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Weekly Voice

What's the New Sign at Southridge?

The short answer is that the new sign is a designation that certain washrooms on our campus are for everyone's use. On the one hand, this seems like an innocuous position to bring forward, but, on the other hand, it is a sign that our school is open to, and accepting of, the multiplicity of ways that people identify with and express their gender. This change, along with the changes we've made to our uniform choices, are recent steps we've taken to support the Board's approval of the school's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify (SOGI) Policy.

The topics of sexual orientation and gender identity are not simply trends in our society, nor are they politically correct ways to position our school as progressive and *au current* with topical issues and considerations. Rather, they are reflective of our school's collective and ongoing efforts to create an environment where students feel safe to express their sexual orientation and gender identity in ways that are in alignment with who they are as individuals.

To be sure, "gender identity or expression" are among the protected grounds covered by the BC Human Rights Code, and topics related to gender and self-identity are included in the provincial curriculum for knowledge, as well as to help students understand and respect diversity. What's more, studies show that having SOGI-specific anti-bullying policies improves the school climate for LGBTQ and heterosexual students alike, reducing discrimination, suicidal ideation and suicide attempts for all students. As a matter of fact, as of December 31, 2016, all BC school districts and independent schools have been required to include specific references to sexual orientation and gender identity in their anti-bullying policies.



In response to the Ministry of Education's expectations, Southridge has amended its existing policies to be in alignment, and, as noted above, our Board of Governors has approved a SOGI-specific policy. I am happy and proud to report that a team of teachers, students, administrators and educational leaders come together as a committee on a regular basis to ensure that our actions as a school are not only in keeping with the sentiment of our SOGI Policy, but are also, more importantly, elevating our community's shared perspective of what it means to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

In all, we will designate 6 washrooms as gender neutral, 2 for staff only and 4 for everyone. In the Junior School, the current male staff washroom by the music room (room 123) and the washroom outside our Grade 4 classroom (room 237) will be for everyone's use. In the Senior School, the two washrooms along the main hallway outside the physics lab will be for staff only, and the two located upstairs across the breezeway by the entrance to the fitness room will be for everyone.

So, what, exactly, is the new sign at Southridge? It's really not a new sign at all; rather, it is a testament to the value of respect that we have always held in such high regard in our community.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
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| How to Succeed in School – Learning to Study with Your Brain in Mind Presentation | Wednesday, November 29 | 7:00 pm | Alan Brown Great Hall |
| Admissions Application Deadline | Friday, December 1 | | Both Schools |
| Senior Winter Concert | Tuesday, December 5 | 7:00 pm | Alan Brown Great Hall |
| Senior Winter Concert | Wednesday, December 6 | 7:00 pm | Alan Brown Great Hall |
| Junior School Assembly | Wednesday, December 6 | 7:00 pm | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal | Monday, December 11 | 1:00 pm | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior Christmas Concert Matinee | Tuesday, December 12 | 1:00 pm | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior School Holiday Assembly | Wednesday, December 13 | 8:10 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior Christmas Concert | Wednesday, December 13 | 6:30 pm | Junior School Great Hall |
| PYP Feast | Thursday, December 14 | 11:30 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| MYP Casual Day | Thursday, December 14 | All Day | Junior School |
| Senior School Feast | Thursday, December 14 | 6:00 pm | Senior School Gym |
| MYP Breakfast | Friday, December 15 | 8:30 am | Junior School Great Hall |
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Junior School News

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Southridge School – Senior School
(Alan Brown Great Hall)

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Head of Senior School

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Southridge School – Junior School Great Hall

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You won't want to miss this informative presentation from one of the world's leading assessment and grading experts!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 604-542-2322 or tdehoog@southridge.bc.ca.

Tanya de Hoog
Head of Junior School

Upcoming Christmas Concerts – Save the Date!

While December is not yet upon us, we are mindful of what a busy month it can be for families. As such, we would like to share the dates of our Junior School Christmas concerts so that you can plan to attend one of them:

- **Matinee performance** - Tuesday, December 12th at 1:30 pm
- **Evening performance** - Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you!

Dismissal for Christmas Holidays and Return for Monday, January 8, 2018 - Late Start

On Friday, December 15th, all students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. At this time, all students will also receive their Term One Progress Report Card. (Please be advised that progress reports are not be given early to families who leave for break ahead of this date and time.) Christmas break is three weeks long with a return to school date of Monday, January 8, 2018 (Day 3). Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Please also note that Monday, January 8, 2018 is also a late start day, and students need to arrive between 10:10 and 10:20 for a start time of 10:25 a.m. **Please do not bring**

students any earlier than 10:10 a.m. as all teachers are in meetings and no supervision is provided.

November Casual Day Donations

Thank you kindly for the generous cash donations last Friday for the Transitional Living Program at Options. In total, \$1,280 was raised. This money will be used to host a special dinner with small gifts for clients with mental health challenges. As this event may be the only function they attend given the isolation they experience due to their medical conditions, you have made a tremendous impact on the community. Showing empathy and taking action to support others is powerful modelling for children. Thank you again.

Jo-Ann Murchie
Service Coordinator

Less Than Two Weeks Until the Junior School Winter Concert!

It's hard to believe that it is that time already, but our Junior School Winter Concert is less than two weeks away! We hope that you will be able to join us for the matinee performance on **Tuesday, December 12th at 1:00 pm** or the evening performance on **Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm**.

As a reminder, students should plan on arriving at 6:15 pm for the Wednesday evening show, and they should meet in their homerooms. As usual, students will wear their short-sleeved white dress shirts (no ties) with dark (black, grey, or navy blue) pants or skirts to school on Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 12th for the dress rehearsal and matinee, as well as for the evening performance on Wednesday, December 13th. The school will provide the coloured T-shirts and accessories to wear with this base outfit. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at any time.

We thank you for your continued support of our Junior School music program, and we wish you and your families the best for this festive season!

Dr. Kevin Bespflug and Mrs. Donna Winterburn
kbespflug@southridge.bc.ca; dwinterburn@southridge.bc.ca

PYP Skating

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| Friday, December 8 th 8:30 - 9:30 am | Skating: (Day 3) classes: KSR-T, KJM 2TW, 3MY, 3CK |
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| Friday, December 15 th 8:30 – 9:30 am | Skating:(Day 2) classes: 1RK,1RR, 2AJ, 4SM, 4KR |
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Where? South Surrey Arena (2199-148th Street)
Cost: Ice time to be covered by Southridge
Dress: Come in PE strip and stay in it all day!

Everyone MUST wear a CSA approved HELMET including adults!! Bike helmets are not safe!

We welcome all parents and younger siblings who wish to join us. **Please come directly to the rink between 8:15-8:30 am.** (The children should register with their classroom teacher and inform him/her if you required rent anything.) *EVERYONE* is required to wear a CSA certified helmet on the ice. (bike helmets are not approved; Note: you may rent helmets at the rink)

Skating is only 1 hour and we feel that the students should not need a snack before we get back to school. ***Please refrain from bringing or buying snacks at the rink.*** We will let the children have their snack immediately on returning back to school.

PYP Feast - Jazzy Gratitude

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017

Theme: Jazzy Gratitude

Dress up: Colourful jazzy clothes

Purpose: To promote the PYP community by coming together to celebrate. Promote relationships between grades. Provide leadership for grade 4's. To have fun!

We will begin with assembly in the great hall and move to our multi-age groups to play games and make crafts. The actual eating or '*feasting*' begins at 11:30 am.

The signup sheets for volunteering will be posted by December 1st outside of your child's classroom door. You also may be contacted via your room representative. We will need help with set up, clean up or prepare food. Cheryl Spence and Kimi Cavaleri, are our parent volunteer co-coordinator for the feast. Thanks once again for all your support.

What do you need to do as a parent?

- sign up on the list outside of your child's classroom to bring food or to help with set up and clean up
- help your child dress in 'theme wear' – colourful clothes

Thank you,

Rowena Raber and the Primary Division

Lost and Found in the Junior School

The holiday season is upon us and as excitement rises our Lost and Found Grows! Please check out the items in the lost and found cupboard, before ***the holidays***. **All items unclaimed will be given to charity over the holidays.**

We have some wonderful ladies who come to school every week to help **distribute labeled** lost and found items to the rightful owners. However, many items do not have names and we cannot store everything without names indefinitely. We have a stock pile of lunch kits and containers. If your child is not coming home with these items please come with them to check out the lost and found items. Your child often does not recognize his/her items and also they need some guidance in learning how to search and find items.

As the year goes on the names and labels begin to wash off or disappear. Please take the time to check the labels and ensure that they are still readable. **Remember initials or first names only are not really helpful. Please label using the family name.** We cannot find the owner of unlabelled or poorly marked items. Thank you so much for attending to these details.

Enjoy the holidays!

Rowena Raber

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'Celebrate-a-Life', the Peace Arch Hospice Society and Southridge Art Students

For the past few months, Southridge art students have been diligently working on the delicate dove ornaments. With the winter season approaching, the art room is a place of creativity and festivity. Once again, Southridge's senior students, along with invited artists from the peninsula, contribute to the White Rock South Surrey Hospice Society's annual event, "Celebrate-A-Life."

Inspired by the winter season and Christmas spirit, the Grade 11 and 12 visual art students have been working on painting beautiful scenes and intricate patterns on the ornamental wooden doves that the hospice have provided; these doves are meant to be

the carriers of celebration and hope, which also serves the purpose of raising funds for the society.

Here is how it works; visitors at the Semiahmoo Shopping Center during the Christmas season (December 1 to the 23rd) will be able to stop by the Celebrate-A-Life Tree, write down the name of a lost loved on a paper dove and hang it on that tree. Our doves along with other artists', are also up for donation. Our doves will be at the mall December 8 and 9. For a \$20 donation, you not only get to hang your loved one's name on the tree, but you also get to bring home a selected hand-painted wooden dove ornament of your choice!

The Southridge Art department is most grateful to the students for creating these, and ever grateful to be included among such talented artistic company for such a resonating cause.

Senior Swim Team Break Records at Provincials!

Twelve swimmers from Grade 8 to Grade 12 competed at the Provincial Championships at Watermania this past Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th. On Friday, the small team qualified 2 Individual events and 4 relays for Saturday's finals. It was an exciting day to watch them race. They won 2 relay events and both individual events while breaking two provincial records. The girls placed third overall in the AA category! Please read the details below:

- To start of the day, Emma Lawson broke the provincial record to win the B girls 50m backstroke.
- Then, Lauren Toy won the B girls 50m breaststroke.
- Outracing the second placed team by almost 5 seconds, Yik Jun Wong, Katherine Toy, Emma Lawson and Young Ye broke a 22 year old record to win the B 4x50m mixed freestyle relay.
- Close to the end of day in an exciting race, Stephanie Lee, Cindy Shu, Katherine Toy and Emma Lawson won back the Open girls 4x50m freestyle relay event. They came within 2/100th of a second to beating their own record from last year set by Stephanie, Cindy, Katherine and now alumni Isabelle Lei.
- In the very last race of the day, Yik Jun Wong, Ryan Kniel, Young Ye and Kevin Liu placed sixth in the Open boy's 4x50m freestyle relay.
- Our mixed medley relay made up of Ryan, Lauren, Cindy and Jun placed twelfth.

- Eric Gao and Natassia Lee also raced in the meet.

Congratulations to all swimmers! What a great season! We are looking forward to an exciting new season next year. Thank you so much to all swimmer parents for supporting our swimmers. A special thanks to Ruby Chan for doing stroke and turn all day Friday and to Rachael Lawson for timing.

Coaches: Heike Beer and Cecilia Rodriguez-Lang

Parent Volunteers Needed for the Senior Feast

We only have 5 volunteering spots available for the Senior Feast 2017, Thursday December 14th.

This is a very popular volunteering opportunity, so if you are interested please email: Sangita Verma csveverma@aol.com by Thursday November 30th.

Also, please let me know if you would be willing to make mashed potatoes or stuffing for the event. All ingredients will be provided with simple instructions

Thank you

Sangita Verma

Senior School Christmas Concert: An Evening in December Tuesday, December 5th & Wednesday, December 6th - 7:00pm

The annual **Senior School Concert, *An Evening in December***, is rapidly approaching. Familiar holiday tunes can be heard resounding through the school and the ensembles are really beginning to make music out of the notes on the page. The concerts will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5th and 6th in the Alan Brown Great Hall.

Join us for an evening of live music, featuring our concert and jazz bands, choir and selected soloists. In addition, the visual arts, media arts and drama departments are making presentations during the show. There is no charge for the concert.

All of the students involved in the music program are expected to participate in the concerts. The Grade 8 bands will perform on Tuesday, the Grade 9 ensembles perform on Wednesday, and the choirs and senior bands play both evenings. Please reschedule

lessons and practices as needed. If you suspect an unavoidable conflict, please email me at jparker@southridge.bc.ca as soon as possible so that we can try to work out a solution. Each musician plays an important role in the concerts, and we can only give our best performance if every student is in attendance.

Please note:

- **Technical Rehearsal** for all the choirs and solo performers
Friday, December 1, 2017 – 3:15 to 5:00 pm
- **Dress Rehearsal** for all musicians
Monday, December 4, 2017 – 9 am - 12:00 noon

The Senior School Music Department

Grade 8 Students and the Christmas Concert

If your child is involved in the Grade 8 Concert Band only, he will be finished his part in the concert by 7:45 pm. As we hope all of the parents will join us on Tuesday evening, if you are in attendance, your student will join you in the audience at intermission. If you are unable to attend that concert, please arrange for your child to be picked up in front of the Junior school by 7:45 pm.

See you at the show!

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Southridge Partners with Junior Achievement for the Company Program

For several years, Mr. Fazackerley has overseen the “Entrepreneur Club” and students have participated in this after-school venture looking at, and participating in, entrepreneurship programs offered in partnership with various organizations and post-secondary institutions.

This year, a group of 27 eager and energetic Senior School students have committed to participating in Junior Achievement’s Company Program. Supported by Mr. Fazackerley and Ms. Livingston and guided by two passionate volunteer advisors from the community, the club is now moving towards organizing and operating an actual business enterprise.

Every Tuesday, our Junior Achievement mentors, Wafa Balil and Tom Peters join us in room 222 where students are now in week 8 of a 16 week program. They have elected a management team and are working hard to conduct a market survey and researching the risks and rewards that come with owning a business. Very soon, the club will be turning to our community to promote their company, sell shares and sell a product. While operating their business, they will also learn to maintain and analyze financial records that will help them monitor sales goals during the span of the program.

Introducing the Southridge Company Executive:

| President | Rohin | Sandhu | Grade 12 |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| VP of Finance | Jovan | Gill | Grade 12 |
| VP of Marketing | Angelina | Zhao | Grade 11 |
| VP of Sales | Lucy | Zhang | Grade 12 |
| VP of Human Resources | Saavin | Lidder | Grade 12 |
| VP of Production | Jeff | Li | Grade 11 |
| VP of Technology | Amraz | Mangat | Grade 12 |
| VP of CSR | Nick | Tang | Grade 12 |
| VP of Health and Safety | Young | Yi | Grade 12 |
| VP of Environment | Annie | Yeh | Grade 12 |

Other company members are: Armaan Abraham, Angela Cheng, Samantha Chiang, Michael Chu, Trevor Fowler, Cheten Gill, Jovan Gill, Tony Hu, Haaziq Karim, Waris Purewal, Sam Tolentino Enriquez, Alex Wang, Nancy Weng, Yik Jun Wong, Vivian Wu, Susan Xiao, Cilika Xie, Irena Yan.

By the end of **JA Company Program**, students will understand how to run a successful business enterprise. This will give them confidence and empower them to become Canada's future CEOs.

Key Outcomes

- Discover the risks and rewards of starting a business
- Systematically solve actual business challenges
- Demonstrate the importance of ethical standards in business
- Foster positive relationships between youth and business communities
- Learn about incorporation and capitalize by selling shares
- Impart understanding of teamwork and responsibility
- Produce and market a product or service
- Gather data, evaluate alternatives and develop a plan
- Make effective sales pitches and presentations

Southridge Model UN at ConnectMUN 2017

The Southridge Model UN club was founded in 2014. Our attendance at annual Model UN conferences is an exciting opportunity for Southridge students to demonstrate their exceptional public speaking and debate skills.

Connect Model United Nations is an annual 3-day conference in Vancouver, BC. This year, six Southridge students were appointed by the Connect Global Youth Association as ConnectMUN conference staff members:

- Sanya Grover, Chief of Staff
- Angela Cheng, DISEC Chair
- Harkaran Dial, HCC Chair
- Trevor Fowler, Delegate Workshop Coordinator
- Nicholas Tang, WHO Director
- Harry Xie, LEGAL Chair
- Jason Xu, World Bank Chair

Twenty-eight students participated as delegates; Malcolm Beaton, Hattie Zhang, Katherine Lu, and Declan Byrne received awards for their performance and research.

Here are some of the voices of our Model UN members to recount their experience:

I joined Southridge Model UN in Grade 9 as a way for me to learn more about politics and to discuss all kinds of global issues. Being in MUN, my knowledge of the world has

expanded, I was able to meet a lot of talented people outside of school. At ConnectMUN, I was the Chair for DISEC, a committee consisting of 80% first time delegates. That being said, I had to review the Rules of Procedure more carefully, become more approachable, and try harder to create the happy and light hearted environment for those who are new to Model UN. Being a staff at ConnectMUN was an honour and a pleasure. I had the opportunity to work with a talented director who taught me a lot about staffing as well as meeting the Dais of other committees who also helped me to give my committee a good laugh. I also experienced the responsibilities of a staff , behind-the-scene of giving awards, and maintaining decorum. I would recommend joining ConnectMUN if one is going to a Model UN Conference for the first time, or if one likes delegating in smaller sized committees as it is easier to win awards. ConnectMUN was a great experience. - Angela Cheng, Grade 12

As a MUN member at Southridge over the past 3 years, I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing the growth and development of the club into a fully fledged premier club. Along the way, I enjoyed the amount of diplomacy and debate, as well as the tough negotiations based on enormous amounts of background research. Being a staff member has taught me the resiliency and the amount of joy one can experience by giving the best delegate experience to all in my committee. Joining ConnectMUN was one of the greatest MUN experiences I've had, and I certainly recommend ConnectMUN without a doubt to all people interested, especially for beginners. - Nicholas Tang

I've been involved in Southridge MUN since the club began (about four years). I like the opportunities to explore international issues and politics, as well as the high level of debate you engage in as you try to find a resolution that works for everybody. It is often challenging because of the dramatically different foreign policies that countries often have, but it incredibly rewarding at the end. ConnectMUN is a great conference because of how early it is in the year and the high volume of beginner delegates. It gives those who are new to MUN an opportunity to get their feet wet. For example, in my committee, only a few out of 26 people had experience with MUN before. As director of the World Health Organization, I tried to push everybody to speak and it was rewarding seeing the delegates come out of their shell and become more confident. - Harry Xie, Grade 12

I started Model UN in Grade 9 and I was instantly drawn into the exhilarating world of debate and diplomacy. Not only has MUN allowed me to enhance my public speaking and research skills, but it has also shaped me into a global, critical thinker in the fast-paced society we live in today. Being the Chief of Staff was a very demanding, yet rewarding role at ConnectMUN. From coordinating and training a team of 60 staff members to organizing the logistics of the conference, I was able to put my leadership skills to test and learn the value of collaboration, perseverance, and empathy. It was a

truly memorable journey being on the Secretariat team for this conference and amazing to see our several months of hard work unfold. I recommend all students to attend ConnectMUN - whether it is the small committee sizes or the enriching topics that the conference offers, ConnectMUN is a place for both beginners and experienced delegates.
- Sanya Grover, Grade 12

I've always wanted to join MUN since Grade 10, but because of my busy schedule, I've never really had the chance to get into it. Since it is my last year at Southridge, I took this opportunity because I know I would regret it if I didn't join. I went to ConnectMUN because many people have recommended this conference as a great place to start for beginners. The most enjoyable part of ConnectMUN for me was solving the crisis that was given to us in our third committee session, as I enjoyed working under pressure. - Catherine Mao, Grade 12

My first MUN conference was a very enjoyable and helpful learning experience. I joined MUN because I was curious about how it functioned and also because I wanted to gain better research and public speaking skills. I went to ConnectMUN after a friend insisted, but I was compelled to go because it was a good way for me to start doing MUN as well(I had been putting it off for two years or so). I think the most enjoyable part of MUN was the committee sessions since our committee was very small and everyone had the chance to speak. I learned a lot about the different components of the debating process, how to write resolution papers, and also about the intricacies of the topic we were debating on (improving global Internet access). Overall, I feel that participating in the committee sessions as a beginner and learning as we went along was really valuable to me and taught me MUN procedures a lot quicker and more effectively than if I had not gone to this conference. - Katherine Lu, Grade 10

Reporting Student Marks to Post Secondary Institutions

Guidelines:

Grade 12 can be an anxious time for both students and their parents. Ms. Livingston, Ms. Becker and I have been talking to our grade 12 students to advise them of the best procedure for ensuring that their marks are reported in an accurate and timely manner. The criteria and deadlines for applying to different institutions and programs have become much more varied and complex, as institutions vie for the very best students, and we need to help our students advocate for themselves in an appropriate manner. To this end I have clarified what is, and is not, appropriate in discussing marks with their teachers. Students should not approach teachers directly for additional marks, or ask for extra assignments to generate better marks. They can, and should, ask for help in developing their skills and understanding, attend additional tutorials, work with a peer tutor – all of which may lead to the desired improvement in performance.

I have advised students that if they need to advocate for an increased mark – they are just shy of an average for a competitive program or a major scholarship for example - then the correct pathway would be to go directly to Ms. Livingston, Ms. Becker or myself. Similarly, we would ask that parents follow the same procedure and approach the University Counsellors with any specific requests or concerns. We can then discuss the most appropriate course of action and approach the teachers concerned. Please be assured that, though we must maintain our integrity as an academic institution, we will always work for the optimum benefit of all our students.

Ms. Jan Holt
Academic Program Director

Lunch with Alumni

The second in a series of lunchtime chats with Southridge Alumni will be on Thursday, November 30th at 12:30pm in the Senior School Library. This week we welcome Hailey Lonsdale (class of 2014) who is studying liberal arts at Huron Western University. Hailey has some information and tips to share about her experiences in her program, living and studying in London, Ontario. She is also preparing her application to Law School. Students who are interested in Western, liberal arts programs and preparing for a career in law are welcome to join in. Bring your lunch and your questions!

University Counselling/Career Education Update **Universities Visit Southridge!**

The 2018 university recruiting season continues until the end of November. Southridge invites a number of universities to visit our Senior students. Upcoming sessions are:

- Thursday, November 30th - University of Alberta at 3:00 pm in the University Counselling Centre

Open Houses/Tours at Colleges and Universities

We encourage students to consider booking tours for universities of interest. It can be an essential part of figuring out the best fit for campus life, facilities, programs, faculty etc. Tours can be booked anytime through the “Future Student” webpages of any university. Please note the following open house events:

Considering Fine Arts or Design University or College Programs? Join the **Art & Design Portfolio Fair on Thursday, November 30th** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at St. John's School, 2215 West 10 Avenue, Vancouver

You do not need to RSVP or register – come prepared to discuss your portfolio with reps from a number of Canadian, U.S. and U.K. design, fine arts and media studies programs. See posters at school for complete list of institutions that will be attending. All are welcome – parents and students!

Both Schools

Student Art Contest: Congratulations Raya Saran!

Thank you to all of the students who contributed to the “Winter Wonderland” student art contest! We had an overwhelming response with approximately 50 submissions in total!

It was really hard to choose just one, but in the end, the selected artist was Raya Saran, from Ms. Reid's Grade 4 class. Raya will receive a book for her class, and her artwork will be featured on the 2017 holiday e-card from Mr. Stephens. Congratulations Raya and thank you to everyone who participated!

We think all of the artists deserve to be showcased, so I encourage you to click on [this link](#) to admire each of the “Winter Wonderland” pieces saved in Vidigami.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Boyes and the Student Art Contest Selection Committee

2016-2017 Annual Report Available

2016-2017 was yet another wonderful year at Southridge, made possible by the generosity and support of our school community. We are pleased to share that the 2016-2017 Annual Report is now available [here](#). Previous year's Annual Reports are also available in the Parent Portal in the Publications tab.

In an effort to lower the financial and environmental resources required to print large documents, such as this one, our Annual Report will not be distributed to all families this year. However, should you wish a paper copy of the report, you may pick one up at the Junior School or Senior School Reception. You may also contact Erin Labbé, Director of

Communications & Marketing, to arrange to have one mailed, or sent home with your child: elabbe@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you again for your continued support of Southridge!

Support the Cinderella Project

The Cinderella Project is an 100% federally funded and volunteer-based organization, founded in 1999. The organization aims to remove social barriers and promote social diversity. It recognizes young people who have succeeded in conquering odds and boost their confidence through mentorship. Project Cinderella provides disadvantaged high school graduates with formal attire so they can attend their graduations with pride.

We will be collecting any type of formal wear in good condition throughout the year.

The Project accepts items such as: maxi or short dresses, shoes (heels, sneakers, flats, sandals,), purses and clutches, scarves, accessories, suits, and ties. There is a clothing rack and a bin set up by the front entrance of the Junior School.

Throughout the year, there will also be fundraising events, such as: concessions at school-wide events and the Great Grad Grub Grab.

Please contact us if you have any questions! Our email addresses are: acheng@southridge.bc.ca, jzhang@southridge.bc.ca, and xkang@southridge.bc.ca.

Angela Cheng, Jennifer Zhang, Zoe Kang
The Cinderella Project Coordinators

Vidigami Now Supports Video Links

Vidigami has just announced that they now support video links from Vimeo and YouTube in albums. This means that from now on, I will be posting the links to any school event videos in the appropriate Groups in albums in Vidigami. The first example is that I have posted the link to the Gala video in an album called, "Gala Video" in the Gala section of the Events Group. I expect there will be many more to come.

Enjoy!

Alan McInnes
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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 coming weeks.

Canuel Caterers

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop has long sleeves PE shirts for students from K-12. They will keep students warmer when playing outdoor. Do come in and take a look.

Our opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 7:45 - 9:00 am, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Friday: Closed

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Mon-27

Tues-28

Wed-29

Thur-30

Fri-1

Breakfast

**Smoothie
Day**

**Blueberry
Muffin**

**Smoothie
Day**

**Apple Cin.
Muffin**

**Smoothie
Day**

**Chef's
Entree**

Beef Dip

Salad Bar

**Lemon Grass
Chicken**

Salad Bar

Fish Burger

**Pasta
Bowl**

Cannelloni

Alfredo

**Mac and
Cheese**

Bow Ties

Primavera

**Grill
Central**

Pot Pie

**Stuffed
Chicken**

**Chicken
Fajita**

Pizza

Poutine

**Weekly
Panini**

**BBQ
Chipotle**

**BBQ
Chipotle**

**BBQ
Chipotle**

**BBQ
Chipotle**

**BBQ
Chipotle**

**Great
Greens**

Grain Salad

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

Salad Bar

**Caesar
Salad**

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



Mon-4

Tues-5

Wed-6

Thur-7

Fri-8

Breakfast

**Smoothie
Day**

Bacon Egger

**Smoothie
Day**

Berry Scone

**Smoothie
Day**

**Chef's
Entree**

**Chicken
Enchilada**

Salad Bar

**Chicken
Chow Mein**

Salad Bar

**Fish and
Chips**

**Pasta
Bowl**

Canneloni

Italiano

**Mac and
Cheese**

Rose'

Marinara

**Grill
Central**

**Spicy
Chicken Brg**

**Red Thai
Curry Bowl**

Spring Rolls

**Personal
Pizza**

Japa Dog

**Weekly
Panini**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Great
Greens**

**Chic Pea
salad**

Salad Bar

**Chicken
Caesar**

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

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Mon-11

Tues-12

Wed-13

Thur-14

Fri-15

Breakfast

**Smoothie
Day**

**Pumpkin
Scone**

**Smoothie
Day**

Bacon Egger

**Smoothie
Day**

**Chef's
Entree**

**Perogies
and Sausage**

Salad Bar

**Butter
Chicken**

Salad Bar

Fish Taco

**Pasta
Bowl**

Ravioli

Bow Ties

**Mac and
Cheese**

Alfredo

Primavera

**Grill
Central**

**Special
Burger**

**Chicken
Noodle Bowl**

Soft Taco

Pizza

Pot Pie

**Weekly
Panini**

**Chicken
Pizza**

**Chicken
Pizza**

**Chicken
Pizza**

**Chicken
Pizza**

**Chicken
Pizza**

**Great
Greens**

Pasta Salad

Salad Bar

Chef Salad

Salad Bar

**Tossed
Salad**

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