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## Head of School

### Welcome to a New School Year

A special welcome to all of our new Southridge families, and to our returning families, welcome back! It is wonderful to have everyone here with us as we look forward to another excellent year of learning. As we look ahead to a bustling September, I would like to remind you of the invitation to Welcome our New Heads of Southridge – Mrs. Tanya de Hoog, Head of Junior School, and Mr. Brad Smith, Head of Senior School – at a wine and cheese reception on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

This special evening event will give us the opportunity as a community to celebrate their arrival, make them feel welcome, and hear about their journey to Southridge. I've included the details again below and I sincerely hope you will join us!

As we sit poised at the beginning of a new school year, I would like to start off this year's series of *Southridge Wednesdays* on a note of gratitude. Please join me in acknowledging all of the work that goes on behind the scenes over the summer to prepare the school for opening. An independent school like Southridge relies on top notch teams of skilled employees who are highly devoted to putting students first in their collective efforts to make Southridge the best it can be as a school and community. Everything from our annual financial audit to painting the parking lot lines takes place over a relatively short period of time.

Renovating classrooms, upgrading the cafeteria, making changes to our website, adopting a new learning management system, improving our gymnasium and change rooms, cleaning and scrubbing the entire school top to bottom, running summer camps, ordering textbooks and teaching supplies and fine-tuning curriculum implementation happens with astounding efficiency, masterful coordination and a positive attitude. For the first time, Southridge implemented a summer session for Grades 10 and 12 math courses, and we ran our inaugural summer institute for teachers who performed excellent research to help improve our already incredible educational platform for your children.

As students, it is easy to think that Southridge rests over the summer and that there isn't a lot that needs to be done to get the school ready to welcome them back, but in reality there is so much heavy lifting that goes on between school closing in June and school



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re-opening again in September. Sometimes we take the hard work that happens over the summer for granted – not out of indifference, of course, but out of simply not knowing.

Lest we all take it for granted, let us make sure we start the year off with gratefulness by expressing our united thanks to our administration teams, our facilities team, our teachers and our summer interns for all of the heavy lifting and planning that goes on behind the scenes to get the school ready for another fantastic year.

### Welcome our New Heads Wine and Cheese Reception

- Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- Registration: 6:30 pm and Program: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Location: Junior School Great Hall
- Dress Code: Casual / Business Casual

To confirm your attendance, please [click here](#). RSVPs are required\* and we ask that you respond **before Friday, September 2, 2016.**

\*Since wine is being served, this invitation is extended to parents only.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School

## Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
New Parent (Grades 1-12) Coffee Morning	Wednesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00 am	Cafeteria
New Student Orientation	Wednesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00 am	Junior and Senior Schools
Fall Term Commences	Thursday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>		Southridge School
Kindergarten Parent Coffee Morning	Friday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 11:30 am	Cafeteria
Meet the New Heads	Tuesday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Junior School Great Hall NOTE: Requires RSVP



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Event	Date	Time	Location
Full School Assembly	Wednesday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:40 – 10:30 am	Senior School Gymnasium
Welcome Back Parent Barbeque	Friday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Commons
Photo Day	Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>		Both Schools

## Junior School News

### Head of Junior School

#### Look with your all your eyes, look

*“Look with your all your eyes, look.” Jules Verne*

Coming into a school community as a “new person” is both daunting and exhilarating. On the one hand, there is all that you don’t know about people, traditions, places, spaces, routines, and expectations. And on the other hand, there is all there is to learn about people, traditions, places, spaces, routines, and expectations. In the words of adventure novelist, Jules Verne, it’s a golden opportunity to “look with all your eyes, look.”

Looking with all your eyes is an invitation to go deeper than the surface. It’s an invitation to inquire through all of the senses. Looking with all your eyes is as much about listening and feeling as it is about looking. When you are new, you see everything with fresh eyes. Every interaction and experience is a first. Looking with all your eyes is about being fully present in each new moment and appreciating what makes this community special. It’s about taking the time to wander and wonder, by noticing, interacting, and questioning as you turn over those figurative stones that perhaps haven’t been turned over in some time.

It can also be about examining the horizon and taking in beauty that exists, while also having the courage to explore new perspectives and possibilities that could be dawning on the horizon. When we look with all our eyes, together we can appreciate the efforts and legacy of those who came before us, while also boldly looking forward to the future.



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As we enter this new school year, whether like me, you are new to the Southridge community, or like many others you have been here for years, I invite you to “look with all your eyes, look.” Share the stories that should be known to help us appreciate where we come from and how we arrived at the present moment, and together with all our eyes, let's explore those things that should be made visible on the horizon by imagining what might be.

Tanya de Hoog  
Head of Junior School

### Library Book Return

Whether you had a chance to travel somewhere with family and friends or visit a faraway land in your imagination, I am sure reading was a part of your summer journey!

I am looking forward to starting the school year with all of you in the library and wanted to send a friendly reminder to return all library books next week. Remember to check your bags, couches, cars, under your bed, and all other good hiding spots for books so that we can continue to share more great literature with each other in September.

Mrs. Gardecki  
Junior School Teacher Library

### Summer Reading!

Reading is a lifelong habit and skill, which we all wish to foster. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the summer reading program at the local library.

This is just a reminder to bring a list of your summer reading to school on the first day back!

#### **Students entering Grades 1 through 4 please bring:**

1. List of books you read in the summer (may use public library recording card)



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2. Short summary of **one** book you want to recommend others to read and/or a copy of the book.
3. Grade 4's (except for new students coming to Southridge) need to have a minimum of one, three point, AR book read to be able to write one AR test on the Thurs. or Fri. of the first week back!

Children entering Grade 1 in September 2016 may have parents read **to** them and scribe for them.

Note: Students need to spend a minimum of 30 minutes a day to maintain (60 minutes to increase) their current reading level. Happy Reading!

Have a fun, exciting and adventurous summer!

Mrs. Rowena Raber  
PYP Division Leader

## Senior School News

### Head of Senior School

#### Building Community

Last week I had the amazing experience of attending the Senior Management Team (SMT) Retreat on Granville Island where Drew Stephens presented Tanya de Hoog, our new Head of Junior School, Allison Graham, Assistant Head in the Junior School, Darren Jones, Assistant Head in the Senior School and me an exhaustive summary of everything a new administrator at Southridge could possibly need to know. Perhaps the best part of the retreat for me, were the times when the SMT could just talk over lunch or dinner and really get to know one another. It is incredibly important that a new group of school leaders is able to spend time together learning about where we all come from, our hopes, our goals and some of our anxieties. We had an opportunity to discover each other's leadership styles and to understand how each of us brings different strengths to the team.



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One of the things that I enjoyed looking at in depth was the school's vision, mission and guiding principles. As a group of school leaders we each had an opportunity to share what we find to be most significant about the mission and how we live our lives deliberately reflecting these values. As a new member of the Southridge community, I was struck by how alive the mission statement is. I love the focus on integrity, moral character, a love of learning and the implicit understanding that we all have the responsibility to positively influence our own community as well as the world.

On day two we were divided into two teams and we went on a Canadian Outback Adventures Scavenger Hunt where teams earned points for uploading pictures or videos of a wide variety of things such as a 5 second video of a team member being piggy-backed by a stranger, a video of a team member signing a country song to a group of strangers on Granville Island, or a photo of the team in a yoga pose. After the scavenger hunt, the team had an art lesson and each member painted a picture; it was so great to see everyone's hidden talents come out. During this retreat we laughed, got to know one another, and truly enjoyed being in each other's company.

I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Stephens for organizing such a comprehensive and enjoyable retreat that helped us to begin building a strong community of leaders. It was the perfect introduction to my life at Southridge and I am proud to be a part of a community where every spirit soars.

Brad Smith  
Head of Senior School

## Strathcona Parent Information

For all Grade 8 and 9 parents, please join us on Thursday September 15th at 7:00 pm. Grade 8 parents will gather in the Great Hall, and Grade 9 parents will meet in the Library. At this time, we will go over trip expectations, how to best prepare for the trip, and answer any questions you may have.

For Grade 8's, this Strathcona information will be a part of your "Grade 8 Parent Night".

We look forward to seeing you there,

Anna Szymczak & Norman Dods



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### Duke of Edinburgh Awards

September is the start of a new season for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program here at Southridge. Close to half of the Grade 9's have already signed up and hopefully more will join the program once they realize the benefits. At this time I would like to congratulate all of our award achievers for the 2015-2016 school year. In total Southridge had 23 students achieve their Bronze level, 5 for Silver and 6 for Gold. Way to go!

By mid-September, I will come and visit all of the Grade 9 Social Studies classes to make sure they understand the program and what it entails. At that time, those who registered into the program over the summer will receive their Bronze booklet. For those in Grades 10-12, there is still time to join the program or at least finish what you may have already started. If you have any questions or need a registration form, please feel free to contact me at [jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:jknihniski@southridge.bc.ca).

#### **Bronze:**

Declan Byrne, Samantha Chiang, Dilly Cooner, Arshia Dhanju, Harkaran Dial, Wendy Du, Nicole Elliot, Esha Gill, McKenna Gill, Gabriel Hartshorne-Mehl, Stephanie Lam, Tiffany Lam, Morgan Muncey-Buckley, Mackenzie Neufeld, Reesa Osing, Andrea Otamendi, Raghav Taneja, Emily Tees, Rachel Tong, Evanee Verma, Vivian Wu, Sally Yoo and Lucy Zhang.

#### **Silver:**

Sanya Grover, Michelle Lu, Madisen Muncey-Buckley, Dolphy Pradhan, and Nick Strecker.

#### **Gold:**

Krittika D'Silva, Jeff Elliot, Elise Ewing, Ian Leighton, Sean Leighton and Kai Lung.

Mr. James Knihniski

PS – the photos are from the Silver Ceremony on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jeff and Dolphy were presented with their Silver award by the Honourable Judith Guichon, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. I was also presented with an award for my years of



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service to the program. I just finished my 8<sup>th</sup> year, but was presented with the 5 year service award.

### Southridge student has her work shown on the big screen!

A huge congratulations to Grade 10 Student Hannah Penner! She created a comedic anti-homophobia PSA last spring in Media 9 and entered it into the "Out in Schools" contest for teens. The film was selected to be shown on the big screen as part of a special youth night at the Vancouver Queer Film Festival on Friday, Aug.19 at SFU Woodward's downtown. Hannah had a great time attending the evening with family and friends and her efforts were applauded by the appreciative crowd. The PSA was also shown before various other films throughout the fest. Awesome job, Hannah!

To see Hannah's PSA, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/165951717>

To learn about the Queer Film Festival click here:

<http://queerfilmfestival.ca/>

Mr. Westendorf  
Media Arts

### Senior School Athletic News

Welcome back everyone. We are excited to start another year of Southridge Athletics after such an amazing 2015-16 school year with our sports teams, individual athletes, and coaches. There have been several athletic facilities upgrades including a re-finished gymnasium floor, new soccer-rugby goalposts on the back field as well as additional renovations to the gym area.

The fall term commences straight away with 5 sports starting in September. Our senior school athletic program focus on participation and development but with a performance mindset, so there is competition for roster positions on most of the teams. (Swimming, Track and Cross-Country don't have cuts.)

Please note that while try-outs typically begin during the first full week of school (September 12-16), some teams may begin sooner. Coaches and teacher sponsors will





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make assembly announcements and post try-out information and updates on Schoology as school begins.

Below is a list of Term 1 sports teams and their respective coaches:

- Girls Volleyball: Grade 8 (Ms. Wickstrom); Junior 9-10 (Ms. Mosher), and Senior (Ms. Jones)
- Girls Field Hockey: Junior (Ms. Alexandra); and Senior (Mr. Barnim)
- Boys Soccer: Junior 8-10 (Ms. Higgins and Mr. Sterelyukhin); and Senior (Mr. DiPietro and Mr. Smith)
- Swimming: Grade 8-12 (Ms. Beer and Ms. Rodriguez-Lang)
- Cross-Country Grade 8-12 (Mr. Dods)

Have a great start to the year!

Mr. Smith  
Senior School Director of Athletics

## BC Ministry Curriculum and Provincial Examination Changes for 2016-2017

### A Brief Background

As you may know the Ministry of Education in British Columbia has been working on changes to the curriculum since 2011 when the need for changes to the existing graduation program was initially highlighted. The Ministry, in consultation with stakeholders, has been working on modernizing curriculum, assessment and the graduation program since that time.

It is worth noting that Southridge developed its own [Senior School Education Program \(SSEP\)](#) in response to many of the same imperatives for better meeting students' needs in the increasingly diverse, technology rich, collaborative, and globally focused world in which we live and work.

The changes envisaged by the Ministry will be brought in over the next few years after further consultation with post-secondary institutions. In order to allow schools to adjust



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to the new curriculum and new provincial exams, only modest changes to the graduation credit requirements will be made for now.

The changes to the provincial examination program are effective as of July 1, 2016, which is the legislated start to the school year. Under the new curriculum, the path to graduation is designed to be more flexible. The graduation program still spans Grade 10, 11 and 12, but a student's path to their Dogwood may be more varied than before.

There is a clear emphasis on real-life experiences - community involvement, gaining business knowledge, and hands-on learning. Beginning in the 2017/18 school year, every student will have to take Career Education to graduate with the intent to build closer links between classroom learning and future career goals and pathways.

The emphasis in B.C.'s redesigned curriculum is the core competencies of communication, creative & critical thinking, and social & personal responsibility <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>, essential learning, and foundational literacy and math skills. **The current provincial examinations are being discontinued**, and will be replaced with two new exams, which focus on literacy and math skills.

### What This Means for Students

#### For students entering Grades 10-12 in the 2016/2017 school year:

- **Grade 10 students will:**

- Follow most of the current Graduation Program requirements
- Take a Math 10, a Language Arts 10 and Science 10, with classroom assessments **instead of provincial exams**
- Meet Social Studies graduation requirements with classroom assessments
- **Write a provincial math skills exam and a provincial literacy exam before graduation**

- **Grade 11 students will:**

- Have completed a Math 10, a Language Arts 10 and Science 10 or equivalent



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- and written the provincial exams
  - Meet Social Studies graduation requirements with classroom assessments instead of a provincial exam
  - Write a provincial literacy exam before graduation
  - Not write the new provincial math skills exam
- **Grade 12 students will:**
    - Finish all the current Graduation Program requirements
    - Have completed a Math 10, a Language Arts 10, Science 10 and Social Studies 11 (or equivalent) and have written provincial exams
    - Take Language Arts 12 (or equivalent) and write the associated provincial exam
    - Not write the new provincial literacy or provincial math skills exams
    - Students who have completed courses associated with discontinued exams by June 30, 2016 will have until June 2017 to write or re-write exams
    - Students taking summer school during July and August 2016 will not be required to write provincial exams in Math 10, Language Arts 10, Science 10 and Social Studies 11 (or equivalent)

There is considerably more detailed information on the Ministry's website and I would encourage all parents and students to review the information there.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

Jan Holt  
Senior School Academic Program Director



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### Both Schools

#### Welcome to Schoology

Over the summer the school has implemented a new system called [Schoology](#) to replace the LMS (Learning Management System) that we have used for classroom and general communications over the past two years.

The reason for the change to Schoology is that over the course of our two years using LMS, feedback from teachers was that the program was limited and not providing students with optimal online learning experiences. Therefore, after a comprehensive evaluation of our options, it was determined that it was in the best interest of our students, teachers and parents, that we move to Schoology as our LMS platform, beginning in September.

As part of this change, you will now notice a **Schoology button** in the Parents' Portal. Clicking on the button will take you to the Schoology log in screen. If you have an Apple or Android smart phone, you can also go to their respective app stores and download the free Schoology app.

All parents with email addresses in our school database will receive an email today inviting you to log onto Schoology. Once you are logged on, you can go into your profile to change your password from the temporary password you will receive in the email.

Schoology provides a number of improved features and benefits.

- **Calendars** – all the calendars that you need are accessible in Schoology. You can select them one at a time, or combine them for a complete view.
- **Courses** – you can view your child(ren)'s course information.
- **Groups** – A Group will be created with its own calendar, member list and communication features when you belong to a volunteer group or are part of a school trip or group event. This allows group members to plan, communicate and share resources and documents. The Junior School also has parent groups for Junior teacher/parent communication.



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- **Communication** – Each Group and Course has email, blogging and discussion features that make communication in the Course or Group easy amongst the members.
- **Dynamic Content** – Content is easily changed and updated using the tools in each Course or Group.
- **Notifications** – You can easily configure what notifications you receive, either via mail or through your phone for course, groups and personal changes and communications.

All course information will be displayed in Schoology on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that all calendar information, all dates and times of events, will now be found in Schoology. The Parents' Portal and the Southridge Wednesday will only list important dates.

For Schoology support, Steve Anderson ([sanderson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sanderson@southridge.bc.ca)), the Junior School Education Technology Leader will be assisting Junior School parents, while Heather Mosher ([hmosher@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:hmosher@southridge.bc.ca)), the Senior School Education Technology Leader will assist Senior School parents. Alan McInnes ([amcinnnes@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:amcinnnes@southridge.bc.ca)), the Manager of the Website and AV Services can assist with log on issues and changing of your emails. The Schoology website has a wealth of information and a FAQ (frequently asked questions) section to assist you further.

We are looking forward to assisting you to enjoy the full benefits of this new communications system.

## Welcome to Vidigami

By now you should have received a welcome email inviting you to log onto Vidigami for this year. If you haven't please contact me [amcinnnes@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:amcinnnes@southridge.bc.ca) and I can send you a new email invitation.

Vidigami is a password protected website that allows us to gather and share photos amongst the Southridge community. Parents can both upload and download photos so you benefit from photos from other parents and the school. The photos can also be tagged so that you can enjoy an ever growing collection of photos of just your children.



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There is also a Vidigami app, available in Apple app store or for Android phones, the Google Play store. The app provides full access to all of your photos and you can create albums and upload photos all from your phone. This allows parents who are at school events and activities to take photos with their phones and upload them to an album for the whole Southridge community to enjoy.

You will also notice that there is access to previous years' photos so you can browse through past years' photo albums. Vidigami also has a feature called "Sets" which allow you to create collections of your favourite photos for review and download.

Vidigami is a powerful way for us to collect and share photos which only gets better the more we all contribute. It is used by the yearbook committee to select photos so you may be helping to ensure the yearbook represents your children, other students and activities by uploading photos that you take at school events.

I invite you to log on, learn how use it and help ensure that we all benefit from each person's contributions. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about its use.

Alan McInnes  
Manager, Web and AV Services

## Coffee Mornings Next Week

Welcome to Southridge, new students and families! As you know, next Wednesday (September 7) is new student orientation for all students from Grades 1 to 12. When you drop off your child for orientation, please feel free to attend a casual coffee morning in the Senior School cafeteria from 9:00am to 10:30am.

Your buddy families will also be invited, so if you have not had a chance to meet them yet, this will be a great opportunity to say hello and get your last minute questions answered!

We will also be hosting a coffee morning for Kindergarten families on Friday, September 9 from 8:00am to 10:30am in the Senior School Cafeteria. This is a great opportunity for all new and returning Kindergarten parents to meet each other for the first time.



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Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **The Welcome Back BBQ - Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 – 4:30pm**

KICKSTART THE YEAR WITH THE FIRST FULL-SCHOOL EVENT!

Mark your calendar to join us after school on **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, as we welcome back all our families from both the Junior and Senior schools at this casual event. It's an excellent opportunity for new families to get involved in our community and everyone is encouraged to mix and mingle with the faculty and staff.

***Complimentary hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and snacks will be served, along with the always popular root-beer floats!***

If you're a kindergarten parent, the BBQ and root-beer float station will be ready to feed the kindie kids starting at 2:00pm.

***It takes many helping hands to feed everyone, so if you would like to volunteer, please email Dustin Schroer for more details. [DustinSchroer@cactusclubcafe.com](mailto:DustinSchroer@cactusclubcafe.com)***

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 16<sup>th</sup>, as we gear up for the new school year and recharge our Southridge community spirit!

Thank you!

Dustin Schroer & Jennifer Wu-DiPopolo

2016 Welcome Back BBQ Co-chairs

*(On-site parking will be limited, so please plan to park off-site and walk to the school)*



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### Photo Day

Please put on your calendars that Photo Day is September 21<sup>st</sup>. Students are expected to wear full winter uniform with Blazers. Sweaters are suitable for primary students.

Photo retake day will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Volunteer Information

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer with your families. Here is some important information about volunteering this year.

We are using the same online system for volunteering that we've been using for a number of years now. If you volunteered using that system in the past, your login name and password should work again. [The link to the site is available here](#) or via the parent portal on the website. Look for the orange "Volunteer Now" button.

You are now able sign up for operations positions for the year. These positions include library, hot lunch, uniform shop, class parent, playground supervision, hospitality, etc. Please **do not** sign up to be a class parent until the classes have been posted on Friday. On Friday, class parent positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference is given to returning parents.

Some of our positions require you to complete a Criminal Record Check. If you have already submitted one to the school, you do not have to complete another one for five years. If you have not submitted one, and would like to volunteer for any of the following positions, you must submit a completed and approved form to the school as soon as possible.

- Drivers for field trips, sporting events, games, and other activities such as music events or service activities
- Designated chaperones
- Coaches or assistant coaches
- Library assistants
- Lunch hour supervisors
- Uniform shop volunteers





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- Any other position that may include having access to children without the presence of a teacher or school administrator

Additional information, instructions, the cover letter and forms can be found in the volunteer corner of the parent portal.

In addition, if you are interested in driving for field trips, sporting events, games, etc., you must complete and submit a Driver's Abstract to the school every year. Even if you submitted one in May 2016, they are deleted at the end of the school year and the school no longer has them on file. Please contact ICBC to get your abstract today and email it to [drivers@southeridge.bc.ca](mailto:drivers@southeridge.bc.ca).

Thank you so much for volunteering at Southridge! We look forward to getting to know you as we work hand-in-hand to support our school and students.

### **Important Contact Information:**

Having trouble signing up online?

Contact Sherry Hu, Advancement Assistant, at [shu@southeridge.bc.ca](mailto:shu@southeridge.bc.ca) or at 604-542-2303

General questions about volunteering at Southridge?

Contact Stephanie Schmidt, Volunteer Committee Chair, at [volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca)

Thank you for volunteering at Southridge!

*Volunteer Committee*

## **Summer Camp Success**

As summer draws to a close and we get back to 'business as usual' at the school, it seems fitting to reflect on our summer camp activities that took place this past July, and recognize the individuals that helped make this year's program successful.

From July 4 – 29, Southridge delivered close to 90 day camps, each offering a unique theme to different age groups. This year in particular, our camps filled up extremely fast with over 795 children age 4 – 17 attending. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers and staff involved, the feedback that we have received has been positive, and very complimentary of our school's tremendous environment.



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The purpose of our Summer Camp program is to connect with the local community, and provide an environment for children to create exciting memorable summer experiences during their break from the academic year. In addition, the summer camp program provides volunteer opportunities to students 14+ who want to gain valuable leadership skills while making a positive impact in the lives of youth. This year, we had approximately 118 student volunteers who participated in the program and received mentorship from our camp instructors.

A program of this scale requires a huge amount of support from our staff including teachers, admin, facilities, and technology to name a few. Additionally, we are fortunate to recruit excellent teachers each year from various school districts in the Lower Mainland who continue to deliver entertaining, creative and unique camps. We would not be able to deliver this program without the collective support from everyone involved, so thank-you to each and every person who contributed to making this year's Southridge Summer Camp's a huge success!

We look forward to announcing the 2017 Summer Camp program in early March.

Jasmine Boyes  
Community & Alumni Relations Manager

## Human Resources News

### Junior School

**Jenna McArthur** will be joining Southridge as a kindergarten teacher. Jenna graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Education, International Baccalaureate Cohort and holds her level 1 Primary Years Certification. Jenna completed her practicums as a Kindergarten Teacher at Southridge in 2015 and is currently working at Crofton House as a Senior Kindergarten Teacher Intern where she co-taught all Kindergarten core subjects. Beyond the classroom Jenna seizes every opportunity to get involved in school events and sports. Jenna has a passion for athleticism highlighted through her involvement in coaching volleyball, basketball and supporting cross-country and track and field.

**Alyshah Jiwa** will commence her new role at Southridge as a Grade Two teacher. Alyshah comes to us from the Pythagoras Academy in Richmond where she has been teaching Kindergarten. Prior to this she was working at West Point Grey as a Teacher



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Assistant. She completed her Bachelor of Education at Simon Fraser University in 2013 and will be completing her IB Category 1 training in July and starting her Masters of Education in the fall. Alyshah has a passion for inquiry based teaching and learning, has a keen interest in the IB program, and is looking forward to the opportunity to learn and teach the curriculum following the PYP framework.

**Meghan Yamagishi** will be starting the new school year with us as a Grade 3 Teacher. Meghan is a recent graduate from UBC's Education Program – PYP International Baccalaureate Cohort. Meghan recently completed her practicum at Meadowridge School in a Grade three class and has been fully immersed in the IB programme. During her practicum Meghan volunteered for a variety of co-curricular activities and community events. These experiences affirmed for her the importance of community, service and co-curricular activities in the development of well-rounded students and in the fostering of strong relationships for students, parents and staff. Meghan is thrilled to be joining Southridge and is looking forward to making a strong contribution to our school.

**Nathan Gates** will be relocating from Vancouver Island to become our MYP Teacher Intern for the new school year. Nathan recently completed the requirements for his Bachelor of Education at the University of Victoria and worked for the University's Residence Life and Education Department as a Community Leader where he was responsible for planning and facilitating residence-wide events. During his practicums, Nathan contributed to the physical education program both inside and outside school hours by enhancing the students' learning experiences and extra-curricular sports experiences through coaching numerous sports team, including basketball. Nathan is passionate and enthusiastic about teaching; he is a reflective practitioner and is lifelong learner.

**Christine Sullivan** will be joining Southridge as our new MYP French Teacher. Christine has been teaching in the Delta School District for the past six years and comes to us from South Delta Secondary School where she teaches core French and English. Christine holds a Bachelor of Arts with an extended French Minor, she completed her professional development program in the French Module and has a Bachelor of Education with a minor in French education. She is looking forward to sharing her passion as an educator and contributing to the continued success of Southridge School.

**Kari Labelle** will be taking on the role of a Grade Six homeroom teacher. Kari began her career in 2009 as a Teacher On Call with the Surrey School District prior to joining Southpointe Academy as a Grade Three Foundation Years Program teacher. In 2013,



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Kari relocated to Calgary, Alberta and is currently a Grade Five Teacher at Webber Academy. Kari holds her Bachelor of Education with a minor in curriculum instruction and has completed her IB Level 1 and 2 certifications and is currently working towards completing her level 1 Google Certification. Kari enjoys facilitating active and flexible student centred lessons and enjoys engaging students by using different, creative mediums to meet their needs.

### Senior School

**Taryn Beukema** will be joining the English Department. Taryn has recently completed her Bachelor of Education (Secondary English) IB Diploma Program with UBC and in November of 2015 completed her PHD in English Literature at Queen's University in Ontario. Taryn also holds a Masters in English Literature from Queen's that she completed in 2009. In addition to her practicum teaching, Taryn taught undergraduate studies for six years and last year travelled to Japan to teach English as a second language. Currently she is working part-time as a writing coach and workshop facilitator. Tanya has a passion and enthusiasm for learning and is excited about being actively involved in the school's co-curricular activities and working together with students, staff, parents and the community as a whole.

**Bridget Perry-Gore** has accepted a one year, temporary Math teacher position with Southridge. Bridget brings to this role over 14 years of teaching experience and has recently returned from Thailand where she taught Math and Science for three years at Ruamrudee International School. Prior to this, Bridget was a mathematics teacher at Lower Canada College for five years and at Alexander Galt Regional High School in Sherbrooke Quebec where she spent six years teaching Math to students in grade 9, 10 and 11. Bridget has completed her Bachelor of Science (Human Kinetics), Bachelor of Education focusing on Math and Science and holds her Masters of Educational Technology. Bridget strives to help students appreciate mathematic concepts while integrating them with real world applications. Bridget is an avid athlete and coach and is looking forward to being involved in the school's extra-curricular program.

**Michael Neil** will be joining Southridge as a Social Studies teacher. Michael completed his Bachelor of Arts, History and English at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Education, Secondary in 2015 and he is currently working towards a diploma in special education. He completed his practicums in both a public and private school setting and is currently working at Collingwood as an Associate Faculty member. Michael is a Google certified educator and likes to bring technology into his classroom to enhance the learning process. He is committed to student success and appreciates the value of employing an inquiry based learning approach with students and is keen to participate in extra-curricular programs.



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**Jill Lindsay** will be joining us as our new part-time Modern Languages teacher. Jill comes to Southridge from St. Patrick Regional Secondary School where she has taught French 9, 10 and 11 since 2012. Prior to this, Jill taught French at Notre Dame Regional Secondary School. Jill graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from SFU and went on to complete her Professional Development Program in core French. Jill prides herself on being able to infuse her French classes with authentic communication opportunities and genuine tasks related to real-life experiences. Jill understands and appreciates the importance of school community and is looking forward to being involved with our extra-curricular programs.

### Administration

The Advancement Department is pleased to share with you that **Sherry Hu** has joined their team as a part-time Advancement Assistant. Sherry brings to this role twelve years of diverse administrative experience and comes to us from CHIMO Community Services where she worked processing donations, credit card payments, supporting various fundraising events as well as working in partnership with many volunteers and donors.

Sherry has completed a certificate in Legal Administration and is currently working towards a Diploma in Management at Thompson River University. Sherry is looking forward to being a part of our Southridge Community and working with our many volunteers.

Please join us in welcoming Sherry to Southridge.

### Southridge Cafè

The Southridge Cafè opens for another year on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached menus for the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and for September 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to welcoming you to our newly renovated cafè.

### Uniform Shop News

Welcome back and I hope you had an enjoyable summer. As you are getting ready for the new school year, please be advised of the following opening hours of the Uniform Shop:



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- Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45 - 9:00am and 2:00 - 4:00pm
- Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> Closed

As it is usually very busy at the beginning of the school year, there may be line-ups and your patience is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you again,

Phala Tan  
Business Services Manager



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	Mon-	Tues-	Wed-	Thur-8	Fri-9
<b>Breakfast</b>				Smoothie day	Bacon Egger
<b>Chef's Entree</b>			WELCOME	Chicken Quesadilla	Honey Garlic Stirfry
<b>Pasta Bowl</b>			BACK	Rotini Marinara	Macaroni & Cheese
<b>Grill Central</b>				Bacon Mozza Burger	Chicken Fajita
<b>Weekly Panini</b>				Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar
<b>Great Greens</b>				Chefs Salad	Tossed Salad

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





Mon-12

Tues-13

Wed-14

Thur-15

Fri-16

**Breakfast**

**Apple/Cinn  
Muffin**

**Smoothie  
Day**

**Sausage  
Wrap**

**Smoothie  
Day**

**Cheese  
Scone**

**Chef's  
Entree**

**Butter  
Chicken**

**Beef/ Bean  
Enchilada**

**Lemongrass  
Chicken**

**Fried Rice**

**Fish & Chips**

**Pasta  
Bowl**

**Cheese  
Tortellini**

**Chicken  
Penne**

**Pasta  
Alfredo**

**Beef  
Ravioli**

**Macaroni &  
Cheese**

**Grill  
Central**

**Smokie w/  
Grilled veg**

**Hot Chicken  
Wrap**

**Pizza**

**Sweet Chili  
Thai wrap**

**Chicken  
Pizza Wrap**

**Weekly  
Panini**

**Turkey  
Pesto**

**Turkey  
Pesto**

**Turkey  
Pesto**

**Turkey  
Pesto**

**Turkey  
Pesto**

**Great  
Greens**

**Grain  
Salad**

**Fruit  
Salad**

**Pasta  
Salad**

**Chefs  
Salad**

**Tossed  
Salad**

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