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Head of School

Welcome to Summer

As we enter the final few days of the school year, I would like to encourage all our parents to support Southridge by attending our year-end Closing and Commencement Ceremonies. Your support at these special assemblies helps us celebrate the conclusion of the school year as we reflect on our students' successes.

Our Senior School Commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday at 7:00 pm and our Junior School Closing Celebration is scheduled a little earlier in the day, at 9:00 am. Both events will take place in the Senior School gymnasium. We would love to have our parents, grandparents and friends here with us to help bring our school year to a joyful conclusion and to welcome the delight of summer.

Summer officially began yesterday evening, if you follow celestial influences as they relate to solstices and equinoxes. In this part of the world, summer solstice took place on Tuesday, June 20 at 9:24 pm. The word "solstice" comes from a combination of Latin words meaning "sun" + "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky, resulting in the longest day (and the shortest night) of the year.

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



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Drawing the school year to a close around the summer solstice presents a wonderful opportunity for all of us to “stand still” and take stock of how our children have grown over the past ten months . . . or for our Grade 12 graduates, the past 13 years. I hope you will be able to celebrate this growth with us on Friday as we reflect together on our students’ successes.

Have a wonderful summer!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
MYP Certificate Ceremony	Thursday, June 22	8:10 – 9:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
MYP Early Dismissal	Thursday, June 22	12:00 noon	Junior School
Grade 7 Graduation BBQ Dinner and Dance	Thursday, June 22	5:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Closing Ceremonies	Friday, June 23	9:00 am	Senior Gym
Senior School Commencement	Friday, June 23	7:00 pm	Senior Gym
Junior School New Student Orientation	Wednesday, September 6	9:00 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School New Student Orientation	Wednesday, September 6	9:00 am	Senior School Gym & Alan Brown Great Hall
New Parent (Grades 1-12) Coffee Morning	Wednesday, September 6	9:00 am	Southridge Café
Mandatory Laptop Orientation for MYP Students & Parents	Wednesday, September 6	Various Times	Junior School Great Hall
First Day of School	Thursday, September 7	8:00 am	Both Schools
Full School Assembly	Wednesday, September 13	9:30 am	Senior School Gym
Grade 12 Parents and Students Information Night	Wednesday, September 13	7:00 pm	TBC
Welcome Back Parents Social	Thursday, September 14	7:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall



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Junior School News

Head of Junior School

The Final Wednesday of the School Year

It's hard to believe that this is our 37th issue of *The Wednesday*, and our final issue of the 2016-17 school year. Thank you to our amazing communications department and specifically, Alan McInnes and Rebecca James, for their work every week to produce this weekly update. The stories that live in these pages are a wonderful chronicle of our year together.

It's been a remarkable school year, filled with many memories, and a great deal of learning and growth. It is truly a privilege for all our faculty and staff to work with your children. I am so grateful to this entire community for your acceptance and support over this first year as your Head of Junior School. I love being a part of this community, and am already looking forward to the coming school year and all that's in store. September will certainly be much less daunting with a year under my belt!

A huge thank you goes out to every parent who gave so generously of their time and talents this school year – we could not offer all that we do without your support and willingness to contribute to our community day-to-day in places like the library, on the playground, in the kitchen, on field trips, as well as in a myriad of other ways behind the scenes. We 'heart' our volunteers!

As we say goodbye to this school year, I would like to pay tribute to our Grade 7's who will be moving on from the Junior School. Last week, I invited all the Grade 7's to share with me up to three examples of what made their spirits soar during their time in the Junior School. I was overwhelmed by their responses – honest, poignant and touching. I will share more examples of what students shared at the Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony tomorrow night, but thought I would share a few highlights for my last post of *The Wednesday* for this year. Thank you Grade 7's – you've learned, you've grown and you've experienced the positive impact of our guiding principles of influence, community, and contribution over your years at the Junior School. Keep making a positive difference!

What made your spirit soar during your years in the Junior School?

At Southridge, the people made my spirit soar.

My friends.

I was able to get multiple opportunities to perform in front of the Junior School and express my passion for the arts and athletics.



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Throughout Grades 5-7, I was able to peer tutor for KSRT. This made my spirit soar because I was able to make many new friends and be a role model for the younger students. They looked up to me and sometimes followed my example.

One thing that made my spirit soar was being able to be the leader in the Junior School. I was a House Captain, and it was incredible to present at assembly.

How much everyone in the school is supportive of each and everyone in the Southridge community.

Being a part of a community.

Everybody is nice and we all feel included.

Reasonable boundaries for everything.

Being able to play sports that I love.

Southridge encourages people to be themselves.

Being able to give back to the world and making it a better place.

Camp in all grades was really fun and was a bonding experience for the whole grade.

How much the school emphasizes on character. It really does help students become better people in and outside of the community.

Omnis Anima Volet!

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Locker Dimensions for Students in Grades 4 to 7

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

Uniform Reminders

For those parents purchasing new black uniform shoes over the summer, just a reminder that the shoes must have a leather upper, a black sole and be polishable. There should be no visible logos or designs. Please see the updated Family Handbook in the Parent Portal for full details regarding uniform expectations for all students.



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September Dates

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 - 9:00 am: New student orientation; MYP Parent and student laptop sessions throughout the day (see separate message from Mr. Anderson and Mrs. de Hoog for details).

Thursday, September 7, 2017 - First Day of School (Day 1); 8:00 am start.

Mandatory Junior School Technology Information Sessions for All MYP Students and Parents, September 6, 2017

As we seek to ensure that our MYP students develop healthy habits with their laptops and that parents fully understand their role in partnering with us to support appropriate use of laptops and technology, all MYP students and one of their parents are required to attend one of the following Laptop Information Sessions on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in the Junior School Great Hall:

- 10:30 am - 12:00 pm **OR**
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **OR**
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

If you have more than one child in the MYP program, you need only attend one session with all your children. This is different than in previous years, and even if you have a child in Grade 6 or 7, students and parents are still required to attend. Attendance will be taken and laptops will not be issued to students if both the student and parent have not attended one of the sessions together. Each session will cover laptop use guidelines and expectations, consequences for misuse, and an overview of how digital citizenship will be integrated into the curriculum. Laptops will be issued to students in their first MYP Design class over the first two days of school. We thank you in advance for saving the date and choosing a time to attend a session with your child. Reminders about the sessions will be sent out again in August; however, we wanted to give you advanced notice so you can save the date and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,

Steve Anderson, Junior School Technology Leader and
Tanya de Hoog, Head of Junior School



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Afterschool Care Update

Earlier this year, the school began pursuing the possibility of starting a licensed afterschool care program, with the hopes of offering this service to our Southridge families beginning in September 2017. Unfortunately, due to some particular requirements of licensing, coupled with challenges in hiring the appropriate staff, we will not be in a position to launch this program in the fall.

We share the disappointment that some of you may be feeling upon hearing this news, as we were very hopeful this program would be in place for September to alleviate the afterschool challenges that we know many of our families face. The school may continue to pursue options for afterschool clubs, or other afterschool support in the future; however, for September 2017, families should plan to make their own arrangements.

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Finishing this Year with an Eye on Next Year

It's hard to believe that we are in the final week of school and that awards ceremonies, commencement and graduation dinner and dance are all happening this week. To me, it seems like yesterday we were starting the school year with our Welcome Back BBQ and the Senior School House Picnic. Last Friday night, more than 100 Grade 8 and 9 students attended our Grade 8/9 Party and had an incredible time! A big thank you to Mr. Dodds, who organized this event, which included pizza, music, volleyball, a foosball tournament, ping pong and draws for prizes. The week before that, we welcomed all our new Grade 8 students at our Senior School Meet and Greet event. Our Grade 11 Spirit Captains lead a fun night of games and finished off with ice cream sundaes. It was a great way to cap-off a fantastic year and get our Grade 7 students ready for next year. And now, here we are, looking forward to the summer and getting ready for a new school year in September.

When I was teaching in the classroom full time, "back to school" ads in July would always leave me feeling a bit depressed. So, at the risk of overwhelming people with "back to school" messages while we are still closing out the 2016-17 school year, there are some important things to consider for next year. We are making some changes to our uniform guidelines and it is important that students and parents are familiar with our regulations around student appearance.



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Although students will receive an updated Southridge Senior School Student Handbook in September, I want to give you a preview of what they will find in it. This is an excerpt from my opening message:

In this handbook, you will read about some student rules and regulations, but please know that Southridge is about so much more than tucking in your shirt, straightening your tie, and not running in the halls. Though wearing your uniform with pride and adhering to safety regulations are important, I honestly don't want to spend a lot of time talking about these things with you. I would rather that you take care of these smaller matters so we can focus on things of real significance such as cultivating strong relationships, serving our community, giving 100% of ourselves to our academic potential, finding and pursuing our passions, being creative and critical thinkers, and enjoying life along the way.

So, parents, please ensure your son or daughter has all the necessary uniform items ready to go for the start of the year. Skorts that were worn in Grade 6 likely will not fit your child in Grade 10. White shirts that are closer to grey in colour will need to be replaced, as will school sweaters with holes in the elbows and pants that have been outgrown and are what I would have called "floods" back in my school days - kids grow and their uniforms need to keep up!

For as long as I have worked at independent schools, I have had the difficult task upon returning to school in September of talking with the odd student who has dyed their hair pink, blue, purple or some other unnatural hair colour. Please know that, per our student handbook, "hair is to be neatly styled and not dyed unnatural colours or extremely bleached." "Boys are to be clean-shaven except where religious beliefs dictate otherwise." Students who show up in September with unnaturally dyed hair will be asked to dye it back to a "natural" colour before returning to school. I realize that professional dye-jobs are expensive, so I'm trying to save families the extra cost and frustration of a second dye job (not to mention the damage it can do to hair). Earrings must be small studs or small hoops, and eyebrow, tongue, lip, cheek, or nose rings are not permitted - traditional earlobe-piercing only, please.

Shoes often cause difficulties for students and I want to save parents from spending money on shoes that are not approved. Shoes must be all black, polishable leather. High heeled shoes, shoes with stripes or logos, or shoes with a different coloured sole are not permitted.

With all of that taken care of, I want you to know that I am so excited to start my second year as Head of Senior School. Now that I have a year at Southridge under my belt (by the way, belts should be black for students) and I know what to expect, I look forward to welcoming our new students to the Senior School, meeting more parents next year, continuing to build our amazing Southridge community, and having a great 2017-2018 school year. It's going to be awesome!

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in September!

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School



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A Light-hearted Guy with a Serious Purpose

“There’s a guy who understands what it’s like to be a kid.” Those were the words from one grad after watching Southridge School’s new Head of Senior School, Brad Smith, dive face first into a sea of chocolate sauce, flour, mustard, and whipped cream at this year’s House Picnic. It was a dive that would have made Pete Rose proud and it solidified the authentic way in which he connected with the students this year. “He did an excellent Job,” Vinay Sharma (Grade 12) said about Smith’s first year. “He connected well with students and was very down-to-earth; shaking hands every morning, and just being a friendly guy.”

The next major test was the Grad Retreat in October where he made an impression by trying NOT to make an impression. “I totally thought that our time was going to be overscheduled,” said one Grade 12, “Instead, he just let us come together on our own, mixing in some hilarious jokes along the way.” But perhaps the key moment in cementing his popularity was coming second to all-star Senior Girls’ Basketball player, Hannah Morrison, in a grade-wide game of bump. “I knew there was something different about this head of school when I looked to see who my final competitor was, he gave me a look of pure intensity.” Morrison shared, “I had no hesitation in giving it my all, since I could tell he would appreciate my competitive nature. There was no way he was going down without a fight.”

It wasn’t just the students that were able to establish a strong connection with Mr. Smith, but the faculty also appreciated his leadership style. “He was brave in his vulnerability,” said chemistry teacher, Mike Dipietro, about his stage presence during assemblies.

He was a standout in the crowd of sporting events all year, and his signature move of shaking everyone’s hand every morning helped establish him as a people’s champion. One Grade 12 student noted that “he tries to actually connect with us.”

After a year at the helm, the consensus is clear that he is a leader that is both liked and respected. The only thing more endearing than his sense of humour and desire to connect with his students is his ability to advocate for those same students, should the need arise. The Senior School appears to be in great hands for years to come. Here are some favorite moments from his first year:

Favourite day of the year? Speech Day (second place: bring your dog to school day)

Favourite moment? Surprise 50th birthday celebration from spirit captains

Favourite night of the year? Christmas Feast

Dumbest thing I did all year? Diving on all 4 slip and slides and getting half a gallon of paint in my eyes at the House Picnic.

Biggest personal accomplishment of the year? Blocking Anna Shocohian’s spike in the staff-student volleyball game (my shoulder still hurts).



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Almost greatest moment of my sports career? *Nearly beating all the Grade 12's in a game of bump (darn you, Hannah Morrison!)*

Scariest moment of the year? *Telling Tighe he couldn't wear his hat for school photos.*

Proudest moment of the year? *Getting a shout-out in Tighe's blog.*

Paul Chiarenza
Senior School English Teacher

Book Return Process for Senior Library

Thank you to all the students who have returned their library books and textbooks. The library's parent volunteers have been busy scanning all our collection for inventory. All library books should have been returned as of May 31st. We will begin sending emails to students and parents regarding books on students' accounts. The final day for library and textbooks to be returned is Friday, June 23rd.

Library Books

- Students will receive weekly email reminders of overdue library books.
- Students will need to return all library books by Wednesday May 31st.
- The library will soon reopen for summer checkouts.

Textbooks

- Most textbooks will be returned in the Alan Brown Great Hall on exam days.
- We will begin collecting textbooks from 7:45 am for morning exams and from 12:00 noon for afternoon exams.

The final deadline for all books to be returned is Friday, June 23rd.

Please note that charges will be incurred for any library books and textbooks not returned by Monday, June 26th. It is important to adhere to these final dates as replacement orders will be placed for lost and unreturned items in preparation for the next school year.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding,

Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher-Librarian



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China Tour – Summer 2018

The Social Studies department has created an opportunity for an academic/cultural trip to China for the summer of 2018. The trip would consist of three main concentrations: Beijing, Nanjing and Hong Kong.

In Beijing the highlights would include visiting Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, and of course, a trip outside the city to walk on the Great Wall and to also visit the Ming Tombs.

In Nanjing, the highlights would include a visit to Purple Mountain, which holds the mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen, and many other spectacular sites. In Nanjing, we will also learn about the history of the city during the Second World War, which will complement their studies in the upper grades of Social Studies.

The final destination will be Hong Kong. Once again, there is a huge connection to the Second World War and the Canadians who fought there, which is taught in Socials 10. In addition, we will visit the harbour, Victoria Peak, Stanley Market, and leave some time to do some final shopping!

The trip will begin on Monday, June 25, 2018 and we will return to Vancouver on July 5, 2018. The dates will not conflict with any final exams or Grad events. The cost of the tour will be around \$4,100 and it covers all transportation, food, lodging, entrance fees, and our guides.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to contact me at 604-542-2325 or jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca

Thank you,

James Knihniski
Curriculum Leader - Social Studies



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Both Schools

Important Update: 2017-2018 School Timetables

Throughout our first year working together at Southridge, we have strived to collaborate and coordinate Junior and Senior School activities and educational planning in as many areas as possible. It is necessary and rewarding for us to work together in this cooperative manner, because ultimately, your children will benefit both academically and socially from a seamless and connected K-12 school experience.

That said, there are considerable developmental differences between Junior and Senior students, which we acknowledge are important to keep in mind as we plan each school's various activities, programs and timetables. As we undertook the important task of reviewing the Junior and Senior School timetables for the 2017-2018 school year, and in discussions around the learning needs and social-emotional health needs of today's students, we came to the conclusion that both our Junior and Senior students could benefit significantly from adjustments to their daily timetables. In addition to the benefits that will be felt directly by the students, these changes also allow our programs to be delivered more efficiently and effectively, and we hope to alleviate some of the challenges related to our parking lot congestion.

Please review the attachment below for updated Junior and Senior School timetables (which come into effect September 2017), as well as additional information and notes pertaining to each School.

We encourage you to read through these changes carefully. The decision to update our school timetable was done with careful thought and extensive consideration and input from our faculty & staff.

These changes hold the best interests of our students at their core, which is what's most important to all of us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us directly and we would be happy to speak with you.

Respectfully yours,

Tanya de Hoog, Head of Junior School and
Brad Smith, Head of Senior School



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Thank You All! Advancement Year in Review

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

First of all, the “We Are All One Gala”, was organized by an amazing committee of parents and was a great success, raising \$250,000 for a number of projects around the School including:

- 4 sets of tools for the STEAM program
- New athletics uniforms and PE equipment
- Additional technology, including smart TVs, document readers, a short-throw projector and digital recorders
- Additional Harkness tables
- New desks and chairs for several Junior School classrooms, including a classroom that will trial different types of desks and chairs (ex. stand-up desks) to accommodate for different learning styles and student preferences
- New and additional assembly chairs for the Junior School
- A robot that will be used as part of a robotics/coding program that will be offered to our Senior School students next year
- Upgrading our wireless network/system
- Motorized bleachers in the Senior School gym

We are looking forward to another great gala next year – save the date – November 18, 2017.

The Country Fair was also a great success! Friends and guests were greeted by our warm and welcoming volunteers. Expenses are still being tallied, but we'll net over \$40,000! This year's revenue was earmarked for three projects:

- The development of our community garden
- The purchase of garbage/recycling/compost bins throughout the school
- Grad lounge improvements

Thank you all for your support of the Country Fair again this year!



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The Golf Tournament, our third major event of the year, was held only a few short weeks ago. We are still finalizing expenses, but we are able to report that over \$40,000 was raised from our parents and community. Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors and dinner guests for your participation in this fun community tournament! The money we raised from this event will be used to purchase the following:

- New score clocks in our Senior School gym
- Additional spin bikes and equipment for our fitness studio
- Athletics uniforms for our Junior and Senior school athletes

Our Legacy Giving Campaign was also a great success. Once again, the vast majority of our new families made multi-year pledges totaling nearly \$600,000. My personal thanks to all our canvassers and our very gracious new families who welcomed their visits! Thank you!

Thanks to annual donations from our families, staff, friends, alumni and alumni parents, we raised over \$110,000 and donations are still coming in. This has allowed us to purchase all the items on our wish list, including a short-throw projector and new branded tents for our athletics program. In addition, a family has also established a new bursary fund – stay tuned for more information in a September issue of *The Wednesday*.

Thank you again to all our families who gave so generously this year!

Finally, a huge thank you to all our volunteers. From our hot lunch and library volunteers to those of you who help out with our events or behind the scenes, a special thank you to you for ensuring that Southridge continues to be such an amazing community. Also, a special thank you to the volunteer committee, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that hundreds of volunteers are in place for the year!

Thank you all and have a wonderful summer!

See you in the Fall!

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

PS – It's not too late to [make a donation](#) this year! Gifts can be made [online](#) any time.



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New Availability: Summer at Southridge Day Camps

Although the school year is winding down, we are gearing up for our [2017 Summer at Southridge](#) day camps program.

If you have already registered for one or more of our summer camps, we look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) this summer! If you have not yet registered, or have been waiting for a space to open, we are pleased to share that **a few spots have come available in many of our camps for 6-8 year old's (see chart below).**

Please note that **camps fill up quickly**, so we cannot guarantee how long space will be available.

Available Camps (as of Wednesday, June 21, 2017)

Week 1: July 4 - 7	Week 2: July 10 – 14	Week 3: July 17 – 21	Week 4: July 24 – 28
A102 - 1, 2, 3, Count with Me Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	B203 - Little Scientists Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	C302 - Little Animal Enthusiast Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	D402 - Letterland Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)
A103 - Discover the Power of Pen & Performance Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	B204 - Frozen Fever Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	C303 - Junior Jedi Training (as of Dec 31, 2017) Age 6 (as of Dec 31, 2017)	
A109 - Junior Explorers Age 6 - 8 (as of Dec 31, 2017)			

To view program information or to register, please [click here](#). Our *Summer at Southridge* day camps are open to the community, so we encourage you to share this information with your friends and family.

If you have any questions, please contact the *Summer at Southridge* administration office:

Email: summercampinfo@southridge.bc.ca

Phone: 604-542-5385

We hope to see you this summer!

Jasmine Boyes
Manager, Summer Camps



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Human Resources News

Keeping You Up to Date – Changes and Movements

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to a close, we find our school saying goodbye to the following employees who are moving on to pursue new and exciting opportunities. We wish to thank them for their commitment and dedication to Southridge over the past years and we look forward to recognizing them at our Junior School Closing Ceremonies and Senior School Commencement.

Teachers and Staff pursuing new adventures

- Glen Pope will be moving to the Surrey School District
- Maggie Yee is looking forward to supporting and spending more time with her active family
- Jill Lindsay will be pursuing her dream to start a new business
- Barb Schaub will be retiring and relocating to the Interior

Teachers completing temporary contracts, as of June 30

- Nathan Gates
- Rachel Carlson
- Linda MacHolm
- Andrew Smith

Of course, we are excited about welcoming our new staff and teachers to Southridge in the Fall.

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager

Email Breach – An Update on Security Measures

The school recently communicated information to you about an email breach that occurred as a result of a staff member's lost smartphone. This was a very unfortunate situation, and as a result, the school took immediate actions to help protect our community from any further incidents like this.



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The precautionary measures that have now been implemented across our staff and faculty, to safeguard our emails and the school's confidential information include:

1. Mandatory password-protection on all staff & faculty devices. This includes both work-issued and personal devices that are used to access school emails, Google docs, Schoology or any other Southridge-related information.
2. Two-step verification to Google Suite is now required for administrative staff in order to log in to school accounts.
3. It is mandatory for all staff & faculty to immediately report the loss of any device that is used to access Southridge email accounts or school information.
4. All school-issued devices will require a password-change every 90 days.
5. It has been highly recommended to staff & faculty that they do not save any passwords on their devices, and that they regularly clean the cache on their web browsers.

In addition to the above immediate measures, additional technology security changes will be implemented over the summer in preparation for September 2017.

We have been working with a third-party forensics company that specializes in cyber-breaches, and they continue to support our efforts to ensure our systems are secure going forward. In addition, we have chosen to report this this situation to the Privacy Commissioner, who may provide us with further recommendations on improving our business processes.

The school is committed to protecting our community from any future incidents like this, and we sincerely appreciate your understanding and support as we work to improve the security of our systems, and the safety of your personal information.

If you have further questions regarding the email breach, please let the school know so that we may address your concerns regarding this important matter.

Drew Stephens
Head of School



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Summer Hours

Please note that summer hours for the administrative offices of the School are 8:30 to 3:30 pm, starting Tuesday, July 4. We are busy with summer camps for the month of July, so the majority of administrative staff enjoy their holidays in the month of August. Access to some administrative services may be limited during August as there will be relatively few administrative staff on site.

If you require transcripts from the Senior School, please ensure that requests are made prior to Friday, July 14.

Enjoy your summer!

Wendy Simpson
Director, Finance & Administration

Southridge Cafè

The cafeteria is now closed for the summer. Thanks, everyone, for your support over the past year, and enjoy your holidays!

Canuel Caterers

Uniform Shop News – Closed for Summer

The Uniform Shop is now closed for July and August. Stay tuned (in a future issue of *The Wednesday*) for the date in which it will re-open.

Thank you for support over the last year!

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager





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We are all one.

2017-2018 School Timetables and Important Notes

Junior School 2017-2018 Timetable		
Session	Time	Duration
Attendance	8:00 - 8:05 am	5 minutes
Period 1	8:10 - 9:00 am	50 minutes
Period 2	9:00 - 9:50 am	50 minutes
Recess	9:50 - 10:05 am	15 minutes
Period 3	10:10 - 11:00 am	50 minutes
Period 4	11:00 - 11:50 am	50 minutes
Lunch	11:50 am - 12:30 pm	40 minutes
Homeroom	12:35 - 1:05 pm	30 minutes
Period 5	1:05 - 1:55 pm	50 minutes
Recess	1:55 - 2:10 pm	15 minutes
Period 6	2:10 - 3:00 pm	50 minutes

Junior School Timetable, effective September 2017:

- Junior School (JS) will start and end at the same time as current schedule: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- JS will continue to have 50-minute periods, 6 per day.
- JS Assemblies will take place every Wednesday at 8:10 am.
- JS will continue to run on a 6-day cycle.
- Morning recess will be slightly earlier from 9:50 - 10:05 am (instead of 10:10 - 10:25 am).
- Lunch will shift to 11:50 am - 12:30 pm (from the current time of 12:30 - 1:15 pm).
- All students will have 30 minutes of dedicated Homeroom time daily.
- There will be an afternoon recess between periods 5 and 6, from 1:55 - 2:10 pm.

The new JS timetable has many benefits:

- The homeroom time will be used for community and relationship building, Social Emotional Learning (K-7) and Executive Skills (Gr. 5-7). We know these times for connection, support and relationship-building are incredibly important to children’s development, and dramatically increase confidence, trust and their openness to learning.
- The additional afternoon recess and the timing of the lunchtime break, allows for enhanced nutrition and energy breaks, which improve children’s’ ability to focus and absorb information.

Senior School 2017-2018 Timetable		
Session	Time	Duration
Tutorial	7:50 - 8:30 am	40 minutes
Advisory	8:35 - 8:45 am	10 minutes
Period 1	8:50 - 10:00 am	70 minutes
Period 2	10:05 - 11:15 am	70 minutes
Period 3	11:20 am - 12:30 pm	70 minutes
Lunch	12:30 - 1:20 pm	50 minutes
Period 4	1:20 - 2:15 pm	55 minutes
Period 5	2:20 - 3:15 pm	55 minutes

Senior School Timetable, effective September 2017:

- Senior School (SS) daily schedule will run from 8:35 am - 3:15 pm.
- Dedicated tutorial time will be available M-F between 7:50 - 8:30 am. Your children are invited to attend these sessions to receive academic support from Southridge teachers everyday.
- Advisory will take place from 8:35 - 8:45 am. This full 10 minutes of daily connection with their Advisory is crucial to your child’s success at Southridge. Community, connection with teachers, and relationship-building with other students is proven to increase student confidence, trust, and openness to learning. Currently, Advisory is approximately 3 minutes, which is not enough time accomplish these goals.
- Period 1 – Period 3 will run from 8:50 am - 12:30 pm. Morning classes will be 70 minutes in length.
- Lunch from 12:30 - 1:20 pm
- Period 4 & Period 5 will run from 1:20 - 3:15 pm. Afternoon classes will be 55 minutes in length.

The new SS timetable has many benefits:

- Most importantly, the later start for SS students responds to research suggesting teens are not getting enough sleep, and supports our priority of putting students at the center of our decision-making, as proposed in our new strategic plan.
- Lengthened Advisory time assists in meeting the goal of having meaningful advisory time and truly knowing our students, which supports the need for enhanced social-emotional health and community connection among students.
- We currently do not have transition times between classes built into our timetable, which means students and staff are often rushed, and feel stressed to stay on time. It also means our current 70 minute classes are not true 70 minutes, as teaching typically start late. With 5-minute transition times now built-into the schedule, the overall reduction in class time is minimal.
- Shorter class times in the afternoon allow for enhanced learning, as afternoon classes are typically more difficult to manage and teen attention span and ability to focus lessens at this time of day.
- Tutorial time for students in the morning before Advisory will support student learning, and help reduce some academic anxiety for certain students.
- Senior School teachers will see an increase in planning and transition times

For families who have students in both the JS and the SS – the JS will provide supervision for K-7 students until 3:20 pm when they can be joined or picked-up with your SS child. More information will be shared closer to September; however, it is important for you to know that we will provide support at pick-up time to alleviate any challenges that the new schedule creates.

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