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Head of School

Can a Smile Inspire?

Does inspiration need to be exciting? When you feel inspired, what other feelings do you have? What is the difference between inspiration and excitement, anyway? Is there a difference?

These are some of the questions that have been running through my mind as I reflect on the year that has been. Certainly, there were plenty of times during the past school year when inspiration and excitement were closely aligned. For example, when the Senior Boys Basketball Team was playing in the final game at the AAA Provincial Championships, the excitement (and anxiety) that filled my body was very closely aligned with feeling inspired.

On the other hand, the inspiration I felt when watching our Senior School students perform at the Café Concerto or watching our Junior School students support the greater community at the World Partnership Walk did not correlate very highly with excitement. Yet, the uplifting spirit of both events brought lightness to my heart and instilled a sense of positivity and optimism. All three events moved me and inspired me but in different ways and with distinctive associated feelings.

Inspiration is a stimulus for action. It supports creativity and inventiveness, and it brings about ideas, insights and, sometimes, revelations. Being inspired is a state of presence that is strongly associated with making a change, trying something new, following in the footsteps of another person, joining a like-minded group of people and pushing yourself to be better.

Things that inspire me are experiences and interactions that make me feel hopeful – hopeful about myself, hopeful about my family and my children, hopeful about our students and our school and hopeful about the world. Sometimes I let my imagination discover its own inspiration, usually by thinking about past experiences that I found to be uplifting or by imagining a joyful future. At other times, I find inspiration by observing and appreciating things like architecture, art, music, poetry and dance. But on a daily basis I find inspiration in our students.



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There is a hopefulness in our students that is impossible to quantify, and there is no one element of them that I can pinpoint as the source of inspiration. Sometimes it comes from a demonstration of a special skill or talent, and sometimes it comes from an action or a gesture. Sometimes inspiration is evident in quiet demonstrations of their character and sometimes it is evident in a job well done. Sometimes it is obvious in the way they treat one another, or in how they engage with their teachers; but it is always felt when I am met with a smile.

When we meet with a smile, it is the beginning of a relationship; it is a testament of trust and it is a sign of faith. When we meet with a smile I find hope. I am inspired.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Junior & Senior School Parent Laptop Information Evening (New MYP Parents)	Wednesday, June 8	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Junior Great Hall
Grade 5 & 6 Design Fair	Thursday, June 9	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Junior Gymnasium
Golf Tournament	Friday, June 10	11:00 am	Hazelmere Golf Club
Grade 7 Band Concert	Wednesday, June 15	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Junior Great Hall
Grade 8 & 9 End of Year Party	Friday, June 17	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
PYP Speech Celebration	Tuesday, June 21	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Junior Great Hall
Athletics Banquet	Tuesday, June 21	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Cafeteria & Senior Great Hall
MYP Speech Celebration	Tuesday, June 21	1:20 – 3:00 pm	Junior Great Hall
PYP Celebration Picnic	Wednesday, June 22	9:00 am onwards	Centennial Beach
Grade 7 Greek Feast & Festival	Wednesday, June 22	10:30 am – 3:00 pm	Commons & Junior Gymnasium
MYP Certificates Ceremony	Thursday, June 23	8:15 – 9:00 am	Junior Great Hall
Senior School Awards Ceremony	Thursday, June 23	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Senior Gymnasium



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Event	Date	Time	Location
Grade 7 Graduation Dinner and Dance	Thursday, June 23	5:30 – 10:30 pm	Junior Great Hall & Junior Gymnasium
Junior School Closing Ceremonies	Friday, June 24	9:00 – 11:00 am	Senior Gymnasium
Senior School Commencement & Closing Ceremonies	Friday, June 24	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Senior Gymnasium
Grade 12 Grad Tea	Friday, June 24	9:00 pm onwards	Junior Great Hall
Senior School Graduation Dinner / Dance	Saturday, June 25	6:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Vancouver Convention Centre

Junior School News

Head of Junior School

Learning through Design

One of the ways that we promote inquiry at Southridge is through design thinking. Design challenges students to invent, tinker, innovate, create, and reflect. Learning through design often begins with prompts or questions that engage students in the inquiry-driven process. For example, questions that might guide students through a design-based problem might look something like this:

1. *What do I want to know?*
2. *How am I going to find out what I need to know?*
3. *What sense did I make of what I found?*
4. *What am I going to do as a result of what I found out?*
5. *How do I evaluate and improve my ideas?*

With a framework of questions, students are able to guide their own learning, create a meaningful understanding, and reflect on or evaluate their work or solution. Design learning promotes creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills in our students; teachers are exploring ways to incorporate more design learning opportunities into their programs. Students in Grade 1, for example, have 'pull-apart' stations in their centres rotation to allow children a chance to explore how things work and maybe even inquire into how they can make it work better. The Grade 3's are using design thinking to



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explore a question around best use of land for all stakeholders in their current structures unit and in Grade 4, students developed their action idea for exhibition by following a design process.

The Grade 5 and 6 students invite you to share in their design projects at the Design Fair on Thursday, June 9, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Junior School Gymnasium.

Providing opportunities to learn through design is an excellent way to engage students in taking ownership of their own learning and promote inquiry and reflection. We hope to see you at the Design Fair!

Last Week of School at a Glance

Monday, June 20, Day 6

Sports Day

All students dress in house colours for the day. Students are grouped in their houses with a Grade 6 leader who guides their team through the events of the day. The events are run by our Grade 7 students. This is a great day for our students, rain or shine, so please dress your child accordingly.

Tuesday, June 21, Day 1

- PYP Speech Celebration from 8:15 am - 12:00 pm. All students in Grades 1 - 3 will have a chance to share a short entertaining speech memorized and ready for presentation. Kindergarten students will watch these presentations in anticipation of their next year.
- MYP Speech Celebration from 1:20 - 3:00 pm. All Grades 5 - 7 students present speeches in their English classes the week prior to this event. The top two speeches in each English class will present at the afternoon speech celebration in front of a panel of judges. One per grade will be awarded the Mandy Richmond Public Speaking trophy.

Wednesday, June 22, Day 2

- PYP Celebration Picnic at Centennial Beach. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 meet directly at Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen at 9:00 am for a great day of fun on the beach with hot dog roasts and delicious treats. Please bring your beach chair and plan for an engaging day of connection and conversation with our staff and other parents.
- Regular classes for Grades 5 and 6 (regular start time)



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- Greek Feast and Festival for Grade 7's (regular start time)

Thursday, June 23, Day 3

- 8:10 - 9:10 am - MYP Certificate Ceremony for academic honour roll, AR reading certificates, technology and photo team recognition, math contest and Spirit Awards. Parents, please plan to attend.
- 9:10 - 11:20 am - Students with their regularly scheduled teachers.
- 11:20 am - 12:00 pm - Soccer game: teachers versus Grade 7's on the turf field.
- 12:00 pm - All MYP students dismissed for class parties - Grade 7's grad prep.
- 5:30 pm - Grade 7 Graduation Dinner and Dance - all Grade 7 students will be presented with their graduation certificate and a memorable graduation video.

Friday, June 24

- 8:45 am - Late start and Closing Ceremonies at 9:00 am in the Senior School Gymnasium. This is a very formal closing ceremony with opportunities for photographs and memories. Students must wear full winter uniform and there are special rites of passage for our Kindergartens, Grade 3 and Grade 4 students. Kindergarten students are dismissed right after their part in the program, as it is a longer ceremony. Parents are welcome to join Ms. Reid and Mrs. Ridley-Thomas in the Kindergarten rooms during their transition time in this program.
- Dismissal for all students after Closing Ceremonies.
- PYP report card sent home. MYP report card to be mailed home on Thursday, June 30.

Alison Graham
Interim Head of Junior School

Mini World Partnership Walk/Run – Thank you!

The Grade 6 students would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Junior School World Partnership Walk last Friday, June 3. Thank you to the teachers for their flexibility as well as the parents who came out and volunteered to count laps and help us out on safety patrol.

Thank you again for your support for helping us meet the needs of everyone.

The Grade 6 students



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Grade 7 Band Year-End Concert – Wednesday, June 15

We invite everyone to come and hear the Grade 7 at our year-end band concert on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 pm in the Junior School Great Hall. It promises to be a fun evening that will showcase the talent of these fine young musicians, and we hope to see you there!

Kevin Bespflug
Junior School Music Teacher

PYP Speech Celebration

We need to begin preparing for the PYP Speech Celebration. All students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will participate. (Grade 4's do their speeches during exhibition.)

The goal for the students is for them to gain confidence and feel successful speaking in front of an audience. It is not a speech competition at the PYP level, but a celebration of all the students' courage! It takes tremendous courage to present in front of a crowd of people. The students will present their speeches first to each other, then to other classes and finally to the parents.

The Speech Celebration will take place on **Tuesday, June 21** in the morning. The MYP Competition will be happening the same day in the afternoon. Since we only have the morning it is imperative that the presentations are all **less than one minute long**.

The emphasis is on oral presentation. Please help your child to work on volume and expression. The students will need to learn it well so they can say it without stumbling. They need to practice speaking clearly and interestingly **without the use of props**. We want the children to use facial expression, hand gestures and varied tones of the voice.

Some tips:

- Please begin with: Good Morning parents, teachers and students....
- **Do not begin the speech with:** My name is... or My speech is about... Instead just get right into the topic with an interesting opening.
- End with something interesting.
- End with Thank you; practice counting silently to three so they don't run off the stage.



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- June 21** Come and celebrate your child's hard work and hear his/her amazing performance!
- Where: The Great Hall
- Who: All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours! A special thank you to those who are able to stay to watch all the students perform in the session.
- Time: 8:15 am for 1RK, 2SF, 3CC
10:30 am for 1RR, 2JM, 3CK

We realize that parents play an important role in making this celebration possible. Thank you for being a partner in helping your child prepare for this occasion.

Schedule for Speech Celebration Preparations

May 16 - 19

1. Please help your child to **select a topic and brainstorm ideas**.
2. After selecting a topic, help your child record ideas that he/she could talk about. This is a **brainstorming** process of putting down ideas in ***words or phrases*** in a random order. Grade one parents should feel free to do the writing down of ideas that the child has given. This is an interactive process and everyone can contribute ideas on the topic.
3. Next, help your child put the ideas in a sequence that makes sense. The ideas should still only be in **point or outline form**.

Tuesday, May 24 - Grades 2 and 3 students need to bring outlines (point form) to school. They will write the rough draft at school.

Friday, May 27 - Grades 2 and 3 students will bring home their completed work and ask their parents to type the final draft. We want the speech to be your child's but we do not want to make the writing of it too arduous. That is why we are asking the parents to make the good copy. ***Any editing should be discussed and done with your child.*** We want to ensure that the children feel that the speech is ***their work***.

Before sending in the completed speech, please time it while they read it and check that it is less than one minute long. Thank you!



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Tuesday, May 31 - All Children should bring their completed speech to school so it can be shared and read to the class. (Please keep a copy at home as well).

We will begin practicing by having the children read their speeches to the class in loud, clear voices with good pacing. They should begin memorizing it.

June 6 **It needs to be memorized as they will** present it to their class.

June 13, 14, 15 They will present their speeches to other classes.

June 16 & 17 Practice with a microphone on stage.

June 21 Come and celebrate your child's hard work and hear his/her amazing performance!

Time: 8:15 am for 1RK, 2SF, 3CC
10:30 am for 1RR, 2JM, 3CK

Thanks for your support,

Rowena Raber
PYP Division Leader

Lost and Found (Junior School)

Now that we are reaching the end of the year and the kids are getting tired, the weather is getting warmer, and our schedules are getting busier, the lost and found volunteers are finding an increasing amount of items being left behind.

There has been an increasing amount of unlabelled lunch kits and water bottles never being retrieved; the volunteers do try their best to throw out spoiled food and give the owner a chance to come back for it.

Please come to the lost and found with your child in these final weeks of school and help them claim some items. Maybe you do not even realize that something is missing, so just check it out and see what has walked out of your house.

All this being said, this year, the kids have been more responsible and the volunteers saw a HUGE improvement with fewer items in the Lost & Found.



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A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers, Jenn Smith-Toporowski and Tracy Kidd! They come each week without fail in order to stay on top of it and to return all labelled items to the right owners.

*** Reminder: All items left after the closing ceremonies are donated to charity.**

Thanks for coming by with your child,

Rowena Raber
PYP Division Leader

Hot Lunch Announcement (Kindergarten - Grade 3)

We are excited to announce that starting September 2016 your child's Hot Lunch will be ordered and processed online. More details, as well as step-by-step instructions will be found in *The Wednesday* in early September.

We believe the online system will make ordering and serving Hot Lunch simple and efficient for the parents, our wonderful caterers, as well as our amazing Hot Lunch volunteers.

Volunteer Committee

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Exam – Does it have to be a four-letter word?

Over the past few years when exam week rolled around, I have tried to provide the opportunity to look at exams in a larger educational context. During my schooling, exams happened often, counted for a great deal of the final grade of a class and created a very stressful, high-stakes environment. This caused a great deal of anxiety and for me, didn't provide an ideal setting for success. Interestingly enough, I recall teachers recounting that the more we wrote exams, we would, and should, do better. Sadly, this improvement never materialized for me and I still can vividly remember the feeling of walking into the exam hall wondering how I would do.



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As a teacher, I do see the importance of exams within a certain framework. They can provide an effective final assessment (although, we are introducing other ways to do this in our curriculum as well). Exams can also provide key feedback for student learning when more than one unit is being covered. For example, in my discipline of chemistry, this can help to see if a student can discern between a stoichiometry problem and an acid-base problem. There are skills necessary in preparing and sitting a high-stakes test because it will likely be a part of a student's post-secondary life. So, it is important to prepare for these assessments for the reasons stated above.

It is not the be-all, end-all though in judging academic understanding and this is where I ask for your help!

There is a bit of running joke that the word 'exam' is the worst of those dreaded four-letter words. If you have been around the school (and likely at home, too!) you will know that the feelings of stress in our students have increased considerably as the calendar has sped toward this week. Being prepared and feeling some pressure is a positive thing and will help students perform during their exams. But too much worry will cause a detrimental effect on one's success. An effective analogy is that of holding onto a bird – you must hold it firmly or it will fly away; however, hold it too hard and you will seriously injure it or worse.

I encourage you to help provide a healthy perspective so that your children can find that perfect balance. If a student has continually performed well throughout the year, they are likely very well-prepared for their exam and only really need to review. If there are deeper concerns hopefully students have had the opportunity to speak with their teachers. Either way, at this late date, the four key reminders below will probably lead to the greatest success for exams regardless of degree of preparation.

Key Reminders:

1. **Exercise** – Research clearly shows the importance of getting regular exercise during study times and exam week. Walking breaks, going for a jog, and shooting some hoops are all good ways to take a break. Sitting for too long will be detrimental to one's focus.
2. **Eat Well** – Ensuring that you are eating healthy foods that promote energy and brain activity including drinking adequate water is a key factor for success. Too much caffeine, sugar and other unhealthy alternatives that artificially provide a 'lift' are not good!



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3. **Sleep** – Nothing...I repeat, nothing has a more negative effect than sleep deprivation on performance. In fact, research suggests that performance can lower up to 25% just because of fatigue, regardless of how well prepared a student is for their exam. Hit the pillow early enough the night before an exam!
4. **Perspective** – Maintaining a positive mindset where you are feeling as optimistic as possible is crucial to a successful exam. Even when faced with a difficult question or one that seems impossible, staying positive will help to manage the initial anxiety and focus on finding solutions!

I wish everyone the best of success in their exams!

Please find below a repeat of last week's 'Expectations for June' just to ensure everyone is clear for the remainder of the school year:

Senior School Expectations for June

Thursday, June 9 – Final Day of Classes

The day will follow a regular Day 2 schedule. During Long Advisory in the morning, students will spend time completing the first of two locker clean-out's.

Friday, June 10 – Thursday, June 16 – Southridge Exams

Students are expected to be at school for all examinations they are required to sit (please see schedule previously released in *The Wednesday*). **Students are expected to wear their summer uniform with a blazer and will not be permitted to enter the exam hall without the proper uniform.** Specific expectations about each exam in terms of tools (calculators, etc.) will be explained by each teacher prior to the exam period. Textbooks will be collected on the day of each student's exam; please remember to return these on this day. After students have completed their exam, they are asked to return home for the day. If students do not have an exam on a specific day, they are not expected at school.

Friday, June 17 & Monday, June 20 – Marking Days (no School)

Both of these days are marking days for faculty to mark examinations – students do not attend school on these days.

Tuesday, June 21 – Exam Return Morning



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The day begins at 8:00 am and students will visit every class they have taken this year in a modified schedule. If they have written an exam, students will be able to review it during this time. In other classes, final projects or other work will be returned. Please note if a student wishes to have a longer opportunity to review his or her exam, an alternative appointment may be made with that specific teacher. Students will be dismissed for the day at 11:40 am unless they are attending the Athletics Banquet (see below).

Tuesday, June 21 – Athletics Banquet (lunch)

Students that have participated in athletics during the year are encouraged to attend this luncheon banquet held in the Cafeteria and Alan Brown Great Hall. Details can be found through the Athletics department. Please note that students must sign up prior to the day in order for planning.

Wednesday, June 22 – Friday, June 24 – Provincial Exams

There are five Provincial Exams that occur during this time frame and students in Grade 10 - 12 are required to attend. Please note the schedule distributed in *The Wednesday* and on the School Calendar. **Students are expected to wear their summer uniform with a blazer and will not be permitted to enter the exam hall without the proper uniform.** Specific expectations about each exam in terms of tools (calculators, etc.) will be explained by each teacher prior to the exam period. Textbooks will be collected on the day of each student's exam; please remember to return these on this day. Students are expected to go home after their exam **unless there is a ceremony to attend that day.**

Wednesday, June 22

Students are not required to be at school on this day if they do not write a Provincial exam with the exception of our Grade 12's that have a mandatory Grad Rehearsal in the Gymnasium at 1:30 pm.

Thursday, June 23 – Senior School (SS) Awards Ceremony (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

You will have noted from a previous *Wednesday* article from me as well as an invitation given out with the Midterm report card that this ceremony will celebrate and acknowledge our Grade 8 - 11 students. **All students in the SS are expected to attend (Gr. 8 - 12) wearing their Number 1 Uniform.** Students should arrive at 1:30 pm and go to their Advisory locations for attendance. We spent considerable time modifying this ceremony last year after gaining important feedback from students, parents and faculty and it was a wonderful success. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!



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Friday, June 24 – Senior School (SS) Commencement and Closing (7:00 pm)

This is the final event of the School year and celebrates and acknowledges our Grad Class of 2016. All Grade 12 awards will be presented, commencement exercises will occur, and the Valedictorian address will be heard. **All students in the SS are expected to attend (Gr. 8 - 12) wearing their Number 1 Uniform.** Students should arrive at 6:30 pm and go to their Advisory locations for attendance. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions about the upcoming End of Year assessments, events or celebrations, feel free to contact the Senior School and we would be happy to provide any answers or clarification.

Enjoy your week!

Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

Laptop Returns (Senior School)...

...BEFORE your last paper exam or AFTER your last Electronic Exam.

The general rule for laptop returns in the Senior School is to return your laptop in the half hour before your last paper exam or if you require your laptop for an e-exam, then return your laptop after completing your last e-exam.

Please ensure that you return your laptop, the charger and backpack when you return your laptop. If you do not return all three items, then you will be billed for the missing items. All returns go to Room 224 in the Senior School. In general, the students will be expected to return their laptops, chargers and backpacks on the following dates:

Grade 8	Tuesday, June 14	7:30 am
Grade 9	Thursday, June 16	7:30 am
*Grade 10	Friday, June 24	12:00 pm
Grade 11	Wednesday, June 22	12:00 pm
*Grade 12	Thursday, June 16 (or Friday, June 24 if you are rewriting the English 12 e-exam)	7:30 am



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*For Grade 10 & 12 students - the imaging process of the laptops does not take an excessive amount of time, but given that the laptops are being returned after your e-exam, you may want to pick up your laptop on Monday, June 27.

Thank you!

Heather Mosher
Senior School Technology Coordinator

Grad Committee Thank You's

Thank you to the parents and students for a wonderful year working towards this year's graduation celebrations. We are looking forward to some amazing nights celebrating the successes of all the students in the graduating class.

There are a few more items that need to be finished. The students were to submit baby photos for the year-end slide show and we are still missing photos. **If you have not submitted your baby photos, please get them in by Friday, June 10 so that they are in the year-end video.** Students must submit their photos via the Dropbox in the LMS.

Thank you,

Heather Mosher
Graduation Committee Teacher Coordinator

16th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet – Tuesday, June 21

Date: Tuesday, June 21

Time: Refreshments: 11:45 am
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Awards Presentation: 12:30 pm
Closing Comments: 1:45 pm

Place: Senior School Cafeteria & Alan Brown Great Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (billed to your account)



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Come and celebrate the achievements of our talented athletes as we conclude another busy and successful year. Please sign up at the front desk reception before Friday, June 10.

We hope you are able to join your coaches and sponsor teachers at the banquet!

Gord Smith
Director of Athletics

Kara Wickstrom
P.E. Department Head

Book Return Process for Senior School Library

Thank you to everyone who has returned their library books. **All library books are now due and need to be returned for our inventory.** We will begin summer checkouts soon.

Library Books

- Students and one parent or guardian should have received emails informing them of all items on students' accounts. All library books need to be returned immediately.

Textbooks

- Most textbooks will be returned in the Great Hall on exam days. We will begin collecting textbooks from 7:45 am for morning exams and from 11:45 am for afternoon exams. Students can return textbooks to the library for non-examinable courses on Thursday, June 9.
- All textbooks should be returned by the final day of exams on Friday, June 24.

Please note that charges will be incurred for any library books and textbooks not returned by Wednesday, June 29, at which point replacement orders will be processed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Maggie Yee
Senior School Teacher-Librarian



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Provincial & School Examinations - 2016

The last day of classes for Southridge students is tomorrow (Thursday, June 9). Grade 8 and 9 final science tests will take place between June 6 - 9 during classroom time. School examinations, which take place in the Senior School Gymnasium, will begin the following day on Friday, June 10.

I would ask you to review the schedule, and our examinations policy, (see attachments) very carefully with your sons and daughters. It is really important that students get enough sleep, exercise, relaxation, and quiet study time in order to be at their best.

Southridge exams are designed to be completed within a maximum of two hours, but students may take up to three hours for each exam if they wish. In the event of illness, or any circumstance that prevents the student being on time or able to write the exam, please contact Mr. Palm, Head of Senior School, or Mrs. Holt, Senior School Academic Director, as soon as possible.

Attachments:

- Southridge School Examinations, 2016
- BC Provincial Examination Schedule
- Final Examination Policy

Jan Holt
Senior School Academic Program Director

Senior Girls Soccer Team Scores Big at Provincials

The Senior Girls Soccer Team participated in a very successful Provincial Championship this past weekend in Prince George. Even though they travelled with a short roster missing a number of players, the girls stood on their heads and stepped it up to a new level of excellence, both on the pitch, and off.

Fiona Firby, Emily Schenk, Kate Wells, Katherine Toy and Morgan Muncie-Buckley received 'player of the game' awards with amazing contributions to the combined achievement of a silver medal!

Thank you to the players and their parents for their continued support of the soccer program; this has been an excellent year!

Max Sterelyukhin
Senior Girls Soccer Coach



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Great Results at Track & Field Provincial Championships

The 2016 Track & Field Provincial Championships were held this past weekend at Rotary Field in Nanaimo. Two Southridge students qualified and competed with great results.

Cayla Smith (Grade 9) ran her 800m heat on Saturday morning and qualified for the finals in the afternoon. She ran a strong race and came in 4th racing with Grade 9s and 10s in the junior division. Well done, Cayla!

Later in the afternoon, Maya Kobylanski (Grade 8) gave one of her best performances in the 3000m running 3km in 10:48.36 (previous race record was 10:53.34) earning a Silver Medal and 2nd in the Province. What a race to watch!

Congratulations to Cayla and Maya! We look forward to seeing you continue to grow and succeed in your events!

Yvette Livingston
Teacher/Sponsor for Track & Field

Café Concerto Thank You

Café Concerto was a huge success this year. All of the students from different disciplines came together for a celebration of the performing arts for a sold out house each night. In addition to all the curricular ensembles, several co-curricular ensembles performed, as did the winners of our Auwh! Coffee house auditions in May. We would like to thank all of the Fine and Performing Arts teachers – Chris Westendorf, Susy Baranszky-Job, and Harjit Khara – for their students' contributions, as well as the amazing tech team led by Ravi Raja and Mr. McInnes for making the show spectacular. There was an amazing slide show to accompany the concert, created and run by Rachel Tong and Sarah Sutanto. We wouldn't have been able to keep things running smoothly backstage without the help of the following teachers: Renee Lepp, Maggie Yee, Chris Westendorf, Darren Jones, Yvette Livingston, Steve Fazackerley, Heike Beer, Susy Baranszky-Job, Norman Dods, and Elma Lai. We had an army of student servers who volunteered their time to serve cake to attendees. Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents, led by Sangita Verma, Vanessa Hilton, and Teri Lydiard, for their dedication and hard work. They did such an amazing job, and really put the "Café" in Café Concerto!



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Most Improved Player Awards 2015-16

On the first of our two-night Café Concerto run, we held our annual Most Improved Player Awards for the Music Department. Each year, the music teachers nominate three students for each ensemble (or five for the larger Grade 8 Band and the multi-grade Senior Band). These are musicians who, in our opinion, have made the most significant improvement in their playing or singing during the 2015-2016 school year. We would like to congratulate and commend the following:

Grade 8 Concert Band:

Amy Clark (flute)
Anokh Gill (tenor saxophone)
Graeme Lister (trumpet and double bass)
Alex Ni (tuba)
David Zheng (alto saxophone)

Grade 9 Concert Band:

Amran Aujla (clarinet)
Kylie Ren (French horn)
The Percussion Dream Team, Harkaran Dial, Harrison French, Louie Lu, & Jun Wong (percussion)

Grade 9 Jazz Studies:

Malcolm Beaton (electric bass)
Ethan Han (trombone)
Luca Sthankiya (trumpet)

Grade 10 Jazz Studies:

Sam Chiang (electric bass)
Amanda Eng (clarinet, then alto saxophone)
Young Ye (piano)

Senior Band:

Maxton Cunningham (euphonium)
Emily Tees (clarinet)
Evane Verma (French horn)
Frank Wang (percussion)
Luke Zhang (clarinet)



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Choir:

Lenno Liu
Cody Sigouin
Hattie Zhang

Senior Jazz Band:

Cassidy Fu (alto saxophone)
Cody Sigouin (trumpet)
Harry Xie (alto saxophone)

...and the winners are...

In the Grade 8 Concert Band, Graeme Lister, a fine trumpet player, decided to also play the double bass for the jazz portion of Mr. Burrage's class. He even performed an improvised solo on the bass at Café Concerto! Similarly, in the Grade 9 Jazz Studies class, when no bass player signed up for the course, Malcolm Beaton volunteered to learn the instrument and was rock solid; so much so, that Mr. Mitchell labeled him "M-Beats"! Kylie Ren earned top honors in the Grade 9 Concert Band for her work on the challenging French horn. In Grade 10 Jazz Studies, Young Ye flew around the keyboard all year, adding tasteful piano fills on sundry pieces and "comping" to his heart's delight. Frank Wang, also in Jazz Studies 10, earned Most Improved Player in our Senior Concert Band for his fine work in the percussion section. Cody Sigouin very much impressed his director, Ms. Parker, in the choir, and Cassidy Fu, one of our many saxophone players in the Senior Jazz Band, was a tour de force in terms of sight-reading and expressive playing.

All winners received thunderous applause, a medal that they can show to their grandchildren, and either \$1,000 cash or an iTunes gift card (all of this year's winners received the iTunes cards). Congratulations to all!

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Bid on this Exceptional Diamond Ring

“I have always felt a gift diamond shines so much better than one you buy for yourself” – Mae West

Jewellery has been inspiring the history of mankind for centuries and is a special and symbolic gift, appropriate for almost any occasion – whether it’s a birthday, anniversary, graduation gift, or a present to yourself, a distinguished and authentic ring will last lifetimes of wear and is one of the few things that can be passed on for generations to come.

Diamonds on their own are always in fashion, as are coloured gemstones, but pairing the two together results in something even more sophisticated and elegant. So with that in mind, we are delighted to offer a unique opportunity to our school community with the option to bid on this exceptionally exquisite 18K white gold diamond and sapphire ring.

Crowned with three rows of channel set square cut blue sapphires and flanked by rows of bead-set round diamonds, the ring includes 62 Diamonds (approximately 0.62 cts in weight) and 36 Sapphires (approximately 2.16 cts in weight). The estimated value of the ring (including tax) is \$7,650.

We invite you to place one bid to win this fabulous piece of jewellery! The draw is open to all our school parents and will take place at Hazelmere Golf Club this Friday, June 10, with proceeds going towards the purchase of new rugby and soccer nets for our three playing fields, a dividing wall for the Senior School Gymnasium, and an on-field line marker.

The starting bid is \$3,000, and the person with the highest bid at 8:30 pm on Friday, June 10, will walk away with this stunning diamond and sapphire ring. You don’t have to be a golfer or present at the event to win – just email Shelley the amount you’d like to bid and it will be entered into the draw.

This is an excellent way to support our 2015/16 school year and also have the opportunity to purchase a one-of-a-kind timeless piece of jewellery.



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All bids must be received by email, so please send your entry to Shelley Slaughter at sslaughter@southeridge.bc.ca before 8:30 pm, on Friday, June 10.

Happy bidding!

The Advancement Department

End-of-Year Donations to Southridge

Thank you to all our parents who have already made their annual donation to Southridge this school year!

If you have not made a donation yet, there is still time! There are a couple of projects that are still in need of your support:

- Playground Project – We are just \$5,000 shy of our goal of raising \$100,000 for the playground. Please consider making a gift to this wonderful project today. All gifts are appreciated and gifts over \$1,000 will be recognized on a special donor wall that will be installed on the playground this summer.
- Athletics – We still need to raise an additional \$2,000 in order to purchase a new scoretable for the Senior School Gymnasium. A new scoretable is long overdue and will greatly enhance the viewing experience of our parents and fans!
- Bursary funds – We are still collecting donations for the *Alan Brown Memorial Endowment Fund* and the *Carol E. Levy Memorial Endowment Fund*. Your support of these funds will help deserving students attend Southridge.
- Greatest Need Fund – Want to donate to Southridge but aren't particular about what area to support? The *Greatest Need Fund* is allocated on an annual basis to the projects around the school that need it most.

Donations can be made easily and safely by credit card [online here](#).



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Alternatively, **have you ever considered donating publicly traded securities or shares?** When you donate such securities to Southridge (or any Canadian registered charity), you do not have to pay a capital gains tax. Capital gains, or the increase in value of your securities over the price you paid when you purchased them, would be subject to tax if you were to simply sell them, even if you plan to donate the proceeds from the sale. But when you donate securities that have increased in value directly to Southridge, those capital gains are not subject to tax and your donation can have an even larger impact.

The process is simple – just contact me directly if you have any questions or would like additional information at 604-542-2330.

If you would prefer to make a donation by cheque, please ensure that you have dropped off your donation to the school by June 30, 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all at chodson@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you again for all your support of Southridge and our students and for making a donation this year!

Christiane Hodson
Director of Advancement

Alumni Celebrate and Re-connect on Reunion Weekend

Throughout the school year, we organize various events and initiatives for our alumni community. One initiative that always stands out is Alumni Reunion Weekend, which is held each year in May to celebrate graduation anniversaries and provide activities for alumni to re-connect. This year's reunion weekend was held on Saturday, May 14 and included a few events/milestones worth sharing....

Class of 2006 – 10 Year Reunion

Alumni from the Class of 2006 celebrate their 10 year reunion this year. To celebrate this milestone, the Southridge Alumni Association organized a reunion event in Vancouver for this close-knit grad class. More than 30 people attended (including a couple of Southridge teachers) to mingle and reminisce about their Southridge days.

Class of 2001 – 15 Year Reunion



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Alumni from the Class of 2001 celebrate their 15 year reunion this year. Due to the small class size and geographic location of these alumni, there was no official event held over alumni weekend, but we acknowledge this anniversary year and congratulate these alumni on this milestone!

Alumni Basketball Tournament

Coach Anderson and some of our former boys basketball players organized the Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament held at Southridge on May 14. Alumni from various grad classes formed 5 teams to participate in a friendly, but competitive all-day basketball tournament. The winning team this year was Arsh Dhatt, Austin Chang, Simran Thind, Gurjot Basraon, Justin Buttar, and Ryan Chang, who earned themselves the alumni basketball trophy, a gift card and most importantly, bragging rights. Our Grade 12 boys were also in attendance to cheer on the players and help with tournament logistics. I am sure our alumni have mixed feelings about potentially playing against these fantastic players next year.

Thank-you to everyone involved in organizing the above activities. Alumni are an important part of our Southridge community and it is always lovely to see our grads come together, reminisce and re-connect.

Jasmine Boyes
Community & Alumni Relations Manager

Uniform Shop News – Closing for Summer

The last day the Uniform Shop is open for this school year is Thursday, June 16, 2016. If you need to purchase uniform items for next school year and want to avoid the rush in early September, please come in before June 16. We are closed in July and August.

Uniform Shop Hours (until June 16, 2016):

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

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Southridge Cafè News

Please find attached the menus for this month.



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A limited lunch service will be offered between June 10 – 21 and the last day of cafeteria service is Tuesday, June 21. For students in Kindergarten – Grade 3 who have ordered hot lunch, the last hot lunch will be served on Wednesday, June 15.

Thank you for your support of the cafeteria this school year!



Southridge Examination Schedule

June 2016

FINAL

Students will write their examinations in the Gym with the exception of those students who are authorized to write in the alternate setting. Southridge examinations are designed to be completed in under **TWO hours** but students may take up to 3 hours to complete any examination. **Please remember to return all your books prior to the examination. Please return your laptop, including charger and backpack, to Mr. Latta immediately after your last examination.**

MORNING EXAMS:

Advisor Groups: 8:05 am

Assembly: 8:10 am

Exam Begins: 8:30 am

AFTERNOON EXAMS:

Assembly: 12:15pm

Exam Begins: 12:30 pm

8:30am Start	Friday June 10	Saturday June 11 Sunday June 12	Monday June 13	Tuesday June 14	Wednesday June 15	Thursday June 16
8	ENGLISH 8			MATH 8 & MATH 8 (Accelerated)		
9	ENGLISH 9		SOCIALS 9	MATH 9		FRENCH 9
10	FRENCH 10		ENGLISH 10	MATH 10 (Mock Provincial exam)	SCIENCE 10 (Mock provincial exam)	SOCIALS 10
11	SOCIALS 11 (Mock Provincial exam)		ENGLISH 11	PRE-CALCULUS 11	CHEM 11/11H	BIOLOGY 11 (Hons) Gym
12	CHEMISTRY 12		HISTORY 12	PRE-CALCULUS 12	CALCULUS 12 FOUNDATIONS of MATH 12	BIOLOGY 12
12:30pm Start.						
10					<u>Math 10 Exam Return</u> Rooms 240, 236, 235	<u>Science 10 Exam Return</u> Rooms 112,114, 116, 118
11	FRENCH 11 FRENCH 10 (Hons)		PHYSICS 11	BIOLOGY 11 (2hrs) Practical Lab Exam 116		
12	LAW 12		PHYSICS 12	FRENCH 12	ECONOMICS 12 SPANISH 11/12	

BC Provincial Examinations 2016

Date	Exam
Wednesday, June 22 8:30-11:30am	Math10 (E-exam only)
Wednesday, June 22 12:30 – 3:30pm	Social Studies 11
Thursday, June 23 8:30-11:30am	English 10
Friday, June 24 8:30am – 11:30pm	English 12 (Second session)
Friday, June 24 12:30pm- 3:30pm	Science 10

Please arrive at school 30 minutes before the start of your examination.



SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL

Final Examination Policy, Senior School

MORNING EXAM SCHEDULE:

7:55 – 8:05am	Faculty distribute exams in the exam hall (gym)
8:05 – 8:10am	Advisory
8:10 – 8:20am	Assembly in the Great Hall
8:20 – 8:25am	Student Book Return
8:25 - 8:29am	Students enter the exam hall (gym) in silence
8:30am	Exams begin

AFTERNOON EXAM SCHEDULE:

12:00 – 12:10pm	Faculty distribute exams in the exam hall (gym)
12:10 – 12:15pm	Student Book Return
12:15 – 12:25pm	Assembly in the Great Hall
12:25 – 12:29pm	Students enter the exam hall (gym) in silence
12:30pm	Exams begin

EXAM INSTRUCTIONS:

Students

- 1) Unless otherwise specified, exams will be written in the senior school gymnasium. Only students with prior approval of the Senior School Academic Program Director, and the requisite documentation, can write in the alternate setting (room 120).
- 2) Students must bring the appropriate writing implements and calculators where applicable. Soft pencils are required for filling in SCANTRON sheets. Pencils will NOT be supplied.
- 3) Full school uniform (summer or winter) with blazer is required at all exams.
- 4) Unless in distress, students are not allowed to visit the washroom during an exam period. If necessary, an invigilator must accompany such exits.
- 5) An exemplary standard of honesty is expected. Notes of any kind (on paper, hand, arm etc.) are not allowed. Talking during an exam is unacceptable and any infraction of examination protocol will result in serious academic penalties outlined in the school's Academic Integrity Policy.
- 6) All requests for re-scheduling of exams must be arranged through the Senior School Academic Program Director.
- 7) No student is required to write more than two exams per day. Although every attempt has been made to avoid conflicts, it is the specific responsibility of each student to make the Senior School Academic Program Director aware of any conflicts in a timely manner.

- 8) In the event of illness, it is the responsibility of the student and his/her parents to contact the Senior School Academic Program Director or the Head of the Senior School prior to the exam.

Faculty

- 1) Exam invigilators must take attendance at the beginning of the morning and afternoon examinations and bring it promptly to senior reception.
- 2) Faculty of the subjects being examined must be in the exam hall for the beginning of the exam (for questions and/or problems) and at the end of the exam for the collection of their students' papers.

ENTRY:

Students

- 1) Students are required to enter the exam hall IN SILENCE and remain silent for the duration of the exam.
- 2) Students are advised to leave their cell phones and electronic devices at home. Those who bring them to school must, on immediate entry to the exam hall, place them in the containers provided.
- 3) Students must promptly go to their assigned seats and keep their exams face down until the Senior School Academic Program Director or Head of the Senior School gives the signal to begin.

Faculty

- 1) The Senior School Academic Program Director or Head of the Senior School will commence all exams.

DISMISSAL:

Students

- 1) Students are not allowed to leave the exam until 1 hour and 30 minutes have passed, after which point, dismissals will occur at 15 minute intervals.
- 2) When students have finished their exams, they must raise their hands to have their exam papers collected.
- 3) No student is dismissed until his or her exam has been collected.
- 4) When the allotted exam time is over, students must remain silent and seated until all exams have been collected.

Faculty

- 1) A table is placed at the back of the gym and labelled by grade, class section and teacher for ease of exam collection.

	Mon-6	Tues-7	Wed-8	Thur-9	Fri-10
Breakfast	Chocolate chip muffin	Smoothie Day	Bacon Wrap	Smoothie Day	Open 7:30 am
Chef's Entree	Poutine	Salad Bar	Lemongrass chicken	Salad Bar	Chefs Choice
Pasta Bowl	Tortellini	Alfredo Pasta	Pasta Carbonara	Mac and Cheese	Pasta Marinara
Grill Central	Japa Dog	Beef Dip	Smokie	Mozza Bacon Burger	
Weekly Panini	Pulled Pork	Pulled Pork	Pulled Pork	Pulled Pork	
Great Greens	Pasta Salad	Salad Bar	Chef Salad	Salad Bar	

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



Mon- 13

Tues-14

Wed- 15

Thur- 16

Fri- 17

Breakfast

**Chocolate
chip muffin**

**Smoothie
Day**

**Bacon
Egger**

Berry Scone

**Smoothie
Day**

**Chef's
Entree**

**Bacon
Mozza Brg.**

Cheese Dog

Pizza Bagel

Quesadilla

**Fish and
Chip**

**Pasta
Bowl**

**Mac and
Cheese**

**Pasta
Marinara**

Italiano

**Baked Mac
and Cheese**

Tortellini

**Weekly
Panini**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

**Chicken
Pesto**

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Mon- 20

Tues-21

Breakfast

Blueberry
muffin

Smoothie
Day

No

Have

Summer!!

Chef's
Entree

Smokie

Poutine

More

a

See you all

Pasta
Bowl

Rose' Pasta

Mac and
Cheese

School

Great

in the
September!

Weekly
Panini

Roast beef
and Cheedar

Roast beef
and Cheedar

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