



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Our Students Feel Loved and Supported

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a great 2018 at Southridge! At our full faculty and staff meeting on Monday morning, staff were given an overview of the new strategic plan that will provide a framework for how we will equip each student for their path ahead; develop a creative and supportive environment for learning and work; and how we will embrace and engage our diverse community. More information on this exciting plan for Southridge will be going out to the community later this month.

Something that I addressed with faculty and staff is that I was struck by the fact that our students reported in their responses to strategic planning surveys that they feel loved and supported here. Students indicated in their survey responses that they have at least one staff member they feel they can go to and who they can trust. Southridge is a great community and our strategic plan, which will guide us for the next decade, will focus on making students the center of everything we do here.

Our plan will focus on ensuring our students develop a strong sense of belonging and well-being; enabling our students to better know themselves and understand others; and equipping our students with the resilience and skills needed to thrive in, and contribute to, our changing world.

Speaking of our changing world, we have made some significant changes in the Senior School over the winter break. Our Grade 11 and Grade 12 student lounge areas received a significant renovation with new furniture and lighting (with an electric fireplace to come), and the entire upstairs hallway and Alderdice Library had its nearly 20-year-old carpet replaced.

Two formerly 'staff-only' washrooms next to the fitness centre on the second floor (across the walkway above the Alan Brown Great Hall) have been converted into non-gendered single-user washrooms available for student use. This is in response to the Ministry's requirement that all students and employees be given access to non-gendered washroom facilities.

This summer we will hopefully have a temporary administrative annex completed south of the Senior School that will house our uniform shop and some administrative offices.

This will open up some much-needed space in the Senior School for classrooms and counselling offices. More information to follow shortly!

Again, I wish all of you a Happy New Year and a fantastic start to 2018!

Have a great week!

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Assessment and Its Role in Student Learning Featuring Ken O'Connor	Thursday, January 11	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, January 17	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Grade 7 Parent Evening about Senior School	Thursday, January 18	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Alderdice Library (Senior School)
Admissions Related Non-Instructional Day for K-2 Students	Friday, January 19	All Day	Junior School
Grade 6 and 7 Dance	Friday, January 19	7:00 pm	Junior School Gym
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, January 24	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
KFACE Classic Basketball Tournament	January 25 – 27		Senior School Gym
Admissions Related Non-Instructional Day for Kindergarten Students	Friday, January 26	All Day	Junior School
Artona Grad Portraits and Group Photos	Friday, January 26 and Saturday, January 27		Artona Studios
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, January 31	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Jump Rope for Heart	Friday, February 2	All Day	Junior School Gym
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, February 7	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
BC Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 12	All Day	Both Schools

Junior School News

Mark Your Calendar: Admissions Related Non-Instructional Days in January 2018

In order to assess and get to know prospective students applying to the school for the 2018-19 school year, the following dates will be non-instructional dates for the specific grades indicated:

- **Friday, January 19, 2018** – No School for K-2 students (Gr. 1-3 Admissions Assessment Day). School is in session for Grade 3-7 students.
- **Friday, January 26, 2018** – No school for Kindergarten students (Kindergarten Admissions Assessment Day). School is in session for Gr. 1-7 students.

Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your child on the affected dates.

You're Invited: Grade 7 Parent Evening **Attention all parents of Grade 7 students!**

Next **Thursday, January 18th** from **7:00 - 8:15 pm** is our **Grade 7 Parent Information Night**. Because we held a similar session during Open House in November, do not feel obligated to attend next week, though you are more than welcome to come and hear more detailed information about the transition to the Senior School, course selection information, co-curricular opportunities, and of course, you will have an opportunity to have all your questions answered. This event will be held in the **Alderdice Library** on the second floor of the Senior School and is for parents only.

Brad Smith
Head of Senior School

Support 'Jump Rope for Heart' on Friday, February 2nd

Today, we are launching the [Heart and Stroke Foundation's](#) annual **Jump Rope for Heart campaign**. As so many of our community members have been touched by family members or friends with heart and stroke conditions, this event is widely appealing. The money earned supports research projects, medical intervention for existing patients, and preventative educational initiatives. Another benefit to this fundraiser is that Southridge School receives a percentage of all funds raised, which we later donate to our local Surrey school connection, W.E. Kinvig. Its staff uses this fund to buy additional sports equipment for its students or support other programmes.

To begin with, Kate Harvey from the Surrey Heart and Stroke Foundation spoke to the students at today's assembly. Then, your child received a **no-prize pledge envelope** via his/her homeroom teacher; please feel free to use one envelope per family. **Donations are due by Friday, February 2nd**, which is our first Casual Day of 2018. Donations are in lieu of the \$2 contribution expected each Casual Day.

Please send your child to school on February 2nd in pink and/or red to enjoy a day of jump rope activities during their regularly scheduled PE and DPA times.

Many thanks to Ms. Fera for her organization and implementation of such a fun and purposeful event.

Thank you very kindly for your attention and donations toward two worthy causes.

Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Coordinator

Junior School Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

With the start of the New Year upon us, we need many more hospitality volunteers to assist with providing coffee and treats when required, for events (i.e. Coffee Mornings). Volunteers help with setting up and taking down at the end of the event or meeting. If you are interested, [please sign up online](#) and contact Sejal Shah at sejal@shatex.com.

Thanks so much!

The Volunteer Committee

Ceramic Art Projects Seek Loving Homes!

Dear Current and Former MYP Art Students,

If you made a piece of ceramic art and had it fired in the kiln at the end of June, last year, it's quite likely that the finished piece is now in the MYP Art Room and waiting for you to come and claim it.

Please pick up your artwork as soon as possible, as the space is needed in the art room. **Pieces will be available for pick up until January 26th** (the end of next week). Thank you!

Jackie Janzen
MYP Visual Arts

Senior School News

Join us for the Grade 9 Invention Convention (Jan 12)

Grade 9 students and science teachers would like to invite their parents and anyone in the school community to attend the **2nd Annual Invention Convention** this Friday! Students have been hard at work designing all kinds of inventions, with an overall goal to improve upon something that already exists. As part of the design process, Grade 9's had the opportunity to discuss their designs with faculty from the Wilson School of Design at KPU and get valuable feedback and ideas. From automatic cereal dispensers, to hands-free umbrellas, we have inventions of all kinds and hope that you will come and explore what they have been working so hard on for many weeks.

What: Grade 9 2nd Annual Invention Convention

When: Friday, January 12, 2018

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Senior School Science classrooms 114, 116, 118, & 121

Senior School Science Department

Heritage Week (February 14 – 16)

We wanted to let you know that **'Heritage Week' is coming up and will take place from February 14 – 16th.**

If you are student in the Senior School interested in volunteering to run some events that promote our heritage (including our cultural diversity), please email Ms. Alexandra: ialexandra@southridge.bc.ca. Events that require student support include: a Victorian Tea; organizing the history of various board games; a cultural bake sale; dressing up as a historical figure so that others can guess who you are; and any other ideas you may have!

Please come to our first meeting on Day 7 next week (Thursday, January 18th) in room 210. Bring your lunch. The meeting starts at 12:30 pm, sharp!

Ira Alexandra
Senior School Social Studies Teacher

University Counselling & Career Education Update

What are you doing this summer?

The new year is underway and even though we are in the midst of our winter days, **it's time to promote the high school summer programs at universities in Canada, U.S. and across the globe.** Students in Grade 10, 11 & 12 who are interested in university preparation should review the notice board in the University Counselling area and take note of upcoming deadlines for applications.

Sample programs:

1. Oxbridge – For over 30 years, Oxbridge has been offering outstanding summer programs for high school students in Europe and America. Faculty are drawn from some of the world's leading universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Harvard and Columbia. www.oxbridgeprograms.com
2. University of Toronto, Future Student Summer Enrichment Programs for Law, Engineering, Medicine. <http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/futurestudents/academics/hsprograms/other>
3. King's College, London – Pre-University Taster. Check out the selection of subjects & courses. <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/summer/summer-schools/pre-university/pre-university-index.aspx>
4. Columbia University – Summer Immersion in New York Program, a selection of courses for high school students. <https://sps.columbia.edu/highschool/summer-immersion/new-york-city-3-week>

This is a small sampling and I encourage families to check out universities of interest to see if they offer high school summer programming as this can be a wonderful opportunity to explore the campus, meet professors and find out more about academic programs and university life in preparation for post-secondary applications.

Yvette Livingston
Director of University Counselling

Southridge Senior Drama Update

Term one was an exciting time in the Drama Department. We launched into our rehearsal process for our mainstage production of *Animal Farm*, where collaboration with Visual Art has been a focus of the process. Both art and drama students participated in a series of workshops that organically lead the students to building the animal character masks

together. These works of art that will be worn in the show by the actors and then displayed, are a fine example of authentic student collaboration and problem solving. We intend to continue with this idea beyond the show, when we work with Semiahmoo House and their recreation program in the spring.

Support from Art, Music, Tech, and Media Arts is integral to the success of any production at Southridge, and *Animal Farm* will be no different, from live music throughout the show, to set painting and construction, to wildly innovative projections—I have been able to experience, first hand, how Southridge is truly “all one”.

Meanwhile, the Theatre Company class has also been working with the service club to support SALI, the Semiahmoo Animal League Incorporated, through our casual day and concessions for the show. SALI is trying to build community awareness with the hashtag #helpourherd, and we, the Southridge Theatre Company, are very proud to be supporting this local and very special organization by mounting our production. Helping both animals and at-risk youth is something that connects directly to the themes in the show and is something that the whole company is passionate about supporting.

In other news, the Grade 9 Drama Class used the research paper assignment in Social Studies to springboard into writing their own full class Anthology piece on the human rights issue of Child Labour. The students were challenged with researching the issue, creating the script and the drama conventions to use, and then performing it for their peers. Despite some technical issues, the students, some of whom were performing for the first time ever, were able to build awareness and convey the seriousness of this issue to their audience—not, perhaps, a “feel good” topic for the holidays, but a very important one for youth to understand, nonetheless. They will perform a one act play by Vancouver native playwright, Dennis Foon, at the beginning of June in the BlackBox Theatre.

The Improvisation Club enjoyed a workshop with Alastair Cook of the Canadian Improv Games, and while, unfortunately, we will not be able to participate in the showcase due to scheduling of the mainstage show, the students learned a lot about Improv basics and subsequently took advantage of performance opportunities at both the Open House and Feast Nights.

I’m very excited to launch into term two with all the wonderful students I get to work with in drama and the other arts disciplines, and I hope you’ll come and check out our convention-defying production of *Animal Farm*, February 21-24 at 7:00 pm in the Alan Brown Great Hall!

Sara MacGregor
Senior School Drama Teacher

Emma Hoglund Performs with the Vancouver Symphony

On Thursday, January 4th, several Southridge students, teachers and I had the privilege of attending Emma Hoglund's performance of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Vancouver Symphony, conducted by William Rowson.

Emma was the winner of the VSO School of Music's *Future of Excellence* competition, and as winner, was given the opportunity to perform with the VSO as part of their *Tea and Trumpets* series in Vancouver's beautiful Orpheum theatre. For any musician to win this competition would be a great honour, but for Emma to win it at the age of 14 was truly exceptional.

After an eloquent introduction by Christopher Gaze, host of the *Tea and Trumpets* concerts, Emma walked on stage and performed with the poise of an artist beyond her years. Not only did she perform flawlessly, but she did so with phrasing and musicality that brought the packed Orpheum audience to their feet.

Following her performance, Christopher Gaze stated that in live music, as in theatre, there are those few truly special performances that audiences can say with pride "I was there." This was one of those performances. Congratulations Emma, from all of us in the Southridge community.

Chris Mitchell
Senior School Music Teacher

Southridge Students Win Multiple Awards Including 'Best Female Performance' at ZoomFest!

Southridge student filmmakers and animators won multiple awards including "Best Individual Female Performance" at the ZoomFest awards gala at Mulgrave School on Saturday, December 2nd. This year, ZoomFest had over 100 entries from around the province.

ZoomFest is a 48-hour filmmaking competition for teenagers. Over the course of two days, the teams of students must make a complete film that incorporates the secret theme and prop. This year, the theme was "A blessing in disguise" and the prop was a stamp. Southridge had an unprecedented 95 students enter the competition.

Interestingly, two teams of Southridge students were able to create complete animated films in 48 hours, an impressive and unusual achievement that was

recognized by the judges with special honourable mention awards. To view these unique films, please click the links in the awards listings.

Congratulations to all the Southridge students who entered Zoomfest! Please see the list of Southridge award winners below. To see a highlight reel of Southridge student work from ZoomFest, please click here:

<https://vimeo.com/241904333>

Best Individual Female Performance (Senior)

Didi Wang – “Dear” (Senior)

Jason Xu

Devin Ma

Catherine Mao

Nick Tang

2nd Place Overall

1st Place Junior Technical Achievement

“The Eva Phant Project” (Junior)

Isaac Ewing

Mila Vipond

Eva Lofig

3rd Place Senior Group Performance

“Clo.sure” (Senior)

Kaj Grant-Mathiasen

Fiona Firby

Porsha Kuiper-Hill

Harry Li

3rd Place, Junior Performance

Ashna Dhaliwal - “The Masked Blessing” (Junior)

Robin Lister

Tatum Byrne

Avery Bell

Honorable Mention (Animated Stop Motion Film)

“Sweet Substitution” (Senior)

Savannah Rawlins

Areeba Naeem

<https://vimeo.com/246851730>

Honourable Mention (Animated Film)

"A Blessing in the Sky" (Senior)

Angelina Liu

Hattie Zhang

<https://vimeo.com/246852007>

Thank you,

Chris Westendorf

Senior School Media Arts Teacher

Time to Book Graduation Portraits

Artona has reserved January 26th and 27th for Southridge Grad Portrait Sessions. For information about how to prepare for your grad portrait session, [click here](#). Students have the option to take photos in casual/formal clothing of their choice; however, all Southridge students will have a cap and gown photo that is used for the yearbook and the portrait composites that hang in the hallways. All students must wear their Southridge white, button-down shirt and formal school tie (no school trips ties or personal ties) for the cap and gown photos.

Please visit <https://artona.com/schools/SRIS/programs/graduation> to book your personalized 60-minute professional Studio session at Artona Photo Group. If these dates do not work for you, please contact Artona directly to book a time that works for you.

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Phone: 604-872-7272

Email: csr@artona.com

Both Schools

Thanks to you....

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our community, two projects were completed over the Christmas break in our Senior School.

The new and improved Grade 12 lounge area near the Alderdice library in the Senior School looks amazing and is all thanks to the volunteers, donors and sponsors of the 2017 Country Fair. Renovating this space was one of three projects funded by the Country Fair and our Class of 2018 has been patiently waiting for the improvements. Thank you so much for your support!

The upstairs hallways and Alderdice library also received much-needed new carpet over the Christmas break. Thanks to everyone who supported the gala in November for making this project a reality. The carpet looks (and smells) great! Without your support of our fundraising events, we simply could not afford these types of purchases and renovations. Thank you again!

Your gifts do make an enormous difference at the school. If you have not yet made a donation to Southridge this year, please consider [making your gift online today](#). Your gift can be directed to an area at the school that means the most to you including Arts, Athletics, any of our bursary funds, or choose to support our Greatest Need fund.

If you have any questions about making a gift to Southridge, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 604-542-2330 or via email at chodson@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Save The Dates!

If you haven't already marked your calendars, below are the dates for our three major fundraising events in 2018. Whether you participate as a donor, sponsor, guest or volunteer, please plan on joining us at these important community building activities:

Country Fair – Saturday, May 5th
Golf Tournament – Friday, June 8th (Hazelmere Golf Club)
Gala – Saturday, November 17th

The Country Fair volunteer portal will be available by March 1st and everyone is encouraged to sign-up for at least one pre-event shift and one Fair-day shift. Volunteering is a great way to connect with other parents and your invaluable support and time is what makes the event so successful!

Also, please remember that tickets for the Golf Tournament and the Gala are limited and sell-out early, so be sure to watch for future event updates in *The Wednesday*.

If you have any questions about these events, please don't hesitate to contact Shelley Slaughter at 604-542-2334 or sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca

Thank you!

Shelley Slaughter
Advancement Officer

Last Reminder: Presentation by Ken O'Connor (Tomorrow Night)

This is one last reminder that tomorrow evening (**Thursday, January 11th**) from **7:00 - 8:30 pm**, **Southridge is excited to host Ken O'Connor** for a special **presentation on assessment and its role in student learning**. See details below.

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Southridge School – Junior School Great Hall

Open to parents of students in K-12.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Snow Closure Procedures

With the winter season still upon us, we would like to **remind everyone of our school's snow closure procedures.**

In the event that Metro Vancouver experiences heavy snowfall and we feel it's necessary to close the school or adjust the school schedule (i.e. late-start or early-dismissal), you will receive communications from Southridge in the following ways:

- **Text Message** – a text message will be delivered to the cellular number(s) that have been provided to the school.
- **Email** – an email will be delivered to the email address(es) that have been provided to the school.
- **Website** – a notice will be posted to our school website (www.southeridge.bc.ca). The message will appear as a pop-up when you visit the site.
- **Social Media** – messages will be posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

In the case of a school closure, Southridge will also communicate via:

- **Radio Station** – Local radio station, [AM980 CKNW](#) will be informed of the closure for their broadcast reports and online school closure listing.

We will aim to communicate any closures or changes to the school schedule with you by 6:30 am. Subsequently, we will continue to monitor the situation and you will be informed about school re-opening via the same channels as above.

It is important to note, we do not align our school closure decisions with the Surrey School District. The district covers a large geographical area that includes 102 elementary schools and 24 secondary schools. Clearing parking lots and taking steps to ensure all 126 school properties are safe is very different than dealing with one school that has the benefit of a dedicated crew of people who work diligently to make sure our property is well prepared for traffic after a snowfall.

If you wake up to snow and have not received a text message or email from the school, we encourage you to check the website or social media before heading out for the day. If you do not see any updates by 6:30 am, then you may assume the school is open and proceed as usual.

For our families who travel longer distances, or for whom the commute appears unsafe, please use your discretion and remain home if you feel it is hazardous to drive. In this

case, please remember to call (604-535-5056) or email (attendance@southeridge.bc.ca) the school and let us know that your child(ren) will not be in attendance.

Happy winter!

Administration Team

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. southeridge@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 January.

Canuel Caterers

Uniform Shop News

Welcome Back! It's still quite chilly outside, and we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that the Uniform Shop has long-sleeved PE shirts for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. They are great for keeping students warmer when playing outside. We invite you to drop by and take a look.

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-8	Tues-9	Wed-10	Thur-11	Fri-12
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Breakfast Burrito	Smoothie Day	Blue Berry Muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Butter Chicken	Salad Bar	Chicken Chow Mein	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Alfredo	Italiano	Mac and Cheese	Ravioli	Marinara
Grill Central	Japa Dog	Greek Bowl	Spring Rolls	Pizza	Hot Greek Wrap
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad

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



Mon-15

Tues-16

Wed-17

Thur-18

Fri-19

Breakfast

Smoothie Day

Bacon Egger

Smoothie Day

Lemon Poppy seed Muffin

Smoothie Day

Chef's Entree

Stuffed Chicken

Salad Bar

Burrito Bar

Salad Bar

Fish sticks & Rice pilaf

Pasta Bowl

Ravioli

Spaghetti

Mac and Cheese

Alfredo

Primavera

Grill Central

Fish Burger

Chicken Noodle Bowl

BBQ Ribber

Personal Pizza

Spicy Chk Burger

Weekly Panini

BBQ Chipotle

BBQ Chipolte

BBQ Chipolte

BBQ Chipolte

BBQ Chipolte

Great Greens

Chic Pea Salad

Salad Bar

Chicken Caesar

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

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Mon-22

Tues-23

Wed-24

Thur-25

Fri-26

Breakfast

Smoothie Day

Breakfast Burrito

Smoothie Day

Blueberry Muffin

Smoothie Day

Chef's Entree

Perogies and Sausage

Salad Bar

Lemon Grass Chicken

Salad Bar

Fish Sticks & Rice Pilaf

Pasta Bowl

Tortellini

Bow Ties

Mac and Cheese

Rose'

Primavera

Grill Central

Smokie

Red Thai Curry

Pot Pie

Personal Pizza

Poutine

Weekly Panini

Chicken Pizza

Chicken Pizza

Chicken Pizza

Chicken Pizza

Chicken Pizza

Great Greens

Grain Salad

Salad Bar

Caesar Salad

Salad Bar

Tossed Salad

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



	Mon-29	Tues-30	Wed-31	Thur-1	Fri-2
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Blueberry Muffin	Smoothie Day	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chicken & Fries	Salad Bar	Burrito Bar	Salad Bar	Fish Taco
Pasta Bowl	Cannelloni	Spaghetti	Mac and Cheese	Alfredo	Marinara
Grill Central	Fish Burger	Stuffed Chicken	BBQ Ribber	Pizza	Japa Dog
Weekly Panini	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar
Great Greens	Chic Pea Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad

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