



SOUTHRIDGE

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## Weekly Voice

### The Significance of Service

If you have visited the school's website recently, you may have noticed the following paragraph on the homepage:

#### SOUTHRIDGE IS A PLACE OF SIGNIFICANCE

*It is a place where students journey in their growth academically and personally, exploring, embracing, and sharing their own unique qualities and gifts. It is a place of personal fulfillment and contribution to the greater good. It is a place where youth actively make an intentional positive difference in the world.*

Southridge certainly *is* a place where students regularly make contributions to the greater good, and it can be seen throughout our K-12 program. Our students, young and old, positively impact our local and global communities through a wide array of service programs, initiatives, and partnerships. Whether it be our PYP students making sandwiches for the Surrey Urban Mission at their Thursday afternoon sandwich club, or the Senior School Jazz Studies class brightening the day of senior citizens at the [Zion Park Manor](#) retirement centre, our students intentionally make a positive difference in the world.

While many schools (particularly, independent schools) have adopted service as part of their mission, there is something very special about service at Southridge. Many of our partnerships in the community are long-standing (i.e. our relationship with the Surrey Urban Mission, our Christmas hamper program, Project Backpack, etc.) and nearly all of our new service initiatives are proposed, planned, and carried out by students. This year alone, Senior School students have organized – a book drive to support [Books For Me Vancouver](#), a tutoring program for elementary students at Martha Currie School, a clothing drive for refugee families, a feminine hygiene product drive to celebrate International Women's Day, and a community Speaker Series in which representatives from community organizations speak to our students about their programs and volunteer opportunities – just to name a few.

And these student-led initiatives are not limited to the Senior School. Two weeks ago, I attended a Junior School assembly and had the pleasure of watching three thoughtful, articulate Grade 5 students outline their plan to support the [BC SPCA](#) through a jellybean raffle and a towel/blanket collection for the animals. The students can feel proud of the

fact that they have made a positive impact in the community. It was their ideas and their follow-through that made the initiative such a success.

It is very heartening to see intrinsically motivated students of all ages making our community a better place. Some students like to make positive contributions to the global community through actions on one of our global expeditions, like the group of Senior School students headed to Uganda at the end of the week. Others are happy spreading mustard on the sandwiches that will be passed out to the homeless and hungry in our local community. All of these actions are important.

And thus, Southridge *is* a place of significance. With the variety of service opportunities that are open to our students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, there is no doubt that our school produces students who understand the sacrifice and reward of community service, and who will go on to make a difference in the world – they're already doing it.

Have a wonderful Spring Break. See you in April!

Sincerely,

Darren Jones  
Assistant Head of Senior School

(for a more comprehensive Senior School Service program update, please see read the Senior School Service Update in Senior School News)

## Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
PYP Celebrates the Arts! Evening Performance	Wednesday, March 14	6:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School Speech Day	Wednesday, March 14	All Day	Senior School
Casual Day	Friday, March 16	All Day	Both Schools
Senior School End of Term Assembly	Friday, March 16	8:35 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
Grade 7 Boys vs. Teachers Bball Game	Friday, March 16	2:10 pm	Senior School Gym
Term 2 Reports Sent Home	Friday, March 16	2:55 pm	Senior School
PYP and MYP Progress Reports Sent Home	Friday, March 16	3:00 pm	Junior School
Spring Break	March 17 – April 2		Both Schools
Late Start	Tuesday, April 3	10:20 am	Both Schools
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, April 4	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
World Culture Day	Thursday, April 5		Junior School
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, April 11	8:10 am	Junior School
Author Visit - Magriet Ruurs for Grades 4-7	Wednesday, April 11		Junior School
House Captain Elections	Thursday, April 12		Senior School
Dance Classes	Monday – Friday, April 16-20	Various Times	Junior School
Junior School Assembly	Tuesday, April 17	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Future Design School Event	Wednesday, April 18	8:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Film Nights by Media Arts	Wednesday, April 18	7:00 pm	Black Box Theatre
Sexual Health Presentation for K-7 Parents	Thursday, April 19	8:00 – 8:40 am	Junior School Great Hall
Sexual Health Presentation for K-7 Students	Thursday, April 19	8:50 am	Junior School Great Hall
Film Night by Media Arts	Thursday, April 19	7:00 pm	Black Box Theatre
Film Night by Media Arts	Friday, April 20	7:00 pm	Black Box Theatre

## Junior School News

### Term Two Report Cards

**Term Two Report Cards for all PYP and MYP students will be sent home on Friday, March 16 at 3:00 pm.** Please be aware that we are not able to provide students with their progress reports early. If your child will not be present to receive their progress report on March 16th, you can come by the school during March Break to pick up their report from the Senior School Reception Desk, or it will be given to your child when school reopens on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

### March Break Dismissal and Return

**On Friday, March 16, all students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm for March Break.** March Break is two weeks long, plus Easter Monday, with a return-to-school date of Tuesday, April 3 (Day 2). Please also note that Tuesday, April 3 is also a late-start day, and students need to arrive between 10:10 and 10:20 am for a start time of 10:25 am. ***Please do not drop off students any earlier than 10:10 am, as all teachers and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.*** Please mark your calendars accordingly.

### Summer Uniform Options Begin – Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Students may begin wearing summer uniform items on **Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, upon our return from March Break. Please see your child's PYP or MYP Prep Book for Junior School summer uniform expectations. Given, the unpredictability of the weather as spring is getting started, students may continue to wear winter uniform items, as needed. (Note: It's always okay for students to wear "winter in summer", but not for them to wear "summer in winter".)

### Congratulations Junior School Swimmers!

Ms. Reid, Ms. Redies, Ms Jiwa, Madame Sullivan and Coach Jy would like to extend a huge congratulations to all of our Junior School Swimmers. This season we had approximately 60 swimmers from Grade three through seven who took part in weekly practices and several meets throughout the season. We appreciate everyone's willingness to try new races, work hard for best times and push themselves to grow as a swimmer throughout our season. Way to go!



## **International History BEE and Bowl**

As part of a brand new opportunity presented to Southridge, the Junior School was able to take 4 teams to compete at the British Columbian Regional division of the International History Bee and Bowl. Playing against teams from across the Lower Mainland, and each other, all of the Junior Teams performed very well, displaying excellent historical knowledge. Two of our teams did so well in fact, that we qualified for the National Championship in Toronto! As a final piece of exciting news, one of our Grade 7 students placed in the top 25 percentile globally in the Geography Bowl, automatically qualifying for the International Championships in Berlin! Not to ignore our neighbors across the walkway, the Senior School also performed exceptionally well, with two teams also placing at the top of their respective divisions.

## **After-School Clubs Program: Not Too Late to Register!**

After-School Clubs Registration for Term 3 will be open during Spring Break!

- Mondays: Creative Drama - partnering with Arts Umbrella
- Tuesdays: Self Defense - working with Gracie Barra of White Rock Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Wednesdays: Outdoor Environmental learning
- Thursdays: Cooking - Chefs in Training
- Fridays: Science Fair Using Scientific Method

Each day brings an exciting new activity for children to learn, explore and have fun!

Register now by [clicking here](#)! Clubs are filling fast!

Rita Rai  
After-School Clubs Coordinator

## Senior School News

### Senior School Service Update

Here we are at the end of Term Two, and there is so much going on with our busy Senior School Service program. An update from Mr. Jones:

**Surrey Urban Mission:** Through the winter months, we've continued with our weekly visits to the Surrey Urban Mission. Students have been making soup and sandwiches (sometimes with veggies right from our very own community garden!) to take to the Mission, and serving lunch with their advisory groups once on-site. Well into our 10th year of supporting the Mission, this weekly visit continues to be a highlight of our service program.

**Rewynd:** The Entrepreneur Club has also done some wonderful work for the Surrey Urban Mission this term. The group marketed and sold their innovative "Rewynd" product, which keeps earbuds from tangling in your pocket (a problem many of us can relate to). The proceeds of their sales raised more than \$600, which will be donated to the Surrey Urban Mission. Way to go, entrepreneurs!

**Project Backpack:** In their advisories, our students and advisors have also been busy collecting essential living items (i.e. toques, gloves, socks, hygiene products) and filling them into backpacks for our annual [Project Backpack](#) drive. The bags were picked up on Monday, March 12th and delivered to homeless youth in the Vancouver area.

**Service Club Speaker Series:** Our talented Service Stewards, Sanya Grover and Amadea de Wit, have coordinated a Speaker Series in which representatives from local organizations speak to our students about their organization's mission and impact in the community. It also provides our students the opportunity to connect and seek out individual service opportunities with the visiting organizations. On Monday, March 5th, the Service Club had Michelle Ingall, Executive Director of [Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities \(PRDA\)](#) speak to students about the services they provide in the community. And on Friday, March 9th, the [Self-Advocates of Semiahmoo House](#) were here to speak with our students about the actions they have taken in our community!

**Martha Currie Tutoring Club:** A great student-led initiative started by 2018 graduate, Evanee Verma, has seen a small, but dedicated group of Southridge students working with elementary kids at Martha Currie School in Cloverdale. Our students have been making weekly visits after school to help the Martha Currie students with reading, math, and more! Here's what we've heard from Ms. Crismas (our sponsor teacher at Martha Currie), "The Martha Currie students who benefit from this program enjoy attending, are seeing improvement in their homework habits and grades, and are getting some much-

needed one-on-one attention that our teachers appreciate.” Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for having an impact in the community!

## **Southridge Students Know Their History**

Our Southridge Senior students made us proud this weekend with their amazing results at the International History Bee and Bowl. The Junior Varsity team: Evan Richardson, Armaan Randawa, Keith Christofferson, Jayden Hayer, and David Zheng placed first in the overall tournament even beating out other Varsity teams.

Our Varsity team, Molly Maguire, Harry Xie, Jason Xu, and Devin Ma also performed splendidly, coming in third in their division. Keith Christofferson and Armaan Randhawa both were awarded winning scores in individual performances.

We are so proud of our Southridge Historians!

## **University Counseling Events**

UK universities coffee morning has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the University Counseling Centre.

The “Spotlight on Medicine” information night (originally scheduled on March 8<sup>th</sup>) will be rescheduled for later in April. Please watch the “Wednesday” for the date.

Yvette Livingston  
Director, University Counseling

## Both Schools

### Summer at Southridge – Registration Now Open!

Hopefully you received our email yesterday, announcing that **registration is now open** for the **Summer at Southridge** day camps program. We will be emailing external families with the same information later today, and encourage you to also share this info with your friends and family.

**To view program information or to register**, please visit [www.southridgesummer.ca](http://www.southridgesummer.ca)

Camp space fills up quickly, and last year, many of our camps sold out, so I encourage you to **register early** to avoid disappointment. Please don't forget to register for after camp supervision if you need it, since these spots also fill up very fast.

**For students who are 14+**, the summer camp program provides many exciting **volunteer opportunities**. To learn more about opportunities or to obtain a volunteer form, click [here](#). **The application deadline is April 27, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please contact the *Summer at Southridge* administration office:  
Email: [summercampinfo@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:summercampinfo@southridge.bc.ca)  
Phone: 604-542-5385

Ms. Jasmine Boyes  
Community & Alumni Relations Manager

### Country Fair is Just Around the Corner!

If you haven't done it already, open your calendar and add "Country Fair" to Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. For 23 years, this event has been the one "all-hands-on-deck" event at Southridge and we need your help!

Volunteer shifts are already filling up, so don't wait to [sign up](#). We ask every family to sign-up for at least two shifts – with one of those on fair day. Thank you for your help in ensuring a safe and fun event for all!

It's also time to start that spring cleaning in preparation for drop-off week which starts on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We collect books, toys, clothing, household items, furniture... what a great opportunity to de-clutter your home for a good cause – your child's school!



Unfortunately, we cannot accept everything. Items like car seats, mattresses, helmets, etc. cannot be re-sold. Please take a minute to review the [donation guidelines](#) to make sure your items are on the list of things that we can accept. While we appreciate your contributions, a general guideline for all donations is – if you wouldn't give it to a friend, then please don't give it to us!

After the break, we'll also send out information about gift basket donations, sponsorship opportunities, baking requests and more! It's going to be another amazing (and busy) Country Fair!

Thank you for your eager participation!

Christiane Hodson  
Director of Advancement

## Mark Your Calendar: Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World

On **Tuesday, April 24** from **7:00 - 9:00 pm**, we invite parents to join us for a presentation from Safer Schools – ***“Social Media Awareness + Parenting in the Digital World”***.

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. This informative presentation will cover the following topics and more!

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in social media
  - **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
  - **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
  - **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find? What will they leave behind?
  - **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**
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## EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Southridge School (Junior School Great Hall)

Open to parents of children in both the Junior and/or Senior Schools.  
*No pre-registration or entry fee is required.*

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Thank you, we hope you will consider joining us.

Wendy Turriff  
Junior School Counsellor

## **VOLUNTEER NOW for the Country Fair!**

Have you ever wanted to get more involved with planning the Country Fair? Here's your chance!

### ***Traffic & Parking—DEPT HEAD***

The Traffic and Parking Department Head is responsible for:

- Organizing and managing the Country Fair's traffic flow, parking lots and shuttle services on Fair Day.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
- Organizing and working with volunteers on Fair Day to set up, run, and tear down area as directed. Of note, hours of operation are earlier and longer than regular Fair hours, and include setting up on Friday.

### ***Bake Table—DEPT HEAD (Shadows)***

Two people are needed to shadow the Bake Table Department Heads in order to take over in 2019. The Bake Table Department Head is responsible for:

- Organizing the collection of baked goods from parents as per Fraser Health's established requirements.
- Coordinating, as desired, baking volunteers to assist in additional bake table submissions for families wishing to provide a donation in-lieu.
- Organizing assigned volunteers to package, label, price and display baked goods.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
- Organizing and working with volunteers on Fair Day to set up, run, and tear down area as directed. Of note, hours of operation are earlier and longer than regular Fair hours, including Collection Day.
- The Department Heads must also supervise volunteers with cash.

Please contact [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) if you are interested in filling one of these essential positions!

## **Junior School Volunteering**

### **Hot Lunch Co-Chairs**

We are looking for two volunteers to take over the roles of Hot Lunch Co-Chairs. One Co-Chair would be in charge of the hot lunch volunteers. This includes creating the hot lunch teams, setting schedules and training volunteers. This is a hands-on position, and you need to be available to be at the school on Wednesday's for hot lunch service.

The other Co-Chair would be in charge of the Munchalunch program. This includes setting up the system with the new menu and dates, recording payments and printing weekly reports for the caterers. This role requires more time, but you do not need to be at the school, as everything can be done on your computer at home.

### **Scholastic Coordinators (*Shadows*)**

Are you interested in assisting with the coordination of the Scholastic program in the Junior School? Apply to fill a "*shadow*" position, so that you can learn the ropes for next year. The role involves coordinating the Scholastic parent volunteers, who process the orders each month and liaise with parents and teachers as required. The Coordinator also oversees the dissemination of flyers, the collection and processing of orders, and order distribution.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact:  
[volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca).

## Join the Southridge Sun Run Team!

The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer—making it the perfect time to get running and training for the **Vancouver Sun Run**. This year's event will take place **on Sunday, April 22 at 9:00 am**. We had a large Southridge contingent last year, and we are hoping for an even bigger team this year! All ages are welcome to take part in this fun and fit community event. Whether your goal is to run the full 10K race or the 2.5K Mini Sun Run, we would love to have you join us on the Southridge team!

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up! For those of you who have not yet had the chance and would like to run with the Southridge team, **please do so by the Youth Team Challenge deadline of March 16<sup>th</sup>**. To register, [CLICK HERE](#) and select “Join an Existing Team.” Our team name is “Southridge School” and the password to join the team is “southridge”. The online registration seems to be very user-friendly this year, but please email us if you have any questions.

Happy running!

Dr. Besspflug ([kbesspflug@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:kbesspflug@southridge.bc.ca)) and Ms. Fera ([dfera@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dfera@southridge.bc.ca))

## Family Day Change for 2019

The BC government recently announced that Family Day will move to the third week of February so that it aligns with other Canadian provinces. As of 2019, Family Day will fall on the third Monday of the month and the 2018-2019 school year calendar has been updated to reflect this change. The 2018-2019 school year calendar can be found in the Parents' Portal Resources under the Calendars section.

## Southridge Cafè

We wish you an enjoyable spring break and we look forward to serving you again in April.

Canuel Caterers



## Uniform Shop News

It's time to check if you need to get new summer uniforms as the warmer weather is finally coming. The Uniform Shop has volunteers who will help you to get the right sizes.

Our opening hours are:

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

Phala Tan  
Business Services Manager

**Mon-12**

**Tues-13**

**Wed-14**

**Thur-15**

**Fri-16**

**Breakfast**

**Smoothie  
Day**

**Bacon Egger**

**Smoothie  
Day**

**Apple cin  
muffin**

**Smoothie  
Day**

**Chef's  
Entree**

**Red Thai  
Curry**

**Salad Bar**

**Perogies and  
sausage**

**Salad Bar**

**Fish Taco**

**Pasta  
Bowl**

**Tortellini**

**Rose'**

**Mac and  
Cheese**

**Bow Ties**

**Primavera**

**Grill  
Central**

**Pot Pie**

**Flat Bread**

**Smokie**

**Calzone**

**Vietnamese  
Sub**

**Weekly  
Panini**

**BBQ  
Chipotle**

**BBQ  
Chipotle**

**BBQ  
Chipotle**

**BBQ  
Chipotle**

**BBQ  
Chipotle**

**Great  
Greens**

**Grain Salad**

**Salad Bar**

**Caesar  
Salad**

**Salad Bar**

**Chef Salad**

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

