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Head of School

A Glance at the Future through a Hole in the Wall

About a decade ago, educational researcher Sugata Mitra performed a series of experiments in India, South Africa, Cambodia and Italy. He and his colleagues provided poor children in highly disadvantaged neighbourhoods access to technology by way of computers placed in walls. I know it sounds a bit odd to have holes in walls filled by computers but, effectively, Dr. Mitra's objective was to provide these children with unsupervised access to internet-enabled computers and to watch and see what would happen. To that extent, he also strategically mounted cameras in and around the areas where he placed the computers to capture the responses of children, and to get a better understanding of how they used technology to learn.

What Dr. Mitra and his Newcastle University associates discovered was fascinating. Without teachers or adult mentors of any kind, the children (ranging in age from about 6 to 13 or so) taught themselves how to use computers to find information. At first blush, this phenomenon may seem basic. We all know how well our own children can use technology to quickly and easily find out more about things they are interested in. As one of Dr. Mitra's experiments demonstrated, Tamil-speaking 12 year-old children taught themselves about biotechnology . . . in English.

Pat Basset, former President of the National Association of Independent School, put it this way, "When poor children in the barrios, favelas, slums and ghettos around the world, who have never been to school, can use 'hole in the wall' computers to teach themselves biotechnology and other subjects, it is clear that a learning revolution is at hand. This essential new power shifts ownership of knowledge from the elites to the masses, from the educated aristocracy to *all* citizens."

What exactly this fundamental yet powerful shift ultimately means is unclear. But what is clear is that the conceptual paradigm of education is changing. Not only is technology a social equalizer in terms of accessing knowledge but it is also a social mobilizer in terms of connecting and networking the world in ways we could never have dreamed possible just two short decades ago. If education is truly about preparing children to lead productive lives then it, too, must change along with the shifts brought about the ubiquitous presence of the Internet and the inexpensive mobile devices used to access it.



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The famous saying, “If not us, then who? If not now, then when?” seems particularly appropriate when considering the changing landscape of education. For those of you who were able to attend our strategic plan feedback session last week, I am grateful for your parent perspectives about how Southridge is responding to important shifts in education – from knowing to doing, from teacher-centred to student-centred, from the individual to the team and from consumption of information to the making of meaning. Change takes time and the process can be taxing, but the educational program at Southridge is most certainly pointed in the right direction. All of you – our community – support the context for our learning environment to flourish in a way that is supportive of every student’s holistic development.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Cafè Concerto	Wednesday, May 31	7:00pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Wednesday, May 31	8:10am	Junior School Great Hall
2017-2018 Forms Deadline	Thursday, June 1	All Day	Both Schools
Annual Golf Tournament	Friday, June 9	11:00am – Late	Hazelmere Golf Club
Junior Sports Day	Monday, June 19	All Day	Junior School
PYP Speech Celebration	Tuesday, June 20	8:30am – 12:00pm	Junior School Great Hall
MYP Speech Celebration	Tuesday, June 20	1:20 – 3:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
PYP Celebration Picnic	Wednesday, June 21	9:00am	Centennial Beach, Tsawassen
Grade 7 Greek Feast & Festival	Wednesday, June 21	10:30am – 3:00pm	Junior School Great Hall
MYP Certificate Ceremony	Thursday, June 22	8:10 – 9:10am	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	5:30pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Closing Ceremonies	Friday, June 23	9:00am	Senior Gym



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Junior School News

Head of Junior School

Welcome to the Beginning of the End!

June is upon us and there are many wonderful events that help us acknowledge the diverse learning and effort of all of our students during the 2017/18 school year. At the beginning of May a "Save the Date" outline of June events was provided in *The Wednesday*. What follows below is a more detailed description of each of the events taking place during our final week of school. We look forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at the school to help us celebrate an amazing school year!

Monday, June 19 (Day 6)

Junior School Sports Day:

- All students dress in house colours for the day.
- Students are organized into their houses with a Grade 6 leader who guides their group through each sporting event.
- Events are run by Grade 7 leaders.

This is a fun day for our students, rain or shine, so please dress your child accordingly. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning and send some along for reapplication throughout the day.

Tuesday, June 20 (Day 1)

PYP Speech Celebration, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm:

- All students in Grades 1 - 3 share a short, entertaining speech memorized and ready for presentation:
 - 8:15 a.m. start. for 1RK, 2TW, 3MY
 - 10:30 a.m. start for 1RR, 2AJ, 3CK
- Kindergarten students will watch these presentations in anticipation of next year, when they are Grade 1s and will give their first speech.

MYP Speech Celebration from 1:20 - 3:00 pm:

- All Grade 5 - 7 students present speeches in their English classes the week prior to this event.



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- The top two speeches from each English class are selected to present at the afternoon speech celebration in front of a panel of judges.
- One speech per grade will be awarded the Mandy Richmond Public Speaking trophy.

Wednesday, June 21 (Day 2)

- Regular start @ 8:00 a.m. for all MYP (Gr. 5-7) students.

PYP Celebration Picnic at Centennial Beach:

- All students from **Kindergarten to Grade 4** meet at Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen at 9:00 am for a great day of fun on the beach with hot dog roasts and delicious treats. (PYP Students do not come to school before going to the beach. Parents drive students to and from the beach.)
- Please bring your beach chair, sunscreen and a hat, and plan for an engaging day of connection and conversation with our staff and other parents.
- Dress for the weather.

Grade 7 Greek Feast and Festival:

- Greek Festival and Feast takes place from 10:30 am - 3 pm in the Junior School Gym and on the Commons.

Gr. 5 and 6:

- iGirl and iGuy workshops in the morning.
- Vancouver Theatre Sports presentation @ 1:30 pm in the JS Great Hall.

Thursday, June 22 (Day 3)

MYP Certificate Ceremony:

- 8:10 - 9:10 am in the Junior School Great Hall.
- Certificates presented for academic honour roll, S.P.I.R.I.T., AR reading, technology and photo team recognition, and math contests.
- Parents are welcome to attend.
- 9:10 - 11:20 am - Students with their regularly scheduled teachers.



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Gr. 7 Students vs. Teachers Soccer Game:

- 11:20 am - 12:00 pm, on the turf field

MYP (Grades 5-7 only) Early Dismissal at 12:00 pm

- Grade 5 and 6 students are dismissed for their class parties.
- Grade 7's are dismissed for grad prep.
- Regular classes in session with a 3:00 pm dismissal for all PYP (K-4) classes.

Grade 7 Graduation BBQ Dinner and Dance:

- Reception starts at 5:30 pm.; Grade 7 students will be presented with their graduation certificate and a memorable graduation video.
- Dinner is served at 6:00 pm
- First Dance at 8:15 pm
- Grads only dance from 8:30 - 10:30 pm
- Please be on time to pick your child up at 10:30 pm

Friday, June 23

Junior School Closing Ceremonies:

- 8:45 am late start for all Junior School students, K-Grade 7
- Closing Ceremonies starts at 9:00 am in the Senior School Gymnasium.
- This is a very formal closing ceremony with opportunities for photographs and memories.
- Students must wear full regulation winter uniform and there are special rites of passage for Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 4 students.
- Kindergarten students are dismissed right after their part in the program, as it is a longer ceremony. K Parents are welcome to join Ms. McArthur and Mrs. Ridley-Thomas in the Kindergarten rooms during their transition time in this program.
- Dismissal for all students after Closing Ceremonies.

Note: PYP students will receive their Term 3 Progress Reports in their homerooms prior to leaving for the summer. MYP report card to be mailed home on Thursday, June 29.



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- If you are not attending the Closing Ceremonies, please make arrangements to ensure someone is on-site by 10 a.m. to pick up your child.

Have a great week,

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Fidget Toys - Not for Classroom Use

Many students have been bringing *fidget toys* to school recently. Please be aware that these toys, are just that and that there is no evidence to support their efficacy in helping students focus in the classroom. In fact, they most often do quite the opposite as they are very distracting to the person using the toy as well as to those observing the user “fidget”. If students chose to bring fidget toys to school, they are not permitted to use them in the classroom; however, they are welcome to take them outside for play during recess and lunch breaks. Should you feel your child would benefit from sensory-motor stimulation as way to help them focus during learning, please make an appointment with your child's teacher or one of our learning strategies teachers, to discuss how this might be best accomplished.

Class Placements for 2017-18

At this time of year, some parents may be reflecting on the current school year and thinking about the coming school year. At Southridge, we strive to create the best educational groupings possible by considering the individual needs of each child within the wider grade-level context. In doing so, we consider a multitude of factors, including but not limited to: learning diversity and needs, gender balance, relationship and social dynamics, personality combinations, and athletic well-roundedness. While we do our best to ensure each child has at least one close friend in their class, there are only two class options to chose from, which can sometimes pose challenges when creating groupings. There is a considerable amount of deliberation and care inherent in our placement process:

- Current homeroom teachers create the initial lists, assigning students to Class A or Class B (NOTE: no homeroom teachers are not assigned at this point)
- Specialist teachers and the PYP and MYP Division leaders and coordinators review the lists and make further suggestions
- Once the lists are approved they are signed-off on by all the teachers and submitted to the Head of Junior School for a final review



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- The Head of Junior School reviews and finalizes the lists, assigns new students to each class and determines the homeroom teacher

Given the extremely delicate nature and extensive work that goes into determining class placements, it is our policy not to entertain parental requests for certain teachers or peer groupings. We strive to have parallel programming in all our classes with the teachers working collaboratively in their planning and assessment, and we truly believe that our students will thrive in any classroom setting. We thank you for your confidence in our faculty as we endeavor to consider a wide variety of needs as we determine class placements for the 2017-18 school year.

Library Books and Inventory

Please ensure all library books are returned to the Junior School Library **no later than Friday, June 9th**. To help all those library books find their way back home, overdue notices will be sent home with students on Monday, June 5th. The Junior School library will be closed for borrowing from Monday, June 12th through Friday, June 16th so that volunteers can conduct a full inventory of the library collection. Fee notices for outstanding materials will be sent home following the inventory. The library will re-open on Monday, June 19th, and students will have the opportunity to select books for summer reading throughout the final week of school.

Mrs. Camp
Junior School Teacher Librarian

PYP Speech Celebration and Year End Dates

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

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

The Speech Celebration will take place on **Tuesday, June 20th** in the morning. The MYP Competition will be happening the same day in the afternoon. The teachers will send home detailed instructions on how the students will be prepared for the great event.



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

Monday, June 1: Sign up to volunteer items to bring to the year end picnic/beach. Signup sheets will be on the classroom doors.

Monday, June 19 - Sports' Day (K-7)

Tuesday, June 20 – Speech Celebrations (grades 1-3)

- 8:15 a.m. for 1RK, 2SM, 3CC
- 10:30 a.m. for 1RR, 2JM, 3CK

Wednesday, June 23 –PYP Picnic (for K-4)

Thursday, June 24- Regular Classes (for K-4) Casual clothes

Friday, June 23 @9:00-approximately 9:45 Closing Ceremonies (K-7) Full winter uniform

Enjoy these last weeks of school!

Mrs. Raber

Vote for W.E. Kinvig

For many years now, our school has enjoyed a good relationship with the students and staff at W.E. Kinvig Elementary School in Newton. It began with a connection from the Heart and Stroke Foundation when I asked the foundation if the money that we get back from our donations (10%) could instead be given to a local school in need of sports equipment. Since that time, we have made an annual donation to the school with faculty and student recipients coming to Southridge to receive the cheques. In addition, we have held winter clothing and boot drives for the many new immigrant families. For the last seven years, the Grade 2 classes have been penpals with the Grade 2 students at W.E. Kinvig, and have visited with them three times a year, as well as sent cards and letters. Senior school students have also gone to the school to tutor students. Lastly, our library and teachers donate many books and other teaching materials that we are no longer using. Their teacher-librarian, Heidi Ferguson, is a regular visitor to the school, as she stops by to pick up student cards or boxes of items.



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This year WE Kinvig was nominated to get a \$100,000 donation from the BC Automobile Association to build a new playground. That would be an amazing improvement to their facilities! Even if you are not a BCAA member, please take this link below and vote, to support the wonderful students and staff in our local community. You can vote once a day if you want. The winning school will be announced on June 23rd.

<https://www.bcaaplayhere.com/>

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to work together to hopefully make a real difference to this special school community.

Jo-Ann Murchie
Service Coordinator

Southridge World Partnership Walk

Thank you all so much for participating in our own World Partnership Walk here at Southridge last Friday and at the community walk at Stanley Park on Sunday! We really appreciate your help and enthusiasm during the walk! Wow! With so many smiling faces and people having fun, there is no better way to raise money and make a change!

Poverty is a state of being extremely poor. Poverty has different types of impact based on many factors, including gender. There are also multiple factors of poverty, including economic, political, environmental, and social. **Economic** factors related to the economy and money. These might include investment problems, lost money, or a general lack of money. **Political** factors include things related to the society, president or politicians. Often these include political decisions made that have an impact on people's jobs or their living style. **Environmental** factors might be events such as earthquakes or natural disasters that destroy homes and belongings. **Social** factors might include social anxiety, depression, or discrimination that can affect people's jobs and ability to earn money.

But that doesn't mean people aren't trying to help solve this complex problem of poverty. Funds raised by the World Partnership Walk support development initiatives that enable millions of women and men to lift their communities out of poverty and build a brighter future. Thanks to your generous support, \$515.35 was donated on Casual Day towards the World Partnership Walk. This was added to our school team's fundraising total for the community walk, a grand total that currently stands at \$19,090.35! All of this money will help in the fight against global poverty.



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Some people in the world don't have food, water, or shelter. So be grateful for all that you have in your life. And remember that even the simplest things can help as we work together to beat poverty. Once again, thank you for helping out by supporting the World Partnership Walk.

Briana Lu
Grade 6 student

Congratulations to our Golden Grade Sevens!

Congratulations to the grade seven band, who received a 'gold' level rating at last week's Kiwanis Music Festival in Langley. All the grade seven students did an excellent job preparing and performing their three pieces: Regal March, The Lost Tomb, and Let's Go Band. They are to be commended for their commitment to the group and for the progress that they have made since beginning on their instruments this past September. In particular, we were impressed by how musically they played all three pieces; this was noted by the adjudicators in their feedback to the students. The students were excellent ambassadors of Southridge in all regards, and we are very proud of them!

If you would like to hear our gold medal Grade sevens in action, please join us for our year-end band concert on **Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm** in the Junior School Great Hall. All are welcome!

Dr. Besspflug, Mr. Burrage, and Mr. Mitchell

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming

Last week in assembly, our Head Girl Georgie Adams and Head Boy Will Lauzon presented a short film called *Handsome and Majestic*. The 12 minute award-winning film offers a portrait of teenaged Milan, who bravely faces bullies at school after coming out as transgendered. The film shows a family's support for a son who doesn't conform to conventions of their small community. Milan articulates his comfort with his situation remarkably well. Milan's understanding of his sexuality and his experiences offer valuable



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insights that can help kids of all walks of life find love and self-acceptance. Our continued hope is to ensure that Southridge School is a safe, respectful and accepting place for all students regardless of race, culture, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. See the film here: [Handsome and Majestic](#).

Will and Georgie then went on to discuss Southridge's new non-gender specific uniform guidelines that the school has developed. The uniform guidelines will allow students to choose from option A or option B and there will no longer be uniform requirements based on gender. The new uniform guidelines will be reflected in student and family handbooks that will be published shortly. In addition, this coming fall, the school will be creating individual, non-gender specific washrooms for student use.

In September we will be having staff and student workshops put on by Out in Schools, an organization that promotes the belief that all students deserve a school that is safe, inclusive and welcoming. Out in Schools is a program that recognizes that media is a powerful tool for social change, as well as a marvelous teaching aid. They use film and video with facilitated group discussion to engage students across BC on issues of homophobia, transphobia and bullying. As an educational outreach initiative, Out in Schools seeks to raise awareness and advance the safety of learning environments for all youth. We look forward to welcoming Out in Schools to Southridge early in the new school year as we continue to strive to make Southridge a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all.

Have a great week!

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School

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



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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 25th and we will return to Vancouver on July 5th, 2018. The dates will not conflict with any final exams or Grad events. The cost of the tour will be around \$4,100.00 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.

Mr. Knihniski

Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Trip

On Monday, June 19th we will be offering a mountain biking trip to the north shore. This trip will depart from Southridge at 8:00 am and head to Mount Fromme in North Vancouver. There we will participate in a skills session, followed by a ride up mountain highway (gravel road) and descent down fun, flowing singletrack trails (we will repeat this loop several times while developing skills throughout the afternoon).

We are pleased to be working again with Endless Biking, who will provide mountain bike guides as well as instruction. The two teachers on this trip will be Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jones. The cost is \$100, or \$120 if you wish to rent a mountain bike and helmet. Please see Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Jones for a form if you are interested. Spots on this trip are limited to 10, and the last trip filled up very quickly, so get your forms in as soon as possible if you are interested!

An Local Early Harvest for the Surrey Urban Mission

In the past weeks, if you've wandered out to watch our boys play rugby, you may have noticed some raised garden beds, an arbour, and some perennial shrubs and trees to the North of the field. This is a new project, first proposed by Simrat Dial (Grad 2016) and Sanya Grover (Grade 11) last school year. With the help of several parent volunteers and



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teachers this Spring, we built six substantial raised yellow cedar beds. The area was mulched and veggies planted. Mr. Swan and Ms. Kooner from the Junior School organized some 'green thumbed' students to help. Many teachers from the Senior School pitched in, as did a dozen or more students, from Grades 8 to 12.

This past Friday, we were able to use some of our home-grown produce to increase the nutrient count in the soup and sandwiches for our Senior School weekly trip to the Surrey Urban Mission. Each week, students from one advisory arrive at school early Friday morning to make soup and assemble sandwiches. Junior School students also supply sandwiches. In this week's soup went our own kale, pak choi, spinach, and parsley; in the sandwiches, we added two different lettuces. All of the above were organic goodness... planted, watered and harvested by our own students; how great is that!

Stephen "Farmer" John Burrage

Senior School – Laptop Returns

Every year, we collect the laptops for grade 8, 9 and 11 and keep them over the summer as we update software and the operating systems for all students. For grade 10 and 12 students, we need to restore the laptops back to factory standards and remove all licensed software from the devices and then return the laptop to the students for them to take home. If a laptop is not returned by a grade 10 or 12 students, we will bill you for the licensed software that is on your device, so we appreciate your cooperation in returning your device in a timely manner. Please ensure you bring your laptop, charger and backpack.

Grade 8: Wednesday June 14th and Thursday June 15th - after your Social Studies interviews (Room 224)

Grade 9: Thursday June 15th – 7:30 to 8:30 am – prior to your French 9 exam (Room 224)

Grade 10: Thursday June 15th – 7:30 to 8:30 am – prior to your Social Studies 10 exam (Room 224) – pickup after your exam

Grade 11: Wednesday June 14th – 7:30 to 8:30 am (Room 224)*

Grade 12: Monday June 12th to Thursday June 15th (Room 224) – pickup the next day.**

*Grade 11 students can hand in their laptops prior to the date listed and if required, can hand in June 15th if it is required for the last day of exams. Please email Mr. Latta if you require an extension.



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**Grade 12 students can hand in their laptops after their last exam during the week of June 12-15th; if they are planning on writing the English Provincial Exam on June 23rd, please email Ms. Holt (jholt@southernridge.bc.ca) to let her know and return the laptop after writing the provincial exam.

If there is a need to keep your laptop beyond the hand-in dates listed, please email Mr. Latta (platta@southernridge.bc.ca) and he will approve any extensions. We appreciate all your support in ensuring the devices are returned on the appropriate date.

Thank you,

Ms. Mosher & Mr. Latta

Math 8 And 9 Changes for September 2017

In our ongoing desire to help all learners achieve their maximum potential and deepen their understanding and confidence with mathematics, and in line with the spirit of the new Ministry of Education curriculum, the Mathematics Department has decided to make some changes in Mathematics 8. Starting this September, all students entering Grade 8 in the Senior School will write a 60-minute Math Placement Test on the first day of school. The results of this test, along with the students' Grade 7 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) and Math 7 teacher marks, will be used to assess where individual students are at in terms of their overall math learning. This information will be used to determine the make-up of our five Math 8 classes which will be constructed as follows:

- One class of students who have demonstrated ability and readiness to be accelerated in their mathematics learning (will complete Math 8 and 9 in Grade 8 and Math 10 in Grade 9).
- One class of students who have demonstrated ability and readiness to complete Math 8 at a somewhat faster than normal pace, with extra time available for enrichment and problem solving.
- Three classes of students who will work through Math 8 at a regular pace where the goal will be striving for mastery of core concepts and competencies to strengthen the success of these students in mathematics in future years.

Once the Math 8 classes have been formed after the first few days of school, there may be an opportunity for a few students to move between classes during the first few months of the course based on demonstrated performance in class. Please note that the first day Math Placement Test is NOT one which students can or should prepare for. Students



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should simply be equipped with a pencil, eraser, straightedge and basic calculator on their first day of school.

Another change beginning in September is that Coding 9, a new Ministry of Education requirement, will be delivered “together” in one block with Math 9. This means that during a given block, students will spend $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year doing Math 9 and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the year doing Coding 9. Every nine weeks, the four “classes” of Grade 9 students will rotate to a different section of Math 9 (three 9 week sections) or Coding 9 (one 9 week session). Below is an example of what this might look like.

	Quarter 1 (9 weeks)	Quarter 2 (9 weeks)	Quarter 3 (9 weeks)	Quarter 4 (9 weeks)
Class 1	Coding	Math Part A	Math Part B	Math Part C
Class 2	Math Part A	Coding	Math Part B	Math Part C
Class 3	Math Part A	Math Part B	Coding	Math Part C
Class 4	Math Part A	Math Part B	Math Part C	Coding

This rotation of students to different “quarters” will mean that students will have two to three different teachers during their Grade 9 year for their Coding 9 and Math 9 instruction. If you have any questions about the above changes and initiatives, you can contact me at cseib@southridge.bc.ca.

Mr. Seib
Curriculum Leader for Mathematics

Book Return Process for Senior Library

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it is time to start considering the book return process.

Library Books

- Students will receive weekly email reminders of overdue library books.
- Students were supposed to return all library books by Wednesday May 31st.
- The library will be closed to borrowing for a few days while we conduct our annual inventory.

Textbooks

- Most textbooks will be returned in the Great Hall on exam days.



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- 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

University Counselling News

Grade 12 Information Night for the Class of 2018

Reminder for Grade 11 parents and families that they are invited to attend a "Rising Grade 12" information night on Monday, June 5th at 7:00pm in the Senior School Great Hall. Ms. Livingston and Mrs. Becker will be highlighting the work completed in Grade 11 Planning class that assists students in preparing for the university and college applications process and deadlines for 2018.

We hope to see you there!

Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

Southridge School Examinations – 2017

The last day of classes for Southridge students will be Thursday, June 8th. Grade 8 and 9 final science tests will take place between June 5th – 8th during classroom time. School examinations, which take place in the Senior School gymnasium, will begin the following day on Friday, June 9th. It would be helpful to review the schedule, and our examinations policy, (see attachments) very carefully with your sons and daughters prior to the exam period. In addition, 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



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prevents the student being on time or able to write the exam, please contact Mr. Jones, Assistant Head of the Senior School, or Mrs. Holt, Senior School Academic Director.

Thank you.

Attachments:

- **Southridge School Examination Schedule, 2017**
- **Final Examination Policy**

Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Director

Both Schools

Charting our Journey Forward

Last Thursday evening, we hosted an event for all parents to provide feedback on the school's draft strategic plan. The evening was very productive and we were encouraged to hear valuable feedback, thoughtful suggestions, as well as enthusiasm and optimism for the proposed direction of our strategic plan.

For those of you who were unable to join us, we are pleased to share the [following video of the presentation](#). We encourage you to watch and listen, and then **share your feedback by sending an email to ourfuture@southridge.bc.ca by **Wednesday June 7th****. All feedback will be reviewed alongside the responses we received from parents at last week's event, as well as the comments we have collected from staff, faculty, and students. This process will inform our final edits and updates to the strategic plan, which will be completed in the coming months and then ultimately presented as a final document to our community in January 2018.

Your voice is very important to this process, as this strategic plan will guide our school's programs, operations, capital developments and events for the next 5+ years.

Thank you in advance for participating in this process and for helping us shape the future of our school.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Drew Stephens, Head of School



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Don't FORE-get to Register for Golf!!!

Thank you to everyone who has already supported this year's Southridge Golf Tournament, presented by Innovative Fitness, at Hazelmere Golf Club on Friday, June 9th. Whether you're participating as a golfer, sponsor or volunteer, your support will help us reach our goal of purchasing Storm Athletic uniforms for our kids, new score clocks in the Senior School gym, and new spin bikes for the workout room.

[Golf spots](#) are still available at \$185/person and include a day of action and activities on the course, plus dinner and dancing at the '19th Hole'. It's going to be an epic day of fun, so register now and get into the game!

[Dinner/dance tickets](#) are \$85 each and selling fast and furious, so don't miss out on the last hurrah of the year! It's a great way to kick-off summer and support our final fundraising event with your Southridge friends!

We also are in need of [on-course volunteers](#), so if you are able to join us from 11:30am to 6:00pm(ish), then we would be happy to treat you to a burger bar lunch and complimentary BBQ dinner and dance party as well! It takes a lot of helping hands to ensure the tournament runs smoothly, so all help is welcome and much appreciated.

We'll send an email blast to all golfers this Thursday with a full list of on-course activities and reminder of things to bring that day (ie: cash for the Activity Booklet (\$25) and the 50/50 draw, a bottle of wine for the Wine Raffle etc), but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Shelley Slaughter on 604-542-2334 or sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, June 9th at Hazelmere Golf Club, as we kick-off summer with a rocking day on the greens and a big dose of Southridge comradery!

2017 Golf Committee



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2017-2018 School Forms – Deadline, June 1st

Distribution and collection of important forms for all students for the 2017-2018 school year are underway so that this can be attended to before the excitement and busyness of year-end activities commence. Personalized Family Information and Medical Care Plan forms were mailed to your home. **Please check your mail** for this important information, **complete the form** and **return to the school by Thursday, June 1st**.

Other important consent and information forms were distributed to parents via email and can be completed online.

We appreciate your prompt attention to these required documents. If you have any questions regarding the forms, you may email: forms@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you,

Wendy Simpson
Director of Finance & Administration

End-of-Year Donations to Southridge

Thank you to all our parents who have already made their annual donation to Southridge this school year!

If you have not made a donation yet, there is still time! There are a couple of projects that are still in need of your support:

- Athletics – We still need to raise an additional \$3,000 in order to purchase additional branded outdoor tents for our teams and spectators.
- Greatest Need Fund – Want to donate to Southridge but aren't particular about what area to support? The Greatest Need Fund is allocated on an annual basis to the projects around the school that need it most. We are still hoping to raise an additional \$25,000 for this important fund.
- Finally, directing your gift towards our endowment funds allows us to offer bursaries to students who would otherwise be unable to attend Southridge. **This is a remarkable way to make a real impact on a student's life.** Contributing to either the Carol E. Levy Memorial Endowment Fund or the Alan Brown Memorial Endowment fund also allows us to be more accessible to a broader socio-economic family population.

Donations can be made easily and safely [online here](#).



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Alternatively, have you ever considered donating publicly traded securities or shares? When you donate such securities to Southridge (or any Canadian registered charity), you do not have to pay a capital gains tax. Capital gains, or the increase in value of your securities over the price you paid when you purchased them, would be subject to tax if you were to simply sell them, even if you plan to donate the proceeds from the sale. But when you donate securities that have increased in value directly to Southridge, those capital gains are not subject to tax and your donation can have an even larger impact. The process is simple – just contact me directly if you have any questions or would like additional information at 604-542-2330.

If you would prefer to make a donation by cheque, please ensure that you have dropped off your donation to the school by June 23, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all at chodson@southridge.bc.ca. Thank you again for all your support of Southridge and our students and for making a donation this year!

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

The Future of Volunteering at Southridge

Now is your chance to have a say regarding the future of volunteering at Southridge! What is important? Meaningful? Valuable? Expendable? We want to hear it all. Please send your comments to volunteer@southridge.bc.ca by June 1st.

Southridge Café

The Café staff like feedback! Feel free to let us know some of your favourites and not-so-favourites. As we try out new dishes, let us know what you think. This way, we will know whether to add it to our menu or not. You can provide us with your comments or suggestions at: southridge@canuelcaterers.ca

Please see the **attached** menus for June.

Uniform Shop News

Want some hair accessories that match your Southridge uniform? The Uniform Shop has a selection of headbands, hair clips, and hair ties that match your uniform nicely. Come in and take a look!



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Our opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 7:45 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday: closed

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager



Southridge Examination Schedule - June 2017

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

MORNING EXAMS:

Assembly: 8:10am
Exam Begins: 8:30am

AFTERNOON EXAMS:

Assembly: 12:15pm
Exam Begins: 12:30 pm

8:30am Start	Friday June 9	Saturday June 10 Sunday June 11	Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15
8	ENGLISH 8			MATH 8 & MATH 8 (Accelerated)		
9	ENGLISH 9		SOCIALS 9	MATH 9		FRENCH 9
10	FRENCH 10		ENGLISH 10	MATH 10	SCIENCE 10	SOCIALS 10
11	SOCIALS 11		ENGLISH 11	PRE-CALCULUS 11	CHEM 11/11H	BIOLOGY 11 (Hons) Gym
12	CHEMISTRY 12		HISTORY 12	PRE-CALCULUS 12	CALCULUS 12	BIOLOGY 12
12:30pm Start.						
8					Socials 8 (Interviews)	Socials 8 (Interviews)
11	FRENCH 11 FRENCH 10 (Hons)		PHYSICS 11 AP PHYSICS 1	BIOLOGY 11 (2hrs) Practical Lab Exam 116		
12	LAW 12		PHYSICS 12	FRENCH 12	ECONOMICS 12 SPANISH 11/12	



SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL

Final Examination Policy, Senior School

MORNING EXAM SCHEDULE:

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

AFTERNOON EXAM SCHEDULE:

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

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

Students

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

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

Faculty

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

ENTRY:

Students

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

Faculty

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

DISMISSAL:

Students

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

Faculty

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

	Mon-29	Tues-30	Wed-31	Thur-1	Fri-2
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Peach Scone	Smoothie Day	Sausage Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chicken Quesadilla	Salad Bar	Chicken Chow Mein	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo	Italiano	Macaroni and Cheese	Curry Pasta	Marinara
Grill Central	Meat Ball Sub	BBQ Ribber	Spring Rolls	Pizza	Pot Pie
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto
Great Greens	Chic Pea Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad

We always offer our regular menu in addition to our daily specials



	Mon- 5	Tues-6	Wed-7	Thur-8	Fri-9
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Blueberry Muffin	Smoothie Day	Lemon Poppy Seed Scone	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Enchilada	Salad Bar	Burrito Bar	Salad Bar	Lemongrass Chicken
Pasta Bowl	Rose'	Cannelloni	Mac and Cheese	Chicken Penne	Primavera
Grill Central	Spicy Chicken Brg	Stuffed Chicken	BBQ Ribber	Personal Pizza	Smokie
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad

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	Mon-12	Tues-13	Wed-14	Thur-15	Fri-16
Breakfast	Bacon Egger	Berry Scone	Sausage Wrap	Blue Berry Muffin	Bacon Wrap
Chef's Entree	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Pasta Bowl	Bow Ties	Italiano	Mac and Cheese	Alfredo	Marinara
Grill Central	Pizza	Chicken Strips	Smokie	Poutine	Burger and Fries
Weekly Panini	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken	Thai Chicken

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