful annuals which will bloom all summer long for \$30.00, a new Parisian Planter with four sun-loving annuals for \$15.00 and a new little Petal Pot with one spring annual for \$10.00. [Click here](#) to place order through the school website. The flowers will be available for pick up Tuesday, May 5th to Thursday, May 7th from the Senior School commons (of if it is raining, Senior School Reception) from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thank you for all of your support!

Grad Committee

This Week at Southridge...

This week is National Volunteer Week in Canada - a special week dedicated to the celebration and appreciation of Canada's volunteers. At Southridge we have so much to celebrate and so many to thank.

Our level of volunteerism at Southridge is extraordinary. Indeed, since before we opened our doors for the first time until today, volunteers continue to foster and cultivate our remarkable school community and culture. In our recent CAIS accreditation report, the visiting committee specifically recognized our volunteers and commended our culture of volunteerism. As this committee was comprised of nine members representing top independent schools across Canada, this accolade speaks volumes about how unique, special and truly extraordinary our community is when it comes to volunteering.

In fact, this week at Southridge...

- 30 parents will put in a combined 140+ hours of time volunteering in the MacDougall and Alderdice Libraries;
- 13 current and alumni parents, serving as volunteers on the Board of Governors, will be meeting on Tuesday evening;
- Hundreds of parent volunteers will sign up for their shift at the 20th Annual Country Fair. The fair alone has 900 volunteer shifts to be filled and relies on the support of our entire community;
- 8 alumni, as volunteer directors of the Southridge School Alumni Association, are meeting on Monday evening in Vancouver to discuss the 10 and 15 year class reunions, an upcoming alumni survey and future networking opportunities for grads;
- 9 teachers will be chaperoning 80 kids overnight at the school for the 30-hour famine on Friday;
- 25 parents will be supervising our Junior School students over the lunch hour, keeping our playground and children safe;
- 4 parents will be baking up a storm to treat our teachers with goodies on Friday;
- Several Grade 12 parents are working hard to finish up commemorative photo books for our grads;
- Many Country Fair department heads are meeting with their teams to finalize the details for their department;
- 5 moms will be providing coverage for the Junior School front desk and assisting teachers with important tasks;
- The Volunteer Committee, a committee of 8 dedicated moms, is meeting Tuesday morning to discuss the Country Fair, a recent brainstorming round table session, and the volunteer appreciation coffee morning;
- 16 parents will be helping out in the uniform shop;
- 20 parent and alumni parent volunteer canvassers are making their final visits with new parents regarding the Legacy Giving Campaign;
- Many parents are driving children to sporting events and field trips;
- 65 buddy families are reconnecting with their new families to ensure they are feeling comfortable and involved;
- 5 parents will be dishing up pasta for our PYP students on Wednesday for hot lunch;
- 5 parents are soliciting sponsorships and finalizing plans for the upcoming golf tournament on May 29th.

This may be National Volunteer Week in Canada, but at Southridge, this is just an ordinary week. And *that* is why we must celebrate and give thanks. By way of a "thank you" to our volunteers we have created a video that you can view [here](#).

Thank you all for giving your time as volunteers. We would not be the school community that we are without you. In our volunteering, we really are all ONE. Thank you so much and Happy National Volunteer Week!

Ms. Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Important Country Fair Volunteer Information

The Country Fair on Saturday, May 2nd is fast approaching and we are still in need for the school community to lend a hand. We have over 900 volunteer shifts to fill to make the fair a success and to-date just over 100 of those shifts are covered.

Volunteering is a great way for parents to connect with our community so please sign-up for as many pre-fair and day-of shifts as you can squeeze into your calendar. And, if you're having a hard time choosing which job to sign up for, then leave it to us! We are happy to help and all you have to do is sign up for "**Wherever I'm Needed**" and select the time that works best for you - we'll take care of the rest!

There are plenty of early morning shifts available for those of you juggling sports and kids while your spouse volunteers during the day. Why not call your buddy family and book a shift with them or see if grandma and grandpa are able to volunteer with you that day. Parking and security in particular need your help (calling all dads!), so please sign up to join this great group of volunteers who keep our children and school safe on fair day.

Parent volunteers are crucial to the success of Country Fair and we need everyone's support at this year's event. Please [click here](#) to see a full listing of jobs available! Thank you!

2015 Volunteer Committee

Sponsor the Country Fair Now!

The Country Fair is our biggest event of the year and requires the support of our entire community. If you have not yet signed up as a country fair sponsor, now is the time to do so! Sponsorship opportunities range from \$150.00 to \$500.00, and as a sponsor you will be recognized in *The Wednesday*, on the country fair website, on signage and TV monitors at the fair, and in a Thank-You ad in the Peace Arch News.

Thank you to all our families that have sponsored to date - we have currently raised \$2,800.00 and need everyone's help to reach our goal of \$10,000.00. Your contribution is tax deductible and your generous support is the reason we all succeed! [Click here](#) for a sponsorship form. Thank you!

Ms. Shelley Slaughter
Advancement Officer

The Bake Table

The Bake Table is always a hot spot on Fair Day and your donations are greatly appreciated. We ask that each family donate **THREE** homemade items (we cannot sell store bought items at the bake table). *Please note that cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk are NO LONGER REQUIRED!*

Here are some examples of a baking contribution (pick three or simply triple your batch!)

- a dozen cookies or biscotti
- a dozen muffins
- a loaf (we always get requests for loaves WITH nuts!)
- a dozen brownies or squares (brownies with nuts and date squares are most popular)
- spiced nuts
- caramel popcorn
- homemade candy, chocolate or brittle
- gluten-free baked goods in similar quantities listed above. In high demand every year!

It is very helpful if you label your goodies! People like to know what they are buying.

Please Note:

*The Fraser Health Authority has provided a list of ingredients that we are **not** allowed to accept: whipped cream, cheese, or synthetic cream fillings, herbed or flavored oils, pumpkin pie (or other custard fillings), canned vegetables, antipasto and samosas.*

To simplify the packaging of your goods at home, we will supply you with cello bags and plastic containers the week before the fair. Look for details of pick up times in *The Wednesday*! Or, if you are creative and want to make your baking even more enticing, feel free to copy some of these ideas we have seen in the past:

- Fill a terracotta planter with cookies
- Fill a large mug with homemade candy
- Use small baskets or other interesting containers to display your muffins
- Arrange your cookies or loaf on a colorful plate
- Check out the dollar store for other inexpensive containers and wrapping options

Please ensure your baking is completely wrapped in cello or plastic wrap to keep it fresh and sanitary. We ask that you drop off your items *the morning of* Friday, May 1st at the Junior School.

Does This Sound Like Too Much Work?

Consider supporting the Mother's Little Helper program and they will do it all for you! [Click here for the order form.](#) Please contact us through the Fair Chairs if you have any questions or are looking for recipe ideas.

Deesha Thind and Anita Hundal
(deeshathind@shaw.ca) (anitahundal@hotmail.com)

Baskets Needed for Country Fair

We are collecting baskets to use for the country fair gift baskets. Please drop off any baskets that you can donate between April 16th and April 28th. There are bins marked "For Baskets" in the Junior School Great Hall for drop off.

Thank you for your support!

Carol Davis and Teri Lydiard

Country Fair - Chair Needed!

The Country Fair is in need of a Chair for the Clothing Department. The first year is a "shadow" year where you will be guided through the role and duties, then lead for two (note that this is a co-chair position, you will have a partner). This is a great opportunity to connect with the Southridge community and beyond!

Clothing: This dynamic position is a great way to get involved with the Country Fair! Responsibilities include organizing and managing the collection of clothing during the seven days of collection, organizing the volunteers during this collection week and on Fair Day, to set up, run and tear down the area as directed. They will assist in determining volunteer requirements, preparing submissions for the Southridge Wednesday (as applicable) and will liaison with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned areas. Attendance at Country Fair meetings will be required as well as on Fair Day to supervise cash and to ensure volunteers follow policy and procedures of the assigned area. Fair Day hours will begin prior to the fair and will likely extend beyond the closure of the fair.

Contact volunteer@southridge.bc.ca for details or to express interest.

Country Fair Volunteer Committee

Jam-a-Jar: A Country Fair Favourite!!!

Jam-a-jar is back! These popular decorated jars are stuffed by kids/families with small new items, pre-wrapped candy, etc., and are then sold at the Country Fair in a reverse raffle like fashion. The empty jars are now ready for pick up in the Junior School lobby and once jammed, stuffed and decorated they need to be returned within a few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill their jars and return them. Please return jars (filled or empty) by Friday April 24th. Thank you!

Kelly French & Pilar Osing
Jar Jammers Extraordinaire

Calling All Classic Car Buffs!!!

Do you have a hidden gem in your garage that's a classic car, truck or motorcycle? If you do then we'd like to invite you to take part in the new "Show & Shine" classic car show at this year's Country Fair!

This is a great way to showcase your pride and joy and anybody can participate that has an enthusiastic heart when it comes to motorized machines. Admission is \$25.00 per vehicle and everyone will have a chance to vote on their favourite classic. The show takes place rain or shine and space is limited, so email a picture of your wheeled treasure to Shelley Slaughter at sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca to reserve your spot now! Thank you!

Classic Car Show Committee

Sun Run Package Pick-Up: Friday, April 19th

Only a few more sleeps until our big run! We look forward to seeing many of you at the Sun Run on Sunday, April 19th - but before that you need to pick up your race package.

Please come to the Junior Gym and get your race bibs, timing chips and official T-shirts on Friday, April 17th at recess (10:10 - 10:30 a.m.). If you cannot make it, please arrange for a family member or friend to come on your behalf. We take a group photo during silent reading on Friday so please listen for the announcement and have your Sun Run shirt on for the photo.

On the day of the Sun Run we don't formally gather as a team before the race but we always look for each other following the race by the giant "S" that is posted (for Southridge Storm, of course!) It is a chance for high-fives and celebrating each other's running achievements. Go STORM!

Congratulations on training for this challenge and best wishes for a great Sun Run!

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Summer Camps Are Filling Up!

We now have six camps that are full with a number close to full. If you plan to send your kids to camps this summer - register now! We are expecting record attendance this summer and want to make sure you get your preferred choice of camps. [Click here](#) to view the camps and to register.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Summer Camp Director

Summer Camp Volunteer Applications are Now Being Accepted - Who Can Be a Volunteer?

Any student completing Grade 8 or above in June 2015 who is energetic, adaptable, enthusiastic, outgoing and willing to take initiative. Preference will be given to volunteers who are available for two or more weeks.

WHEN

- June 29 - July 3 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on June 30)
 - July 6 - 10 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 7)
 - July 13 - 17 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 14)
 - July 20 - 24 9:00 - 3:30 (8:15 on July 21)
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- Volunteers will be required to attend one training session during a lunch hour.
 - Volunteers must arrive at 8:15 a.m. on the first morning.
 - Must be available every day of the week.

WHY - Volunteers will:

- be part of creating great summer memories for student campers
- learn and practice leadership skills
- satisfy the 30-hour work or volunteer commitment graduation
- meet the Southridge expectation for service hours
- receive a reference letter upon completion

HOW

- Read the Summer Camps brochure or view it online [here](#) and find the camps that are of the most interest.
- Fill out a volunteer application that is available at the Senior School reception desk and hand in by **Friday, April 24th**.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Director of Community Relations

Come One Come All to the 20th Annual Southridge Golf Tournament!

On Friday, May 29th, 2015, join fellow Southridge parents and bring your friends to our annual Golf Tournament at Hazelmere Golf Course!

Golf is \$195.00 per person and includes a burger bar lunch, power cart, and a great day on the course with food sampling, games and activities, followed by a delicious BBQ buffet dinner and a DJ and dancing

This year we also are offering a special Alumni and parent rate of \$250.00 - [click here](#) to register. Tickets for dinner and dancing are \$75.00 per person - space is limited so [register now](#)! Thank you so much for your support - see you on the links Friday, May 29th!!!

2015 Golf Committee

Madeline Levine - At Southridge Next Thursday Evening - Get Your Tickets Now!

Madeline Levine, Ph.D., will be speaking at Southridge School as part of our ongoing Speaker Series, on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Levine will give advice on raising independent, productive children while being a more relaxed and connected parent. “There comes a point in parenting,” she writes, “where we must decide whether to maintain the status quo or, armed with new information, choose a different course. There is little question that our children are living in a world that is not simply oblivious to their needs, but is actually damaging them.”

Ms. Levine is a psychologist with close to 30 years of experience as a clinician, consultant and educator. Her New York Times bestseller, *The Price of Privilege*, explores the reasons why teenagers from affluent families are experiencing epidemic rates of emotional problems.

Her latest book, *Teach Your Children Well*, also a New York Times bestseller, tackles our current narrow definition of success - how it unnecessarily stresses academically talented kids and marginalizes many more whose talents and interests are less amenable to measurement.

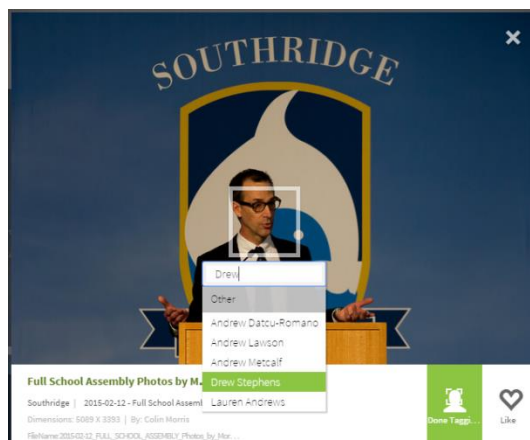
The development of skills needed to be successful in the 21st century; creativity, collaboration, innovation - are not easily developed in our competitive, fast-paced, high-pressure world. The event is open to the public and the tickets are \$10.00 each. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Ms. Debbie MacDougall
Director of Community Relations

New Feature! - Tagging of Faculty and Staff in Vidigami

Vidigami is constantly improving the software and has just added tagging of our Faculty and Staff. Parents can also join in the fun and add tags to any Faculty or Staff that they capture in photos. To tag a Faculty or Staff person in a photo, do the following:

1. Click on the “Tag Faces” button below the photo.
2. Click on the face of the person you want to tag.
3. Start typing the person’s name and you will see a list appear as below. Click on the name of the person you are tagging.



Once you have tagged the person in the photo, the tag will appear as shown below. If you make a mistake and tag the person with the wrong name, you can click on the “X” by the name tag to delete the tag and start again.



Please let me know if you have any problems logging onto or using Vidigami. You can contact me at amcinnes@southridge.bc.ca. We want every parent to have access to the wealth of photos that are available in this rapidly expanding collection of great memories.

Mr. Alan McInnes
Web and AV Services Manager

Advanced Placement, Provincial & School Examinations - 2015



EXAMS (ENGLISH 12 EARLY THIS YEAR: MAY 14)

Advanced Placement exam dates are outlined below:

“Mock” Schedule 2015

Date	Course	Time
April 14 & 22	French	10:40 - 11:40 a.m. 1:50 - 3 p.m.
April 14	Physics 1 (Grade 12s only)	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
April 22	Physics 2	12:30 - 3 p.m.
April 23	Literature	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
April 28	Calculus AB/BC	8:00 - 11:45 a.m.
April 29	Chemistry	11:40 - 3:00 p.m.
April 30	Microeconomics	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
May 1	European History	12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
May 1	Biology	11:40 - 3:00 p.m.
May 3	Physics 1 (Grade 11s only)	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
May 12	Human Geography	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

AP Exam Schedule 2015

Date	Course	Time
May 4	Chemistry	8:00 a.m.
May 4	Psychology	12:00 p.m.
May 5	Calculus AB/BC	8:00 a.m.
May 6	Literature	8:00 a.m.
May 6	Physics 1	12:00 p.m.
May 7	Computer Science	8:00 a.m.
May 7	Physics 2	12:00 p.m.
May 8	European History	12:00 p.m.
May 11	Biology	8:00 a.m.
May 12	French	12:00 p.m.
MAY 14	ENGLISH 12 PROVINCIAL	8:30 a.m.
May 14	Macroeconomics	12:00 p.m.
May 15	Human Geography	8:00 a.m.
May 15	Microeconomics	8:00 a.m.

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. The commencement ceremony will need to be moved to a later time. (TBD)

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.)