



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Where do the Gala Funds Go?

Since 1999, the annual Southridge School gala has raised more than \$2,700,000! This demonstrates a tremendous commitment from our community, as most of our gala sponsors, attendees and donors are parents, staff and friends of the school.

Each year, through the budget planning process, teachers and staff submit budget requests. Most of these requests are considered to be necessary items for classrooms and programs. Other requests are submitted as 'wish list items' and may be earmarked for fundraising event support, depending on the number and cost of our most pressing needs.

This year, your support of the gala will support some important and necessary items at Southridge, including:

- **Carpeting for the Senior School** – The carpet in the main hallways of the upper floor of the Senior School was installed when the building was completed in 1999. Thousands of teenagers later, it is in dire need of replacement. Gala funds will support this important improvement in the Senior School.
- **Junior School Design Lab** – Over the summer, the former 'computer lab' in the Junior School was transformed into a 'design lab'. The renovated space provides flexibility, allowing our students to use design thinking to create and problem solve. The gala will support the purchase of additional supplies for the space, including "Rigamajig", a large-scale building kit!
- **Additional Robots** – Our Grade 9 students are loving 'Noa 1' and 'Noa 2', the robots that were purchased from last year's gala funds. In order to maximize their time with the robots, we'd love to add two more to the family. 'Noa 3' and 'Noa 4' will join our community with your support of the 2017 gala!
- **Backfield Bleachers** – Supporting our Storm athletics teams can be difficult if you're standing for the duration of their games. At the request of our rugby and soccer coaches and fans, we would love to purchase a set of bleachers for the field behind the school. Go Storm!

- **MYP Classroom Furniture** – The new and unique furniture that was purchased for Ms McNeil’s classroom last year from gala revenue, has been very well received by teachers and students alike. Adjustable height tables and flexible chairs would transform an additional MYP classroom (or more) with your support of the gala.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of our gala, our largest fundraising event of the year! Please consider sponsoring or donating an auction item and/or volunteering to support the school and make these purchases possible.

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Open House – Junior School	Thursday, November 2	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Junior School
Open House – Senior School	Thursday, November 2	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Senior School
Southridge School Society AGM	Tuesday, November 7	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior School Assembly – Cancelled	Wednesday, November 8		
Senior School – Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, November 8	12:30 pm	Senior School
Senior Parent-Teacher Interviews	Wednesday, November 8	1:30 pm	Senior School
Full School Assembly – Remembrance Ceremony	Friday, November 10	10:15 am	Senior School Gym
K-Gr. 2 Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 10	10:45 am	Junior School Great Hall
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday, November 13	All Day	
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, November 15	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
“The Power of Community” Gala	Saturday, November 18	5:30 pm	Senior School Gym
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday, November 22	9:00 am	Junior School Great Hall
Junior Assembly	Wednesday, November 22	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday, November 23	9:00 am	Junior School Great Hall
Scholastic Book Fair	Friday, November 24	9:00 am	Junior School Great Hall
Term 1 AR Deadline	Friday, November 24		Junior School
Winter Formal Dance	Friday, November 24	6:00 pm	Senior School
Term 2 Begins	Monday, November 27		Both Schools
Junior Assembly	Wednesday, November 29	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Admissions Application Deadline	Friday, December 1		Both Schools

Junior School News

Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Friday, November 10th

On Friday, November 10th our community will take pause to remember and honour those who have and continue to pave the path of freedom in our country and world. Grade 3-7 students will attend the full school Remembrance Day assembly in our Senior School gym from 10:15-11:15 a.m. K-2 students will have their own age-appropriate ceremony in the Junior School Great Hall from 10:45 a.m. -11:15 a.m.

Remembrance Day Observance- Monday, November 13th

In lieu of the Remembrance Day Statutory Observance on Saturday, November 11th, the school will be closed on Monday, November 13th. School will resume on Tuesday, November 14th at 8:00 a.m. (no late start).

Changing Weather - Be Prepared

The fall chill is increasingly becoming consistent as is unpredictable weather, such as rain and wind. Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate outerwear for cooler and wetter weather at school. At minimum, all students in Kindergarten through Grade 7 should have a coat that will keep them warm and dry. Children need fresh air in their day and should be prepared for outdoor play every day, even in inclement weather.

Student Absences

If your child will be missing school for any reason, please ensure that you email the school at attendance@southridge.bc.ca (and cc your child's home room teachers). This helps to save a lot of time in the morning trying to locate students that are not accounted for when attendance is taken.

If your child will be absent for unexcused reasons (e.g. extended family travel or special events) please be reminded that an email must also be sent specifically to Mrs. de Hoog (tdehoog@southridge.bc.ca) indicating the dates and reason for the absence. Please also note that teachers are not expected to provide missed work for students who are absent for unexcused reasons as many aspects of our program cannot be replicated outside of the classroom. For more information please see Section 3.1-3.3 (p. 15) in the Family Handbook.

Student Art Contest: Calling all artists Grades K-7!

We invite you to participate in a **holiday card art contest** open to all Junior School students.

Objective

Create an 8" x 10" drawing or painting that reflects the **theme "Winter Wonderland"**.

A selection committee will review the submissions and choose one which may be featured on the Southridge digital holiday card. The chosen artist will be highlighted on the card, and will also receive a book for their class library.

The **contest opens October 25th**. The **deadline to submit artwork is November 8th**.

Submission Requirements

- All Junior School students are eligible to submit artwork for this contest
- There is a limit of 1 entry per student or group of students (if submitting a group piece)
- Entries must be submitted to the Junior School reception desk in an envelope and include 'Student Art Contest' on the front with your name, grade and teacher's name
- You may draw or paint (no sculptures or photos)
- Artwork can be vertical or horizontal, but must not be bigger than 8" x 10"
- Please don't put your name on the artwork. Your name, grade and teacher's name can be printed on the back of your submission.

Tips

- Be creative!
- Keep in mind that the artwork needs to work on a card – uncluttered is best.

Submissions will be reviewed based on overall impact, effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality, and reproducibility. **The selected artist will be directly notified by November 30, 2017**. Have fun!

Contact

Any questions? Please email Jasmine Boyes at jboyes@southridge.bc.ca.

Senior School News

Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th, 2017. Please sign in to Pick-A-Time through the Parent Portal link, **no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017.** The link to the Portal is below:

[Pick a Time](#)

All parents are welcome to attend these conferences and we encourage your child to attend with you, as many parents find it beneficial to include their children in discussions of their academic progress. Interviews involving the student, parent(s) and teacher allow for input and ideas to be shared among all of those responsible for monitoring your child's learning. Student participation in these interviews is in keeping with current best practices in education and helps students to become more aware of, and responsible for, their own learning and to enable them to focus on setting improvement goals.

In order to manage the number of people in the gym and to ensure there are minimal wait times to see each teacher, we are asking parents to select an arrival time (at 30-minute intervals). We are assuming that a typical visit to the gym will be between 45 minutes – 1 hour in length which should allow parents time to meet with all of their child's teachers. **Please note that teachers will be taking a dinner break between 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. and will not be available for conferences during this time.**

We will be asking you to **please limit your discussion to five minutes.** If further discussion is required, Teacher Contact Request forms will be available for you to request a specific teacher to contact you. These forms will be available on each table and by the front entrance to the gym.

The table below provides further clarity of the times that you will be able to choose when you go to the Pick-A-Time link through the Parent Portal of the website.

Thursday, January 12th, 2017 – Afternoon 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1:30pm	2:00pm	2:30pm
3:00pm	3:30pm	4:00pm

Thursday, January 12th, 2017 – Evening 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

5:30pm	6:00pm	6:30pm	7:00pm
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The system will only allow you to sign up for one time slot, but we understand families have multiple children in the Senior School. Please just sign up for one of your children and we will assume you will be here to talk about all of your children in the Senior School. If a particular slot is full in Pick-A-Time, please choose an alternative time. If all the available slots are full at the times you are available, please call the Senior School Administrative Assistant, Lisa Byrom at 604-542-2340.

Sincerely,



Brad Smith

Head of Senior School

Southridge Writes 2018

It has been our practice for the past few years to have every grade level respond to a common writing prompt and then have the English faculty come together to discuss and assess the writing as a collaborative team. This data has given us considerable insight into the strengths and weaknesses of student writing at each grade level and has provided invaluable professional development for the department. It has also helped to ensure standardized scoring and a collective approach to improving student writing.

This year, the focus will be on the grade 8 cohort alone, in order to further our understanding of the skills, abilities, and needs of this incoming group of students. Our desire is to help all learners maximize their potential and feel supported in their individual development in written expression as they enter the high school environment. As teachers we know how vital foundational writing and reading comprehension skills are to success at the high school and post-secondary level. The intent is to use the data from the student responses to facilitate individual growth and to provide targeted instruction in those areas where students require it.

Therefore, only Grade 8 students will write in their first period class on Wednesday, November 15th and grades 9-12 will attend their regularly scheduled classes.

Ms. Jan Holt
Academic Program Director

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:

- Monday, November 6th - Quest University at lunch in the University Centre
- Tuesday, November 7th - University of Victoria, Gustaven School of Business at 1:15pm in the University Centre
- Thursday, November 16th - Carleton University at 2:30pm in the University Centre
- Thursday, November 16th - McGill University at 7:00pm in the Junior School Great Hall
- Thursday, November 23rd - University of Calgary at 12:30pm in the University Centre
- Friday, November 24th - University of Toronto at 12:3pm in the Library
- Thursday, November 30th - University of Alberta at 3pm 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:

- Engineering Explorations 12 for Grade 12 girls interested in engineering programs. UBC, **Saturday, November 4th**
Register and more info at www.engcite.ca/engineering-explorations
- Are you heading east for tours on the Remembrance Day weekend? Check out Western’s Fall Preview Day, **Sunday, November 12th**, register at www.welcome.uwo.ca or call 519.661.2100
- BCIT Big Open House – check out the breadth of technical and career specific degrees and diplomas on **Wednesday, November 15th**, 4:30 to 7:30pm at the Burnaby Campus. You can even spend a day in a program! Check out info and register <https://www.bcit.ca/ppl/biginfo2017/>

Watch this page for more special events and programs hosted by universities.

Lunch with Alumni

University Counselling is pleased to welcome Krittika D'Silva back to the Southridge for the first of what we hope will be "Lunch with..." alumni conversations for Grade 10, 11 & 12 students.



Krittika will be here to talk about her post-secondary journey and share advice on applying to U.S. and U.K. universities on **Friday, November 3rd at 12:30pm in the Library**. Here's a summary from Krittika:

"I am a first-year PhD student in the Computer Laboratory at the University of Cambridge where I work under the supervision of [Cecilia Mascolo](#). I am a member of Jesus College and a [Gates Cambridge Scholar](#).

As an undergraduate at the University of Washington I studied Bioengineering and Computer Engineering and worked in three research labs. Advised by [Joan Sanders](#), [Brian Hafner](#), and [John Cagle](#), I worked for two years designing devices to improve prosthetic socket fit for individuals with lower limb amputations. For the following two years, I worked in the Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICTD) lab building technology for low resource settings. I was advised by [Gaetano Borriello](#) and [Nicki Dell](#). In my final year, I worked with [Luis Ceze](#) and [Karin Strauss](#) researching ways in which DNA molecules can be used for long-term data storage.

At Cambridge, I serve as the Gates Scholars' Council Technology Officer, Jesus College MCR Committee Webmaster, and ACMW-UK Communication Officer. In my spare time, I enjoy *birdwatching, acrylic painting, and biking.*"

Grad 2018 Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser

With the holidays just around the corner, the Southridge Grad Committee is excited to announce our annual Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser. Pre-order all of your chocolate gifts for friends and co-workers or have some boxes at home for when friends and family come to visit during the holidays!

In addition to supporting our grads with this fundraising opportunity, there are prizes for ordering chocolates!!!

Online Draws – order your chocolates online and you are eligible to win a Sweet Traditions Gift Basket!!

There are two options for ordering:

1. **Order Online** – go to <http://www.purdysgpp.com> and click on “**Sign in as Group Member**”. The Southridge Grad group number is “**24019**”. It will ask you then to fill in your personal information, create a personal password and then you can order your chocolates (and see an online catalogue).
2. **Order Forms** – Send your order form to the Senior School, attention to **Brenda Becker** along with a cheque for the amount of your purchase, **payable to Southridge School (memo: Grad Committee)**

Please get your orders in by **NOVEMBER 24th, 2017**. All orders will be delivered to the school on December 12th and will be ready for pick-up after school in the cafeteria.

We greatly appreciate your support!!

Grad Committee & Brenda Becker (bbecker@southridge.bc.ca)

Both Schools



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 18th

“The Power of Community” Gala is Sold Out!

A sincere *thank you* to everyone who purchased tickets for “The Power of Community” Gala – we are pleased to share that the event is now sold out!

If you wish to be added to the waitlist, please contact Shelley Slaughter at 604-542-2334 or sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca.

Signing up to the waitlist is the best way to secure any additional tickets that may come available. (Any extra tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.)

With much awe and thanks,

2017 Gala Committee

We Need Community Power Now!

Now that the Power of Community Gala is officially sold-out and November 18th is just around the corner, the Gala Committee is busy making sure everything is in place for THE event of the year! But, it takes more than just the Gala Committee to make sure the event is a success and we need full support from all our school families to donate new items to the silent and live auction. Right now we only have 50 items, but the more items we have up for bids, the more money we can raise for the school and our kids– it’s that simple.

All gifts big and small are needed and much appreciated, but, if you aren't sure what to donate or are too busy to shop, please contact Shelley Slaughter on 604-542-2334. We need a number of items to complement our live auction packages and would be happy to do the shopping for you!

The deadline to donate an auction item or service is MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th (that's next Monday!) and all items must include a [donation form](#). Your item and form can be dropped off to either the Junior or Senior school reception desk. A receipt showing proof of purchase must be attached to the form if you would like to get a charitable tax receipt.

If you are not attending, then please consider how your family can still support Southridge and our students by making a [cash donation or sponsorship](#).

We also are in need of volunteers to help with set-up and auction item wrapping prior to the event, and bar ticket sales and late-night parcel pick-up that evening. Please [click here](#) to show your support as a volunteer – it's a great way to contribute and be a part of this annual fundraising event.

Thank you!

Gala Committee

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

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

For students in Grades 10, 11, or 12, who play on one of our Senior sports teams, the **Varsity Hoody is now available to order!** Order one, and it will even be customized to include your initials in embroidery on the back. The **ordering deadline is Thursday, November 2, 2017.** We invite interested students to visit the Uniform Shop for more information, to try out sizes, and to place an order.

We are open:

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

Friday: Closed

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager



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	Mon-30	Tues-31	Wed-1	Thur-2	Fri-3
Breakfast	No	Bacon Wrap	Smoothie Day	Blueberry Muffin	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree		Salad Bar	Chicken Stir-fry	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	School	Cannelloni	Mac and Cheese	Alfredo	Marinara
Grill Central		Stuffed Chicken	Spring Rolls	Personal Pizza	Soft Taco
Weekly Panini		Bbq Chicken Chipotle	Bbq Chicken Chipotle	Bbq Chicken Chipotle	Bbq Chicken Chipotle
Great Greens		Salad Bar	Chicken Caesar	Salad Bar	Tossed Salad

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



	Mon-13	Tues-14	Wed-15	Thur-16	Fri-17
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Sausage Wrap	Smoothie Day	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree		Salad Bar	Chicken Taco Bowl	Salad Bar	Fish Burger
Pasta Bowl	No school	Alfredo	Mac and Cheese	Italiano	Primavera
Grill Central		Stuffed Chicken	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Personal Pizza	Poutine
Weekly Panini		Pizza	Pizza	Pizza	Pizza
Great Greens		Salad Bar	Tuna Salad	Salad Bar	Green Salad

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	Mon-20	Tues-21	Wed-22	Thur-23	Fri-24
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Pumpkin Scone	Smoothie Day	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Perogies and Sausage	Salad Bar	Chicken Enchilada	Salad Bar	Fish and Chips
Pasta Bowl	Ravioli	Bow Ties	Mac and Cheese	Rosé	Marinara
Grill Central	Smokie	Red Thai Curry Bowl	BBQ Ribber	Pizza	Special Burger
Weekly Panini	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar	Chicken Caesar
Great Greens	Thai Noodle	Salad Bar	Caesar Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad

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	Mon-6	Tues-7	Wed-8	Thur-9	Fri-10
Breakfast	Smoothie Day	Pumpkin Muffin	Smoothie Day	Bacon Egger	Smoothie Day
Chef's Entree	Chicken Noodle Bowl	Salad Bar	Burrito Bar	Salad Bar	Fish Taco
Pasta Bowl	Cannelloni	Italiano	Mac and Cheese	Rosé	Marinara
Grill Central	Special Burger	Butter Chicken	Taquito	Pizza	Japa Dog
Weekly Panini	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto	Chicken Pesto
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Chicken Caesar	Salad Bar	Tossed

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