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Head of School

Junior School Parking Lot Update

Welcome back everyone! A very big thank you to all of the Junior School parents for their cooperation in our parking lot during our drop-off routine assessment. As a quick reminder, we implemented four adjustments on a two-week trial basis before the winter holiday: (1) funneling cars to one lane upon entry at our north entrance to help reduce on-site congestion, (2) assisting pedestrians crossing our driveway at designated crosswalks, (3) creating a “safe walk zone” within the parking lot and (4) adding an extra drop-off loop in the far west parking bay.

Thank you to those of you who took a moment to comment on the new elements of our routine. I think it is fair to say that despite the fact that the wait time has increased to get into our parking lot when approaching Southridge traveling south along 160th Street, there has been much more order on our property and a greater degree of safety for our students as they make their way from the parking lot to the front doors of the Junior School.

Specifically, there were fewer people abandoning cars along the curb beside the playing field thereby reducing congestion, there were fewer incidents of people dashing out to cross the driveway dangerously at undesignated areas, the need for pedestrians to zig-zag between parked cars to get through the parking lot was greatly reduced because of the safe walk zone, and there were fewer cars navigating the parking lot due to some drivers opting to use the new “far west” drop-off loop. Additionally, for those people crossing the driveway at our crosswalks, at least one extra set of eyes were available to help keep children safe. A big thank you goes out to our facilities team (Jim McGarry, Trudy Beer, Tyrel Dyck and Stuart McBurnie) for committing themselves to helping create a high degree of safety for our students and families in our parking lot. They are a great team!

Before making a final decision about what elements of the new routine to keep and what elements to discard, I'd like to ask for your cooperation until Friday January 27 as we continue with our trial. There are a couple of specific observations that I'd like to see if we can get more information on over the next couple of weeks. First of all, there are currently about 15 cars taking advantage of the far west drop-off loop and we'd like to see that number increase to 20 or even 25. Due to the cold and relatively uncooperative pre-Christmas weather it was difficult to determine whether the far-west zone was simply too



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far, or whether the climate created less than ideal conditions to use the new drop-off loop. A couple of more weeks should give us a better idea of how this new loop is being utilized.

Secondly, we've observed that many people create their own "short loop" by dropping off their children about half-way along the driveway and then making a hard cut across traffic to access the mid-level parking bay by the crosswalk – the one where Tyrel helps our children cross safely – in order to avoid completing a longer loop. Unfortunately, while this practice helps to create an efficient get-away, it also contributes to congestion at a critical point along our driveway. If you are cutting hard across traffic to access the parking bay by the controlled crosswalk, please stop; rather, join the flow of traffic and use a parking bay further up toward the Junior School front doors to make your exit loop.

As a general request, Mrs. de Hoog and I ask that drivers pull-up as far forward as possible in front of the Junior School – all the way past the front doors, even – because we would like to utilize the space available there to help keep traffic moving more fluidly in the "long loop". You may be surprised to know that when cars pull-in to the first available space along the driveway by the playing field it actually contributes to the creation of congestion for other drivers both on the school's property and on 160th Street, especially when those same cars cut hard across traffic by the crosswalk where Tyrel stands, as mentioned above.

I would suggest that if you'd like to take advantage of a short loop, please make use of the new far west drop-off area. While I openly acknowledge that this new loop does not give your children immediate access to the sidewalk, I would also suggest that the walking distance is really not all that onerous, and the improvements we've made within our parking lot provide (a) a well-supervised passageway and (b) a controlled route to get across the driveway to access the sidewalk. The new drop-off loop is short for you and safe for your children. Please consider using it rather than creating your own short loop.

Finally, a note about priorities. I understand the frustration that some people have expressed about an increase in wait time to get into our parking lot; however, when it comes to what is most important the safety of our children comes first, as I am sure we'd all agree. If, however, you are worried about the time it takes to get up the hill on 160th between 7:55 and 8:03 am, I respectfully suggest that you leave home earlier. Our team is in place every morning by 7:45 am and we're ready to work with you to keep our parking lot a safe zone for all of our children. After all, safety trumps convenience. I will provide another update on our parking lot in an upcoming edition of the Southridge Wednesday.

Thank you again for your commitment to our children's safety and have a wonderful week!



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Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior School Noon Dismissal	Thursday, January 12	Noon	Senior School
Senior School Parent-Teacher Interviews	Thursday, January 12	TBC	Senior School
Guest Speaker: Brie Mathers – “Love the Skin You’re In”	Monday, January 16	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Senior School
GR 7 Parent Evening	Thursday, January 19	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Alderdice Library
GR 6 & 7 Dance	Friday, January 20	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Junior School Gym
No School for PYP	Friday, January 27	All Day	PYP Only
Professional Development Day	Friday, February 10	All Day	Both Schools
Family Day	Monday, February 13	All Day	Both Schools
End of Term Holiday	Tuesday, February 14	All Day	Both Schools
Noon Dismissal	Thursday, February 23	Noon	Junior School
Student Led Conferences	Thursday, February 23	1:00 pm	Junior School
Senior Play	Thursday, February 23	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play	Friday, February 24	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play	Saturday, February 25	2:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play	Saturday, February 25	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
No Kindergarten Classes	Friday, February 24	All Day	Junior School



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Junior School News

Head of Junior School

Simplicity is the word...

Happy New Year to each of you! I hope that the Winter Break was one filled with memories and lots of time to connect, and that 2017 brings you abundance in the things that matter the most to you. I am looking forward to the second term, and it is so wonderful to return to the Southridge community after this break with relationships and knowledge that I did not have when the school year began in September. The New Year is always a bit of a strange time for me, for while it marks the beginning of the calendar New Year, I tend to feel more energized and ready to set goals for the start of the new school year. The lead up to September has long been my time for “New Year thinking and planning”. Unfortunately, that has long left me feeling a bit out of sorts when January 1st rolls around, and one can’t avoid being asked what resolutions you are setting for the upcoming year. In the past, I would make something up just to move the conversation along, but never actually followed through with any of these resolutions. This never left me feeling good as ultimately, I was setting myself up to fail, even though I had happily and productively been working towards the goals I had set in preparation for my other New Year in September. A few years ago I finally decided that I wasn’t going to play this mental game anymore, and instead of making up resolutions I began to choose a word that aligned with my September goals and would carry me through my next September New Year and to the end of the calendar year. I have found this to be a much better fit. This year, my word is SIMPLICITY. I have long been a believer in the *less IS more* principle, but I am not always successful in getting myself there. In choosing SIMPLICITY as my word, I will continually aim to ask myself, *“am I keeping this simple? Is there a simpler way to do this? Does this choice or decision reflect my desire for SIMPLICITY?”*

Some of the teachers and other Senior Management Team members might have noticed the plethora of notebooks that I cart around with me to meetings or that are often strewn across my desk. I confess, it’s a little addiction that I have - I love notebooks, and if you were to peek inside my nightstand drawer you’d see that it is filled with half used notebooks that I have collected over the years. In September, I decided that pretty covers really didn’t help me keep organized, so I made a deliberate choice to opt for function over form by purchasing a number of simple, blank note books: black ones for meeting notes and a red one for tasks. However, all fall I have been fumbling over my notebooks, and never seem to have the right one at the right moment. One Sunday afternoon as I was getting myself ready for the week ahead, my husband poked his head into our office and observed me flipping through my multitude of notebooks. “You should try bullet journaling,” he suggested. I had never heard of bullet journaling, so I began to do some



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research and liked what I saw - one notebook for everything! (Feel free to laugh - this really was a major epiphany for me!) In my effort to truly and intentionally bring the word SIMPLICITY to life this year, I have spent time over this holiday setting up my bullet journal and am going to give it a college try. I have set my journal up with very simple parameters (and believe you me, there are some pretty fancy and complex bullet journalers out there). So far, the results have been simple, but very noticeable. So, if you happen to see me carting around more than one notebook, I might need an intervention. Hopefully, this small but significant change is the beginning of being more mindful of SIMPLICITY this calendar year. P.S. If you are a bullet journaler and have any tips or tricks to share, I'd love to hear them.

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Grade 7 Parent Information Session - Thursday, January 19th

Attention parents of current Grade 7 students - please plan to attend the Senior School Information Night on Thursday, January 19th, in the Alderdice Library from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the transition from Junior School to Senior School, meet some of the Senior School team, receive information about the Senior School Education Plan(SSEP), the Harkness Method and learn about student-life and opportunities in the Senior School. We hope to see you there!

Non-Instructional Day for PYP Students - Friday, January 27th

Please note that school will not be in session for PYP (Kindergarten - Grade 4) students on Friday, January 27th. PYP teachers will be supporting admissions testing and observations for prospective students on this day. Please mark your calendars and do not send your child to school if they are in Kindergarten through Grade 4. It will be a regular school day for MYP students (Grades 5-7).

FSA Testing for Grades 4 and 7 Students

Ministry of Education Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) will take place beginning in the coming weeks through February 17th. Grade 4 and 7 teachers will communicate a schedule of specific test dates very soon. Please do not schedule appointments or plan any absences during testing times as students who miss tests are given an incomplete score. Testing consists of a combination of online and hand-written components for Literacy (reading and writing) and Numeracy. This will be the last iteration of the current



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FSA format, as the Ministry will shift to a format that is more aligned with the redesigned curriculum for the 2017-18 school year. Future FSA testing will take place in October and November, beginning in the fall of 2017.

For more information about the current FSA tests, please visit:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/teach/pdfs/assessment/fsabrochure.pdf>

For information regarding changes to FSAs in the 2017/18 school year please visit:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment-reporting/new-foundation-skills-assessment>

Professional Development Day, Family Day Holiday and Half-Term Holiday, Friday, February 10th – Tuesday, February 14th

Friday, February 10th is a Professional Development Day – school will not be in session for students. School will be closed for the Family Day Holiday on Monday, February 13th and for the Half-Term Holiday on Tuesday, February 14th. Classes will resume with a late start on Wednesday, February 15th at 10:25 a.m. ***Please do not bring students any earlier than 10:10 a.m. as all faculty and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.***

Student Led Conferences: Thursday, February 23rd (noon dismissal)

Throughout the learning process, students actively select their own pieces of work to include in their Portfolios. These pieces reflect many different subject areas as they relate to the elements of the IB PYP and MYP programs and demonstrate their own personal reflections and growth as a learner. On Thursday, February 23rd students will have the opportunity to share their portfolios as they host their own student-led conference. This is an important opportunity for students to showcase and communicate their learning with their parents. Please be aware that there will be a **12:00 noon dismissal** on that day to accommodate the conferences. Please save the date and plan to be present to support your child.

Kindergarten Parents - No school on Friday, February 24th

There is no school for Kindergarten students on Friday, February 24th due to entrance assessments for prospective kindergarten students. Thank you in advance to Kindergarten parents for making alternate arrangements for your children on this day.



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Author Visit on January 18th – David Bouchard

David Bouchard is an award-winning Métis children's author and literacy advocate who will be coming to visit Southridge School on Wednesday, January 18th. During this time of First Nations Truth and Reconciliation and the updated British Columbia curriculum, we hope he will inspire our students to value and appreciate the role of literature and aboriginal worldviews in their own lives. He will be spending the afternoon at our school doing a presentation for Grades 1-3 about reading and stories, followed by a presentation about the cultural role of storytelling for Grades 5-6. Students in other grades will have their opportunity for another author visit that will be a suitable link to their curriculum in February.

We have many of his beautifully illustrated picture books in our library, and many local bookstores carry them as well. Many titles are available in French or English with accompanying text in Ojibwe, Michif or Mi'kmaq. A letter regarding this visit with a pre-order form was sent home with your child on Tuesday, January 10th during homeroom. If you would like to purchase a copy of one of his books prior to the event, fill in the order form and return it with cash, cheque or authorized on account payment to your child's homeroom teacher by **Friday, January 13th**, in the morning. These books will be pre-signed and delivered to your child on the day of the author event. Signed books can also be ordered after the event with cash or cheque, but the option of charging it to your child's account is only possible with this preorder form.

We are looking forward to hearing from this gifted storyteller and educator.

Sue McNeil
MYP Division Leader and Literacy Promoter



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Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Happy New Year!

In my welcome back message to students in our assembly this Monday I asked how many students had ever failed at keeping a New Year's resolution; about 50-60% of hands went up. Resolutions are usually made around the things we don't like about ourselves and when we fail to meet our goal, we often end up feeling even worse. I have to admit, at my age I've stopped making resolutions and prefer rather to pursue being the best version of myself that I can be *today* without putting any unrealistic demands on myself for tomorrow or next week. So in assembly, I encouraged students to shoot for being happy with who they are, to stop comparing themselves to unrealistic models that society often forces upon them, and to work on being the best version of themselves today, letting tomorrow take care of itself. This isn't to say we shouldn't have long term goals - but we need to be aware that long term plans and timelines sometimes need to evolve and adapt as our circumstances change.

Before the Christmas break I sent out an article to the teaching staff written by Colin Harris, a former high school principal who now works as a consultant to schools around North America called: "*When people ask me what makes a great school, the answer is easy - love.*" I also mentioned this article to students in our final assembly before the break, and encouraged students to be good role models to each other and to allow Southridge to be a place of love and acceptance. Harris mentions that as he travels to countless schools throughout the year the most important factor that he feels demonstrates a desirable ethos in a school is positive teacher-student relationships and the friendliness of students as they interact with each other. It is my hope for the New Year that Southridge students and staff will continue to contribute to the positive ethos we have created here, and to resolve this year to be the best possible version of ourselves that we can be every single day.

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School



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Senior Play – A Midsummer Night’s Dream

As some of you may have heard this year the Southridge Drama department has selected the famous William Shakespeare play, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, as their major production.

With only two months till opening night, the cast are very engaged and excited to be exploring this whimsical twist on a classical masterpiece, however the process to select the play was nothing short of a battle. We spent several weeks, discussing and analysing many different scripts of various genres. When *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* was suggested, it created a lot of controversy over whether it would be the best fit for this year’s cast and if the audience would appreciate the classical piece.

After looking at all of the hilarious and complex characters, the exhilarating story line and the potential for some really unique set pieces and lighting, the cast came to the consensus that choosing this timeless theatrical adventure was a risk they were willing to take. And with the show selected and auditions finished, the rehearsals began without a moment to waste.

As the cast progressed scene by scene through the script, any former anxiety about the show was washed away with the excitement that was growing as they began understanding this strangely hilarious show.

Whether it be on stage or off, this years production will be quite a journey and we hope you will join us every step of the way! Check out the Wednesday each week for more sneak peaks of the process leading up to opening night!

Georgie Adams

Donate Knitting to Guatemala

The yarn club is knitting and crocheting hats and blankets for the Guatemala Service trip. Ms. Alexandra will deliver the items to the Guatemalan mothers and children in March. If you have knitting items you would like to donate, or would like to make a hat or baby blanket, please get in touch with Ms. Alexandra as soon as possible!
ialexandra@southridge.bc.ca

Join the Heritage Committee

Interested in joining the Heritage Committee? We will begin meeting once a week starting next week on Day 8, Friday, January 20th in room 210. Bring your lunch.



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Ira Alexandra
Senior School Social Studies

Why Take the Delf?

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

A DELF or DALF diploma offers:

International recognition of French proficiency:

1. Life-long certification whether obtained in the candidate's country or another country.
2. Based on the same international standard used in 154 countries (CFR).
3. Facilitates interprovincial dialogue in Canada.

A testimonial to one's success in learning French:

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

Advantages for post-secondary education:

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

Enhances one's resume:

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

If you are interested in taking a DELF exam, please contact Madame Lew at the school to register! You can make contact in person or by emailing: mlew@southridge.bc.ca. Support tutorials will start in January, as the exams are in April.



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Cross Country Skiing on Cypress Mountain

We are excited to host Cross Country Skiing outings to Cypress Mountain on the following Fridays (weather-permitting):

- Friday, January 13
- Friday, January 27
- Friday, February 3
- Friday, February 17
- Friday, February 24

If your child is interested, please have them pick up a Parent Consent Letter from Mr. Sterelyukhin or Julia L.

For these outings, the group will leave right after school and come back around 9:00 pm. Watch this video for some inspiration (go to 1:52:50 and hit play from there):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJYIn9sywoA>

Max Sterelyukhin

Senior School Mathematics Teacher; Cross Country Club Organizer



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Both Schools

Internet & Social Media Safety Presentation – January 30th

Parents should have received an email yesterday inviting you to join us for a special presentation at Southridge on **January 30th at 6:30 pm** featuring **Darren Laur of Personal Protection Systems**.

In this dynamic presentation, Laur – a former Staff Sergeant at the Victoria City Police Department – draws on his experience in law enforcement conducting on-line investigations to highlight the ways in which youth are interacting on the internet and social media, and to show how they are not always taking the appropriate safety precautions to help mitigate the risks from those who might want to victimize them.

By attending, you'll learn what you can do to help keep your child(ren) safe on-line, increase their privacy and protect their digital footprint. **ALL parents (K-12) are invited to join us!**

EVENT DETAILS:

Monday, January 30, 2017

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Southridge School - 2656 160th Street, Surrey, BC
(Junior School Great Hall)

No pre-registration or entry fee is required.

Thank you – I hope to see you there!

Wendy Turriff
Junior School Counsellor

New Schoology Login – App Update

On **Monday, January 9th**, Schoology is releasing a new, more streamlined login flow for both iOS and Android devices. "Southridge" will now be cached in your device, and they've improved the login workflow to ensure that logging in on the mobile app more closely resembles your login experience on the web. Please note, these new enhancements require users to update their Schoology apps to the most recent version— 3.12.0 for iOS, and 4.2.0 for Android.



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Here is the link to a video explaining the new process.

https://youtu.be/RXB1bRQOhZw?list=PLYFJ9RQgn1kHQ4hITQoE_S4woFL3urZZI

Heather Mosher
Senior Technology Leader

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 January.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop has long sleeves PE shirts for students from K-12. They will keep students warmer when playing outdoor. Do come in and take a look. Our opening hours are:

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

Friday: closed

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager



	Mon-9	Tues-10	Wed-11	Thur-12	Fri-13
Breakfast	Cranberry Scone	Smoothie Day	Blueberry Muffin	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Butter Chicken	Beef Dip	Salad Bar	Chicken Pot Pie	Pizza
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo Pasta	Mac and Cheese	Beef Ravioli	Marinara	Pasta Rose
Grill Central	Spicy Chicken Brg	BBQ Ribber	Chicken Fajita	BBQ Bacon Cheese Burg	Fish Burger
Weekly Panini	BBQ Chicken Chipotle	BBQ Chicken Chipotle	BBQ Chicken Chipotle	BBQ Chicken Chipotle	BBQ Chicken Chipotle
Great Greens	Grain Salad	Chef Salad	Salad	Tossed Salad	Caesar Salad

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



	Mon-16	Tues-17	Wed-18	Thur-19	Fri-20
Breakfast	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day	Blueberry Scone	Sausage Wrap	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chow Mein	Perogies and Sausage	Salad Bar	Lemongrass chicken	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo Pasta	Gnocchi	Chicken Curry	Primavera	Mac and Cheese
Grill Central	Spring Rolls	Mushroom Swiss Burger	Chili	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Brg
Weekly Panini	Thai chili Chicken	Thai Chili Chicken	Thai Chili Chicken	Thai Chili Chicken	Thai Chili Chicken
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Chicken Caesar	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Tossed Salad

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Tues-24

Wed-25

Thur-26

Fri-27

Breakfast

Sausage
Egger

Smoothie
Day

Berry
Muffin

Bacon Wrap

Smoothie
Day

Chef's
Entree

Taco Bowl

Greek
Chicken

Salad Bar

Individual
Pizza

Fish Taco

Pasta
Bowl

Pasta
Italiano

Mac and
Cheese

Chicken
Alfredo

Marinara

Gnocchi

Grill
Central

Chicken
Waffle Brg

BBQ Bacon
Brg

Quesadilla

Spicy
Chicken Brg

Chicken
Ranch Sub

Weekly
Panini

Chicken
Caesar

Chicken
Caesar

Chicken
Caesar

Chicken
Caesar

Chicken
Caesar

Great
Greens

Chick Pea
Salad

Tuna Salad

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

Tossed
Salad

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	Mon-30	Tues-31	Wed-1	Thur-2	Fri-3
Breakfast	Berry Scone	Smoothie Day	Bacon Egger	Chocolate chip muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Butter Chick Pot Pie	Piri Piri Chicken	Salad Bar	Burrito Bar	Fish Burger
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo Pasta	Mac and Cheese	Beef Ravioli	Marinara	Canneloni
Grill Central	BBQ Ribber	Spicy Chicken Brg	Pizza	BBQ Bacon Cheese Brg	Thai Chicken Flatbread
Weekly Panini	Italliano	Italiano	Italiano	Italiano	Italiano
Great Greens	Grain Salad	Thai Chicken Salad	Chef Salad	Chef Salad	Caesar Salad

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