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#### **Head of School**

#### **Character is Character, Right?**

Over the past few years, character has gained more and more attention in the world of education, and it likely has a lot to do with the identification of attributes such as grit that help people succeed. Angela Duckworth is the researcher to whom the measure of grit has been attributed. She hails from the University of Pennsylvania and studies how concepts such as self-control and grit predict both academic and professional success.

It is probably no surprise that having grit is connected with success because grit is all about an individual's passion for a long-term goal coupled with a powerful drive to achieve it. The same can be said for the influence that self-control has on success. Attributes like these are referred to as performance character traits, which are distinct from moral character traits.

Our mission statement takes a clear focus on moral character traits, which isn't to say that attributes such as self-control and grit aren't important at Southridge. It's just that moral character is sometimes forgotten because of the traditional notion of success that looms large in our part of the western world. Let's face it, we live in a society that promotes individualism, materialism and even greed as measures of success.

Besides the devastating effects that western society's incessant messaging and stimulation has on the mental health and well-being of our youth, the subtexts of so many media messages carry with them an orientation toward linking personal value to monetary value. It is more than a shame that the contextualization of the term "value" in this sense is so often stripped of the powerful values associated with morals.

At the risk of being overly simplistic, morality is about doing good, and although performance character traits can most certainly lead to doing good, they can equally be applied to both immoral and non-moral acts. At the very least, performance and moral character need to live harmoniously in all of us, but it is an imbalance toward moral character that will make a real difference in the world, for despite the powerful drive one might have to achieve a long-term goal, it is the value of the goal itself that really matters in the end.

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One of the most formidable elements of our school's mission statement is the rather bold posture it takes toward developing moral character. If we're not directing our character education efforts toward helping our students gain the wherewithal to feel the value in doing good, then we'd might as well just get in line with all the other schools that value the act of achieving a goal without giving any explicit moral directive toward making a difference in the world.

Nope, character isn't character. Southridge is about doing good, and I, for one, am very thankful that it's moral character that tips the scales at our school.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens Head of School

# **Important Dates**

Event	Date	Time	Location
UBC Visit Information Night	Wednesday, October 26	7:00 pm	Senior School
Junior School Noon Dismissal	Thursday, October 27	Noon	Junior School
Junior School Parent- Teacher Interviews	Thursday, October 27	1:00 pm onward	Junior School
University Essay Workshop	Thursday, October 27	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Senior School Library
Pumpkin Day	Friday, October 28	All Day	Junior School
Casual Day	Friday, October 28	All Day	Both Schools
Spirit Assembly	Monday, October 31	8:10 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior School Assembly	Monday, October 31	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Halloween Costume Day	Monday, October 31	All Day	Both Schools
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, November 2	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
University Essay Workshop	Wednesday, November 2	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Senior School Library
Open House	Thursday, November 3	6:00 pm	Both Schools
University Essay Workshop	Tuesday, November 8	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Senior School Library
"We Are All One" Gala	Saturday, November 19	6:00 pm onward	Senior School Gym

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#### **Junior School News**

#### **Head of Junior School**

#### Pause, Reflect ... and Grow

Recently, students have been bringing home samples of work that represent the completion of their first units of inquiry or study. These samples of work represent the most current learning snapshots in a year long album of learning. The work coming home also provides context for you as you prepare to engage in conversation about your child's learning with his/her teachers at Parent-Teacher interviews taking place this week.

The International Baccalaureate Learner Profile defines the attribute of being reflective as follows: "We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experiences. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development." Taking the time to reflect on new understandings and approaches to learning (skills) with your child in a meaningful and supportive way places value on the process of learning and empowers learner agency (learners who are capable of independent thought). As you sit with your child, to look through and talk about his/her work, what you ask, and how you ask it, will have influence on their next phase of learning.

Here's some open-ended questions that you might ask to support the cultivation of a reflective, growth oriented mindset:

What would you like me to notice the most about this learning and work?
What approaches to learning (skills) did you develop as you engaged in this work?
What did you love doing as you engaged in this learning? Why?
How did you overcome challenges that came up in the learning process?
What are you learning about your own strengths?
What will you continue to work on developing/growing?
What action might you take to help yourself as you learn and grow?

Taking the time to regularly and thoughtfully pause to reflect on the process of learning provides learners with the gift of insight as they think about how their learning experiences are both sustaining and stretching them. We look forward to engaging in on-going reflective dialogue with you throughout the year as we partner together to support growth in learning.

Tanya de Hoog Head of Junior School



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# Parent-Teacher Interviews Thursday, October 27 - Noon Dismissal

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, October 27, from 1:00 to 8:00 pm. Interviews are 20 minutes in length for home room teachers, and 10 minutes in length for specialist teachers. Students will be dismissed at noon. If you have not already done so, please log onto 'Pick a Time' to book your interviews. If you have any issues using 'Pick a Time' please contact the Junior School Office for assistance.

#### Pumpkin Day and Casual Day - Friday, October 28

Friday, October 28 is Pumpkin Day and a casual dress day in the Junior School. Students are invited to bring in their carved and/or decorated pumpkins to display, and earn house points for doing so. Pumpkins will be displayed throughout the school. Please be sure to pick up your pumpkin at the end of the day so you have it to adorn your doorstep for Halloween (and so that we don't have rotting pumpkins over the weekend).

#### Halloween

Monday, October 31 is Halloween Costume Day in the Junior School. We will have our annual Halloween assembly for the entire Junior School, followed by our PYP costume parade in the Senior School. Please ensure that your child selects a costume that is engaging and appropriate. Weapons, even 'fake' weapons such as sickles, axes, and others that may accompany costumes are not permitted to be a part of any costume worn to school. Costumes should be comfortable as they will be worn all day.

#### **Calling all Pumpkins!**

Bring your transformed pumpkins to school on Pumpkin Day (Friday, October 28) and earn five points for your house!

Carve them, decorate them, paint them, and make them as creative as possible! Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3 will showcase their pumpkins on the tables in the Great Hall. Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 will showcase their pumpkins on the tables upstairs above the Great Hall.

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Celebrate your amazing school spirit by creating your pumpkin and sharing it with the Southridge Community on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Remember to take your creation home with you at the end of the day!

Go Chinooks! Go Hawks! Go Otters! Go Ravens!

Happy Pumpkin decorating!

Allison Redies and Linda MacHolm Junior School Art Teachers

#### Winter Wonderland Wanted

Inspired by their Grade 3 unit of inquiry for *Who we are*, current Grade 4 students, Sanskriti and Shuhbam Sharma, Andy Sheng, and Samuel Yu, took action last year by spreading awareness about local homelessness at an assembly. This year, they crafted a supportive plan to provide warmth for the upcoming cold spells. In their hope to create a Winter Wonderland for local individuals who are in need, they are asking our school community to donate gently used men's winter coats, scarves, boots, mittens, gloves and hats. The items will be collected from today through Monday, November 7. Boxes are located inside the main doors of both school buildings.

This Friday is also Casual Day. Students may contribute to the clothing drive or give cash to their homeroom teachers. All donations will be given to the Surrey Urban Mission.

Thank you kindly for your empathetic and caring response to our students' quest to create a Winter Wonderland for all people in our community.

Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Service Coordinator

#### **MYP Arts Day in the City**

We are very excited that the second annual **Southridge MYP Arts Day in the City** is coming up next week! On Friday, November 4, all Grades 5, 6, and 7 students will have a chance to experience the arts in action in Vancouver. We will leave Southridge at 8:30 am and travel by school bus as we head to the Orpheum Theatre to listen to a concert by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. We will then enjoy lunch downtown before visiting the Vancouver Art Gallery for a tour of their exhibits. At the end of the day, we will return to Southridge by school bus, with a plan of arriving for 3:00 pm dismissal.

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Students will need to bring a bag lunch or money (\$10 - \$15) to purchase lunch, their school sweater/blazer and track jacket, and their Arts Process Journal (APJ) for this day. There is no additional cost for this day, as it is included with tuition, although students are welcome to bring spending money if they would like to visit the gift store at the art gallery.

We are very excited to experience the wonderful music and visual art that is just a short drive from Southridge, and we know that it will be a memorable day for the students! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you!

Kevin Bespflug & Linda MacHolm Junior School Music and Art Teachers

#### **Junior Cross-Country Team Headed to ISEA Championships!**

Our cross-country team is off to their last meet of the season and we wish them the best of luck! The team will compete in the ISEA championships in Vancouver on Thursday, October 27. This is the same day as early dismissal and parent-teacher conferences, so please check Schoology for further details. The Grade 3 students will be back for noon dismissal but the other runners will return a little later. Go team!

Samara Ridley-Thomas & Cindy Khangura Junior School Cross-Country Team Coaches

#### Food Friday Launch, A Great Success!

Last week was our first week of this school year doing Food Friday. It was quite a big success. We collected around 150 food items to donate to the Surrey Food Bank. This year, we have created a plan to connect grades (e.g. Kindergarten and Grade 7, Grade 1 and Grade 6, etc.) to bring in items for Food Friday. The reward for the grades who bring in the most food items will be a pizza party. The four Food Friday leaders this year are Arven Gill, Lauren Tkatch, Philicia Tapley and Aerin Brown.

"I (Arven) chose to do Food Friday because it is not right for other human beings to be living out on the street or without adequate food for their families. We do not know their background story and how they ended up homeless or without adequate money but we can only imagine. One dollar or a smile or a willing food donation can help ease the pain

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of living without what we tend to take for granted. So, please continue your generosity and give freely on Food Friday." – Arven Gill, Food Friday Leader

Graeme Swan
Junior School Counsellor

#### **Senior School News**

#### **Head of Senior School**

#### What a Week for Southridge Athletics!

Last week was an epic one for the Southridge athletics teams. Our Senior Boys' Soccer Team easily won their Fraser Valley Championship quarter-final 3 - 0 over Highroad Academy and beat a tough Southpointe team 2 – 1 on Monday in the semi-finals. After the Fraser Valley Championships, Southridge will host the Provincial Championships from November 7 - 9. The Junior Girls' Volleyball team won the ISABC Championships at Brentwood College with a straight set win over Crofton House in the tournament finals taking home the gold medal! And our Senior Girls' Field Hockey Team won the Fraser Valley Championships!

Before coming to Southridge, I have never seen a live field hockey game in my life. I have seen parts of a few Olympic matches on TV, but never a live game, and this month watching our Senior Girls team has changed all that - what an exciting game! It's a tough sport where athletes need to be in top physical condition. The amount of running a player does is similar to soccer, and the shots some girls take seem as hard as an ice hockey slap shot - watch your ankles because the ball is as hard as a rock!

After beating Westview last Thursday in the Fraser Valley semi-finals by a score of 3 - 0, the Senior Girls defeated Enver Creek 3 - 0 in the finals claiming their second straight Fraser Valley Championship! Goal scorers in the semi-final were Lauren Sly (2) and Dilly Cooner, and in the final game it was Lauren Andrews, Cassiel Penalosa and Dilly Cooner with the goals. The ball was in the opposing team's end practically the entire time, and although we clearly dominated this tournament from beginning to end, goalkeeper, Esha Gill, was called on to make a number of key saves to keep the tournament shutout going. Special congratulations to head coach Mr. Doug Barnim and Ms. Antonia Kolic for leading our girls to a solid victory over Enver Creek (a AAA-sized school). The team is off to the Provincial Championships at Tamanawis, November 1 - 5.

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Following the game, Mr. Barnim sent his players the heartfelt email below. I thought it was worth sharing with our community (with Mr. Barnim's permission) as it demonstrates how committed our staff is to making our student's experiences at Southridge amazing, and how each player is valued for her unique contributions:

Well done, girls, and congratulations on a much-deserved Fraser Valley championship. I'm so very proud of you. I know I've said this to you today already, but sometimes I need to remind myself what amazing people you are. I want to thank you for a great season. Thank you to the alternate players for coming out to practice, and even to support in a crucial game (Brianna and Julia). Thank you to the players who came off the bench or who started and helped substitute for other players, making critical contributions by playing crucial minutes in key situations, which may be the most difficult job on the team (Trisha, Evanee, Nikki, Jennifer)--your role on this team is invaluable and I'm so excited to see you progress in the sport. Your positivity throughout the season made this tournament win possible. Thank you Grade 12s for showing tremendous leadership, partnership and support throughout the season (Josephine, Azra, Trisha, Sly, Andrews). Thank you to our captains, Lauren and Esha, for your stewardship of this team. Thank you to Molly Maguire for showing us what it means to be a true friend and teammate. Thank you to Ms. Kolic for helping us along our journey and taking those difficult first steps into field hockey. Thank you Katherine for giving field hockey a try (I'm still going to get you out for Elite ;)). Thank you Cass and Dilly for being such tremendous role models to Southridge girls looking to get involved in the sport (just look at the junior team numbers!). Thank you Samara for your "sort of" funny jokes about your heart; in all seriousness, I think it just may be so big your body has trouble managing it. Thank you Sanya for being so versatile. You enabled those girls to come off the bench and get more minutes because you could play anywhere. Finally, thank you to the parents, without whom this season would never have materialized the way it did. You do everything for your children. I know there is really no way to fully honour you. Unfittingly, my thanks will have to suffice.

The sad truth in life is that there are few memories that remain with us forever. Much of what we inherit from memory and experience is often tainted or sour. Thank you all for a sweet, sweet memory. I will never forget it or any of you.

Mr. B

Brad Smith Head of Senior School

#### **Junior Girls' Field Hockey Completes Season**

Congratulations to the Junior Girls' Field Hockey team for completing the season! Last Monday, we had the pleasure of re-challenging the girls from G.W Graham in the Fraser Valley tournament, whom we played against just the week before. During the game, I noticed that so many of my teammates showed confidence in their increasing abilities, and I could tell the opposing team were extremely surprised at our improvement. This only made us more confident, which ultimately made us play harder.

The second and last team we played in the Fraser Valleys was Rosedale Secondary. The first game warmed us up, and we were fired up to play our last game of the season. In this game, we had the joy of experiencing short corners on the other team (which we've never had before!) Many times managing to break through their defense line, I could tell that we made them tired (and a bit frustrated!) For the Grade 10s on the team — Tiffany



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Lam, Eshana Bhangu, Angelina Zhao and Hattie Zhang – it was a special day for us, as the game was our final game with the Junior girls.

Time has passed by so fast and it was as if I was still a clueless Grade 8 learning to play field hockey for the first time just a few days ago. I never would've imagined how much I would come to like the sport much less be the captain of such a wonderful team. We will miss all of our teammates dearly, and will never forget the excitement, comradeship, teamwork, and most of all, friendship we've shared with these girls over the season. Best of luck to you all in future seasons! Most importantly, special thanks to the best coach, Ms. Alexandra, for making all of this happen and for guiding us through blood, sweat, tears, sun, rain, storm, and typhoon. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUCH AN AWESOMAZING SEASON! GO STORM!

Tiffany Lam Junior Girls' Field Hockey Captain

#### Junior Girls' Volleyball Take Gold in ISA Tournament

The Junior Girls' Volleyball team competed this past weekend at Brentwood College in the ISABC Championships. We were in 'Pool D' and faced off against WPGA and Brentwood B (9's) in pool play.

The first game against Brentwood B was a nice warm up game with a two set win of 25-6 and 25-6. Jayda, Mary-Kate, Eva, Morgan, Summer, and Lauren had strong serving streaks in both sets. We then played WPGA and struggled with defense but had a very strong attacking game. The final score of this game was 19-25, 25-27 which put us second in 'Pool D'. Playoffs started early the next morning and we were up against Brentwood A (10's) who were ranked first in 'Pool A'. The girls had a very strong serving game in the first set and we won 25-9. Maya, Jayda and Mary-Kate led the way in serves and Jayda had multiple kills. The second set was closer with a score of 25-18 but we still showcased our strong offense and consistent setting.

The quarter finals had us facing WPGA for the second time this tournament. The first set was strong and we played a very consistent defensive and offensive game, winning 25-18. The second set, we fell asleep on defense and lost 8-25. We had to play the third set and it was a much better game, our serving was stronger, our attacks, blocks and defense was stronger and we won 16-14 in the final set. We watched as York House played Crofton to see who would be our competitors for the final gold medal match. York and Crofton had a very strong match as they are both very strong teams and Crofton House won.

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In the final game, we had an amazing serving streak by Lauren and Amy. We had figured out how to break their defense, and Jayda, Eva, Amy, Maya, Mary-Kate and Lauren all attacked and mixed up the hits. We won in two sets with scores of 25-14 and 25-18 to take the gold!

Heather Mosher and Michael Neil Junior Girls' Volleyball Coaches

#### **University Counselling Update**

#### **UBC Information Night – This week!**

We would like to remind you that we are hosting a UBC Admissions Officer here at Southridge tonight (Wednesday, October 26) from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Alan Brown Great Hall. Parents and students are welcome to ask questions about programs, admissions and the application process.

#### **University Essay Workshops**

The University Counselling office will be providing three opportunities to assist and coach grads who are preparing their university application essays and videos. All sessions will be held in the Senior School Library from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on:

Thursday, October 27 Wednesday, November 2 Tuesday, November 8

Grads are asked to bring their work-in-progress essays and faculty will be on-hand to assist.

Yvette Livingston
Director, University Counselling & Career Education

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Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Service Coordinator

#### **Boys Soccer BC's Coming to Southridge**

Somewhat unexpectedly, we are excited to host the 2016 'A' Boys Provincial Soccer Championships, November 7 – 9. Originally, the tournament was set to be held on Vancouver Island, but at the end of September no host school was available in that region so we offered to put it on. Over 300 student-athletes representing a total of 16 schools will descend on our campus (and South Surrey Athletic Park) for three days of intense competition. Twitter (@SouthridgeSport) will be the best source for updates throughout the tournament.

Gordon Smith Senior School Director of Athletics

#### **Both Schools**

#### Southridge Mascot ("Sal") Debuted at Full School Assembly

During yesterday's Full School Assembly, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to unveil our new Southridge School mascot and we thought you'd be interested in the history of how it came to exist...

The development of a school mascot was actually proposed two years ago as an entirely student-led initiative by one of our Alumni, Max Stow, who was in Grade 12 at the time. He initiated the concept, presented the idea to the Board of Stewards and conducted some initial research into possible designs and costs. However, Max's work on the project was put on hold due to the busy reality of his graduating year.

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The following school year, Megan Galbraith and Coleman Alfaro took over the project and worked hard to keep it alive, continuing to develop and refine the concept. When Coleman Alfaro had to unexpectedly move away, Samir Saincher took his place. Together, Megan and Samir drove the project forward, meeting with many members of the Southridge administrative team to persuade them that a mascot for Southridge would be ideal. That same Spring, the mascot initiative was approved and funds were allocated to bring it to reality.

In May, a contest was held where students across the school were invited to submit designs and then the student body voted on which design they liked best. In the end, the winning design was an eagle and orca combination, created by a group of Grade 5 students — Lizzie Lawson, Bonnie Zhai, Camille Hare, Asya Zenn-Segre, and Maya Dhami. They created their design with three things in mind: a) they wanted the mascot to cheer the teams all the way and bring school spirit to Southridge, b) they believe the eagle well represents the school motto of "let every spirit soar", and c) they wanted the mascot to be an eagle and orca combination because they both appear in the school's crest.

After the winning design was selected, Samir and Megan worked with Ms. Erin Labbé, the school's Director of Communications and Marketing, to refine and finalize the design concept. Ms. Labbé contacted Maydwell Mascots to develop a working proof, which was then sent to the Board of Stewards for final review and approval.

Throughout the entire project, we had to keep in mind that the mascot would not only appear at athletic events, but also, school and spirit events; for example, the mascot needed to have a full school uniform to wear to full school assemblies, Open House, Country Fair, etc.

Finally, a name needed to be selected. A number of students were consulted and the name "Sal" was chosen – a deserving combination of "Southridge" and "Alan Brown", our founding headmaster.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our new school mascot a reality. If you missed this week's assembly, you'll certainly have the chance to meet "Sal" again soon!

Georgie Adams and William Lauzon Senior School Head Girl and Head Boy

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#### Gala Updates! We need your help!

Southridge School's largest annual fundraiser is a mere three weeks away, and we need your help! This year's theme "We Are All One" promises to be an evening of fabulous food, company, dancing, and an opportunity to raise funds that are critical to the continued success of our school!

Southridge is defined by its great families who give generously of their time, commitment and support, and the Gala relies on this for its continued success. Please support this year's Gala! Here's how you can:

1. **Donate an item or service** – the auction is an incredibly popular part of the evening and is a great fundraiser.

Please consider donating:

- Tickets to a sporting event or concert
- Gift certificates to your favorite restaurant, spa or sporting store
- Your family's ski/summer retreat or timeshare
- A product or service from your family or friend's business
- Bottles of your favorite wine or drink

No item is too small! Make your donation now.

- 2. **Purchase tickets to attend** this year's Gala has been specially designed for the foodie, and we are well on our way to selling out! (Food and alcohol generously donated by the <u>Joseph Richards Group</u>.) <u>Purchase tickets now</u>.
- 3. **Become a Gala Sponsor** you, your company or your organized group of friends (like 'The Oriental Pearls') can support the Gala by making a charitable donation to ensure its success. <u>Sponsor the Gala now.</u>
- 4. Volunteer where would this school be without its tireless parent volunteers who help set up and tear down, as well as ensure the event night runs smoothly? We need you! Sign up as a volunteer now.

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Please join us to ensure that the "We Are All One" Gala is an outstanding success! If you have any questions, please email Shelley Slaughter (<u>sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca</u>) or Jackie Christofferson (jackie\_christofferson@shaw.ca).

Thank you!!

Shelley Carse & Jackie Christofferson 2016 Gala Co-Chairs

#### **New Emailed Billing Statements**

In an effort to improve efficiency in the delivery of monthly student billing statements and to reduce paper consumption, Southridge School is moving to an email distribution process for statements. Starting with the delivery of the November 1<sup>st</sup> student billing statements, you will receive an email from <a href="mailto:businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca">businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca</a> with your student billings statement attached in pdf file format. You will receive a separate email with a statement for each child that you have enrolled at Southridge.

Please note that initially we will be emailing the statements to all valid parent email addresses as submitted to the school on the latest Family Information sheets. This means that both parents may be receiving an emailed statement in November. Should you wish a copy of the statement to be emailed to only one parent, please respond to <a href="mailto:businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca">businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca</a> with confirmation of the preferred recipient. You may also arrange for an alternate email address for delivery of statements if necessary.

If, for any reason you require hard copy of your student billing statements to be mailed to you, please contact <a href="maileo-businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca">businessoffice@southridge.bc.ca</a> or Caroline Preddy in the Business Office with your request. You will still receive an emailed student billing statement in addition to your requested hard copy.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to be more efficient in our use of resources, as well as reduce the paper consumption of our school.

Regards,

Wendy Simpson
Director, Finance & Administration

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#### **Video Training for Schoology**

Ms. Mosher, our Senior School Education Technology Leader, has created a series of videos to show you how to use Schoology. In the videos, she demonstrates everything from how to login to how to navigate the Schoology mobile application. Click here to view the videos.

Alan McInnes Web and AV Services Manager

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Alan McInnes Web and AV Services Manager

#### **Letter from Mike Bernier, Minister of Education**

Please read the attached letter from Mike Bernier, the Minister of Education about the opportunity for parents to comment about reporting for Kindergarten through to Grade 9 as result in changes to the curriculum.

#### Southridge Café

Halloween is coming. We've finished carving our pumpkins, so come to the Café and vote for your favorite! And watch for some Halloween-themed items.

Please see the <u>attached</u> menus for October and November.

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#### **Uniform Shop News**

For students in Grades 10, 11, or 12, who are playing on sports teams, the Varsity Hoody is now available to order. Your initials will be embroidered at the back of the hoody. The ordering deadline is Monday, October 31. Interested students are welcome to visit the Uniform Shop for more information, to try out the sizes, and to place an order.

Please be advised of the following opening hours of the Uniform Shop:

Monday to Thursday 7:45 – 9:00 am

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Fridays Closed

Phala Tan Business Services Manager



#### Message from **Fducation Minister Mike Bernier**

October 4, 2016

Dear Parent.

I'm writing today to ask you to share your opinions with the Ministry of Education as we work to update student reporting in kindergarten through Grade 9. Students in these grades are experiencing B.C.'s new curriculum in classrooms in every part of the province.

We are adapting the curriculum in B.C. schools so kids learn the skills they need to succeed in our changing world. This means we also need to develop a new reporting approach. Right now the progress of your child is reported in many different ways, including report cards, parent teacher meetings, and regular student/parent/teacher check-ins.

Reporting is all about keeping parents like you informed, and we want you to tell us HOW you want to be informed and keep track of your child's progress. Until February 28 next year you can submit your thoughts online at engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress.

As well, community meetings will be held in 10 communities across the province over the coming months so parents can ask questions and share their input. Check the website for times and locations as they are scheduled.

The ultimate goal of this engagement is to develop a student reporting process that gives families a deeper understanding of their child's progress at school through timely and comprehensive information. We'll gather the feedback and share our plan next June.

Our education system is one of the most highly ranked in the world. Students are finding success in music, in academics, in sports - and in every subject in between. Together parents, teachers, and the education system are making sure we build on that for an even better tomorrow.

For more details on our new curriculum, please visit www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca.

Thanks for your help,

Mike Bernier

Minister of Education

Mon-31	Tues-1	Wed-2	Thur- 3	Fri- 4
Sausage Egger	Smoothie Day	Bacon Wrap	Berry Scone	Smoothie Day
Pizza	Salad Bar	Fried Rice	Salad Bar	Fish Taco
Gnocchi	Cannelloni	Mac and Cheese	Spaghetti meat sauce	Pasta Primavera
Beef Soft Taco	Spicy Chicken Brg	Hot Wrap	Salmon Bagel	BBQ Bacon Cheeseburg
Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza	Chicken Pizza
Grain Salad	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad
	Sausage Egger  Pizza  Gnocchi  Beef Soft Taco  Chicken Pizza	Sausage Egger  Pizza  Salad Bar  Gnocchi  Cannelloni  Beef Soft Taco  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza	Sausage Egger  Smoothie Day  Bacon Wrap  Pizza  Salad Bar  Fried Rice  Gnocchi  Cannelloni  Mac and Cheese  Spicy Chicken Brg  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza	Sausage Egger  Smoothie Day  Bacon Wrap  Berry Scone  Fried Rice  Salad Bar  Gnocchi  Cannelloni  Mac and Cheese  Spaghetti meat sauce  Beef Soft Taco  Chicken Brg  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza  Chicken Pizza



Mon- 7	Tues-8	Wed-9	Thur-10	Fri-11
Sausage Wrap	Smoothie Day	Pumpkin Scone	Bacon Egger	
Thai Curry Rice Bowl	Salad Bar	Lemongrass Chicken	Salad Bar	Lest
Pasta Italiano	Chicken Penne	Macaroni and Cheese	Pasta Primavera	We
BBQ Ribber	BBQ Bacon Cheese Brg	Pizza	Chicken Fajita	Forget
Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	
Thai Noodle	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	
	Sausage Wrap  Thai Curry Rice Bowl  Pasta Italiano  BBQ Ribber  Chicken Pesto	Sausage Wrap  Smoothie Day  Thai Curry Rice Bowl  Salad Bar  Chicken Penne  BBQ Ribber  BBQ Bacon Cheese Brg  Chicken Pesto	Sausage Wrap  Smoothie Day  Pumpkin Scone  Thai Curry Rice Bowl  Pasta Chicken Penne  BBQ Ribber  BBQ Bacon Cheese Brg  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto	Sausage Wrap  Smoothie Day  Scone  Pumpkin Scone  Egger  Thai Curry Salad Bar  Chicken  Pasta  Italiano  Chicken  Penne  Macaroni and Cheese  BBQ Ribber  BBQ Bacon Cheese Brg  Chicken Pesto  Chicken Pesto



	Mon-14	Tues-15	Wed-16	Thur-17	Fri-18
Breakfast	Blueberry Muffin	Smoothie Day	Sausage Egger	Cheese Scone	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Perogies and Sausage	Salad Bar	Greek Chicken	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Pasta Alfredo	Ravioli	Macaroni and Cheese	Tuna-licious	Pasta Marinara
Grill Central	Pizza	Spicy Chicken Brg	Smokie	Chicken Wrap	BBQ Bacon Cheesebrg
Weekly Panini	BBQ Chipotle Chicken				
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad
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	Mon- 21	Tues-22	Wed-23	Thur-24	Fri-25
Breakfast	Bacon Wrap	Smoothie Day	Apple Cin Scone	Berry Muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Mexican Beef Burrito	Salad Bar	Honey Garlic Stir Fry	Salad Bar	Chicken Pot Pie
Pasta Bowl	Bow Tie with Peppers	Tortellini	Cannelloni	Chicken Penne	Macaroni and Cheese
Grill Central	Pizza	Pulled Pork Sub	Japa Dog	BBQ Ribber	Fish Burger
Weekly Panini	Ham and Cheese	Ham and Cheese	Ham and Cheese	Ham and Cheese	Ham and Cheese
Great Greens	Chic Pea Salad	Salad Bar	Chicken Caesar	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad
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	Mon-28	Tues-29	Wed-30	Thur-1	Fri-2	
Breakfast	Sausage Wrap	Smoothie Day	Pumpkin Scone	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day	
Chef's Entree	Butter Chicken	Salad Bar	Pizza	Salad Bar	Fish Taco	
Pasta Bowl	Pasta Italiano	Ravioli	Macaroni and Cheese	Chicken Roll ups	Pasta Primavera	
Grill Central	Pizza Bagel	Philly Cheese steak	Chicken Fajita	Spicy Chicken Brg	Poutine	
Weekly Panini	Turkey Cuban	Turkey Cuban	Turkey Cuban	Turkey Cuban	Turkey Cuban	
Great Greens	Grain Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	
We always offer our regular many in addition to our daily specials						

