



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

The National Association of Independent Schools Conference

As you are reading this, Mr. Darren Jones and I are in Atlanta Georgia at the 2018 National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Conference. This year, more than 5,000 school administrators and educators will attend the conference which has *The Leadership Journey: Guides, Pathways and Possibilities* as its theme. One of the strands I am hoping to follow in various workshops is Leadership Development and I am attending workshops titled *Leading for Innovation--What Really Works?; Leadership Through Innovative Team Collaboration; Mission-Based Grading: Assessing and Reporting the Learning That Matters;* and *10 Things That Don't Belong in a School of the Future*, to name a few. Mr. Jones and I are excited to roll up our sleeves and meet with other school administrators from around North America to discuss ways the Southridge Senior School can become even better.

In addition, the conference is hosting a number of great keynote speakers we are very interested in hearing, including Adam Grant, professor at the University of Pennsylvania, who is the author of **Option B**, a book he co-authored with Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg about facing adversity, building resilience, and finding joy. Navi Radjou is an innovation and leadership advisor and best-selling author based in the Silicon Valley. His upcoming book, **The Conscious Society: Reinventing How We Consume, Work and Live**, shows how to tap into our abundant inner resources--love, ingenuity, and wisdom--to consciously direct humanity toward a better future. Psychologist Wendy Mogel is the author of two acclaimed parenting books: **The Blessing of a Skinned Knee**, and **The Blessing of a B-Minus**. In her work, she explores how over-protection, over-scheduling, over-indulgence, and perfectionism undermine children. Her forthcoming book will be a guide to the art of conversation in an age of distraction--sounds like something we could all benefit from reading! Other keynotes include Sisonke Msimang, the executive director of the Open Society Initiative in South Africa, Amy Cuddy, a leadership teacher at Harvard and a NY Time bestselling author, Luma Mufleh, the coach of a soccer team called *The Fugees* (short for refugees) and director of the Fugees Academy with student players who come from 28 war-torn countries and are offered an intensive 6-12 college-prep curriculum while they play soccer internationally.

So, it is undoubtedly an incredible conference, and Mr. Jones and I are very thankful for the school's commitment to professional development and the opportunity to be in Atlanta

this week. In a future Wednesday article, I will further elaborate on some of the insights we gained from the conference workshops.

In addition, I would like to congratulate all students and staff who were involved in the amazing Senior School theatre production of ***Animal Farm!*** To all of you fortunate enough to get tickets to this innovative and thought-provoking rendition of George Orwell's classic novel, I know you were likely as impressed and thoroughly entertained as I was. Thank you to Ms. MacGregor, Ms. Kolic and Mr. McInnes for the countless hours they put into this production. And our appreciation of course to our wonderful and talented students who worked on stage and behind the scenes to transform our Great Hall into an amazing set and make this play come alive!

Last Friday we hosted the Junior Reach for the Top Provincial Championships and our Southridge Junior Reach team finished first! Congratulations to our team members: Keith Christofferson, Jayden Hayer, Laurier LaLonde, Graeme Lister, Katherine Lu, Braeden Mussato, Sam Pfortmueller, Armaan Randhawa, Evan Richardson, Serina St. James, Brian Tkatch and David Zheng! Thank you to our staff sponsors Ms. Mullen and Mr. Geddert for hosting an awesome tournament!

Finally, good luck to Mr. Anderson and our Senior Boys Basketball Team as they compete in the AA Provincial Championships at Langley Events Centre this week!

Have a great week!

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
BC High School Basketball Championships	Wednesday, March 7 - Saturday, March 10		Langley Events Centre
PYP Arts Showcase Tech Rehearsal	Friday, March 9	8:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
House Captain Theme Day	Friday, March 9	All Day	Junior School
Senior School Captain Forum	Monday, March 12	8:30 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
MYP Division Assembly	Monday, March 12	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
PYP Celebrates the Arts! Dress Rehearsal for MYP Classes	Monday, March 12	12:45 pm	Junior School Great Hall
PYP Celebrates the Arts! Matinee Performance	Tuesday, March 13	1:45 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Wednesday, March 14	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
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

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.

Casual Day for Sandwich Making for the Surrey Urban Mission

Each week committed PYP students prepare about fifty sandwiches to go with a Senior School advisory group who serves lunch and distributes our sandwiches to the clients at the local Surrey Urban Mission. Last Friday, at Casual Day, we raised about \$440 to enable the group to buy mayonnaise, mustard, cheese, ham and Ziplock bags. Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting this caring community relationship.

Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Service Coordinator

Junior School House Captain Theme Day Friday, March 9th

Friday, March 9th Kindergarten through Grade 7 are invited to leave their uniform at home and dress in clothing that shows an activity/group/sport/job, etc. they love for Passion Day. The cost is \$2 to participate, and all proceeds go to the Grade 7 Legacy Fund: supporting local, provincial, national, and international service projects.

Ms. McNeil
MYP Division Leader

PYP Celebrates the Arts!

Instead of a PYP musical this year, **we are very excited to introduce “PYP Celebrates the Arts!” to Southridge.** This is going to be a holistic celebration of the arts in all their forms: visual art, music, dance, and drama. The best part of it all is that it will be very student-centered. The work that is showcased will come from the students and their classes (PYP art and PYP music, but also work within their homerooms, French classes, and others.) It will be highly collaborative, from the planning through to the finished performances and works that are featured—and there will be much emphasis placed on the artistic process that leads to the final products. It’s a shift moving from our traditional PYP musical, but we all believe that “PYP Celebrates the Arts” is an even more authentic way for our students to live out the inquiry-based learning that is so important to the PYP philosophy and a meaningful arts education here at Southridge. We are sure that you will agree when you see your children celebrating the arts on stage the week before March Break!

We look forward to seeing you in the **Junior School Great Hall** on **Tuesday, March 13 at 1:45 pm** or on **Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 pm!**

Mrs. Winterburn, Dr. Bospflug, and Ms. Redies
PYP Art and Music Teachers

After-School Clubs Program: Registration Now Open!

Families are registering for the After-School Clubs for a number of reasons...

- Looking to keep my child busy and away from electronic devices!
- Wanting to help my child make new friends.
- Needing a few hours to finish up around the house.
- Needing time to get across town to pick up after work.

For whatever reason you may have, the After-School Clubs Program is a safe and nurturing place where children learn to trust their voices and communicate their ideas and opinions. It’s a place where children get to try new experiences that will excite, challenge and push them out of their comfort zones!

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

Rita Rai
After-School Clubs Coordinator

Senior School News

Reach for the Top Club

Last Friday (March 2nd), Southridge hosted the annual Fraser Valley "Reach For The Top"! Tournament. Sixteen schools from the Fraser Valley region came to compete in this fast-paced team trivia competition.

Southridge's Reach team had a nail-biting semi-final against Churchill, but they eventually pulled through, and went on to dominate "University Transition" in the finals, taking home first place!

That means they're representing BC in the national competition, which is happening this May in Toronto!

Special Thanks to Mme. Mullen, Declan, Jeff, Richard, and Tony for their help in organizing the event.

We all had so much fun!

Tai Zhang – Grade 10
Reach for the Top Club

Support Project Backpack

It is estimated that on any given night, there are approximately 700 youth in the Vancouver area living on the streets, trying to find a safe place to sleep and survive the cold temperature. They often lack the necessities that we take for granted everyday – this is where the **Project Backpack** campaign comes in. This campaign was started by Cara Sinclair, who delivered backpacks to schools so that students could fill them with items that would be most needed by youth living on the street – in essence, youth helping other youth. Project Backpack has now grown to several schools in the Lower Mainland and to this date, over 2,500 backpacks have been collected.

Southridge has been avidly involved with Project Backpack for the past several years and will be participating in this campaign once again. For the next several weeks, Senior School students will be dedicated to filling a total of 56 backpacks with items that youth need in their day-to-day lives – some examples include socks, gloves, shampoo, toothbrushes, toiletries, and gift cards to pharmacies, food, and transportation. These backpacks will be dropped off at Directions Youth Services in downtown Vancouver and distributed directly to local youth.

We ask that you please bring in your item to your advisory by Friday, March 9th. Bringing in a few small items ends up playing a large role in the lives of these youth, making their day a bit smoother. It is very important for them to know that others care about them – in particular, that other youth care. By assembling these backpacks, we will be able to make a positive difference in the daily lives of homeless youth.

If you would like to know more about Project Backpack, please watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DgrGeDCIZM>

Thank you for your continued support!

Sanya Grover
Grade 12 Student
Senior Service Steward

Summer Session Math Opportunity: Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10

A number of students have expressed interest in attending a summer session to complete the requirements for FMP 10, which would, if successful, allow them to move into Pre-Calculus 11 in the 2018-19 school year. Students who are contemplating this degree of acceleration are advised that they should have an “A” in their current Math program or have the recommendation of their teacher. The course would also be open to students who have completed FMP 10 but who might wish to improve their understanding of the course content and potentially upgrade their marks.

This course will be delivered through a combination of at home preparation, video lessons, on-line tutorials and on-campus classes. Students can expect to complete 10-12 hours of work at home per week. Students must be available to be in full attendance each day of the course and any student with more than two absences might be required to withdraw.

If you are interested in this opportunity, we need your registration form, together with the authorization to charge your account for the full cost of the program, by Monday, March 12th. The course needs a minimum of 9 students in order to run.

Dates and cost:

Tuesday, July 3rd – Friday, August 10th
Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 - 11:00 am
Cost: \$1,300

A flyer with full details of this opportunity is posted on the [Parent Portal](#) and copies are also available at the front desk.

Thank you for your interest.

Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Program Director

University Counseling Events

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

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

Yvette Livingston
Director, University Counseling

Both Schools

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**

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.

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!

Books—DEPT HEAD (Shadow)

Someone is needed to shadow the Books Department Heads in order to take over in 2019. The Books Department Head is responsible for:

- Organizing volunteers to sort and price books during collection week.
- Organizing student volunteers to transfer books pre-Fair.
- 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.

Ready to jump right in? Department Heads are needed *immediately* for:

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.

Please contact volunteer@southeridge.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.

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 16th**. 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. Bospflug (kbespflug@southridge.bc.ca) and Ms. Fera (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.

Automatic Face Tagging in Vidigami

Vidigami has recently released a software upgrade that provides true “auto-tagging”. I would like to clarify how auto-tagging works and what its limitations are before we all jump up and down in excitement and stop manually tagging students in the photos we upload to Vidigami.

First of all, auto-tagging won't do away with the necessity of manually tagging student photos and here is why:

1. As children grow, their faces change dramatically enough that auto-tagging software can't recognize them year-to-year and therefore, manual tagging is required each year to educate the software.
2. Auto-tagging requires at least 10-15 manual tags to learn what a student looks like. Auto-tagging will only be able to accurately identify students in photos if the 10-15 photos are clear, full-face and high-resolution.
3. At best, auto-tagging may work in about 30% of all photos. There are a number of factors that prohibit auto-tagging from working accurately, such as: the face angle, clarity, lighting, and resolution of the photo.

Auto-tagging is currently working on our photos that have been uploaded to Vidigami and parents may have noticed photos of their children showing up in their collections as the auto-tagging identifies their children's faces in the photos.

If parents aren't seeing many or any photos of their children, it can be one of two issues:

1. There aren't many or any photos of their children on Vidigami. The cure for this is parents uploading photos of their children from school events to Vidigami. This way, the photos can be included in the Yearbook and other projects where you want your children to be represented.
2. The children haven't been manually tagged enough times for the auto-tagging to be successful in identifying the students in other photos. Parents can tag their children in photos from school events. The more photos you manually tag of your child(ren), the better the auto-tagging software will be at tagging them in other photos!

I am excited about the release of auto-tagging in Vidigami; it will certainly help us to identify students in photos for Yearbook and other applications. I am clear, however, that it isn't as “automatic” as the name suggests and that continuing to manually tag your children in the photos in Vidigami is always a good practice.

Feel free to email me with any questions you may have about the tagging process. Vidigami also has excellent support documents and videos that you can [view here](#).

Alan McInnes
Manager, Web and AV Services

Southridge Cafè

Here are a few things that hopefully will help you and help us keep everyone happy and with full tummies.

- We welcome feedback of any kind. Please do not hesitate to email us with any concerns or requests. southridge@canuelcaterers.ca
- The kitchen is always happy to help accommodate anyone with diet concerns or allergies.
- Breakfast is ready each morning at 7:30 am. Every morning, we also bake fresh muffins, cookies, scones and cinnamon buns.

Please review the attached menus for the remainder of this week, and into March.

Canuel Caterers

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop has slim-fit styles of the men's and ladies' grey pants. We still stock the regular styles – the slim-fit version is just another option for senior students looking for a more tailored fit. Please come in and try them on!

Our opening hours are:

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

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager



2018-19 Southridge School Long Range Calendar

July

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- Instructional Days
- Non-Instructional Days (Pro-D, Half-term)
- Statutory Holiday
- Vacation Days

	Mon-5	Tues-6	Wed-7	Thur-8	Fri-9
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Lemon Poppy seed muffin	Smoothie Day	Sausage Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Butter Chicken	Salad Bar	Chicken Chow Mein	Salad Bar	Fish with Rice Pilaf
Pasta Bowl	Rose'	Stuffed Pasta	Mac and Cheese	Bow Ties	Primavera
Grill Central	Japa Dog	Chicken Fajita	Spring Rolls	Pizza	BBQ Ribber
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto
Great Greens	Thai Noodle	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	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

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

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Great Greens

Grain Salad

Salad Bar

Caesar Salad

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

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