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### Head of School

### What's at the Core?

Once in a while, I've seen a few of our parents and students over at the Steve Nash gym as we share our mutual efforts to stay fit and healthy. Things have changed in exercise regimens over the years. Just the other day I was listening to a personal trainer as she ran her clients through the paces. Although I don't know the trainer's name, I frequently see her with a group of people about my age in a section of the gym that doesn't have many weight training machines. She likes to use medicine balls, Bosu trainers and other tools of the trade designed for dynamic exercises that call on multiple body parts to move in concert with one another.

As I was getting my jacket out of a locker near this workout area, I tuned into the trainer's explanation of why it is so important to have a strong core. The trainer said something along these lines, "We spend a lot of time working on your core because it helps to stabilize you while your body is in motion. Without a strong core, it is easy to lose your balance and you are more likely to get injured when sudden changes of direction are needed during day to day living. A strong core allows you to do repetitive movements while keeping a steady pace and rhythm, and it leads to good posture."

I was only able to stay for a few minutes without looking odd – staring at strangers sweating it out lifting Bulgarian bags, swinging kettlebells and pushing weight sleds. When one of them made eye contact with me (rats!) I left in a hurry, off to another day of work at Southridge. While I sat in Senior School assembly and watched our students handle themselves with such grace and confidence as they made announcements and addressed their peers, I glanced up at our mission statement and was struck by how overtly we emphasize our school's values. Fewer schools than you might think include a reference to specific moral values in their mission statements, and even though I have recited our mission statement hundreds and hundreds of times, I had never connected our values with what I experienced in the gym earlier that day.

Truth, tolerance, compassion and respect are like the muscles in a body's midsection that work together to create a strong moral core. A strong moral core, just like a strong physical core, takes effort and hard work to create. As physical exercise is a conscious endeavor with purposeful movements, so too is moral exercise. We can't just leave it to chance that our children will have a strong inner moral core that will direct them toward



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doing good in the world. Parents and teachers are like their personal trainers, challenging them to push their core values in an effort to strengthen them so that they will be stabilized when sudden changes in life happen, or when they need to keep up their pace and rhythm despite obstacles and roadblocks that may be in their way. A strong moral core helps our kids stand-up for what they believe in, keep their head held high in all kinds of situations and remain balanced when the winds of influence blow more strongly than they would like.

Funny enough, just as the personal trainer over at Steve Nash can't do the hard work for their clients, no matter how much they pay her; so it is true over here in our own community. We can't do the hard moral work and face the tough ethical challenges for our children no matter what they offer us in return – including gratitude, a smile and affection. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending how you look at it, the effort has to come from them no matter how much we wish for them to have a strong moral core and no matter how much we don't want to see them struggle. There's no easy way about it.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens Head of School

### **Important Dates**

Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior Play – Peter	Thursday, Feb.	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great
Pan	25 <sup>th</sup>		Hall
Senior Play – Peter Pan	Friday, Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior Play – Peter	Saturday, Feb.	2:00 pm	Alan Brown Great
Pan	27 <sup>th</sup>		Hall
Senior Play – Peter	Saturday, Feb.	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great
Pan	27 <sup>th</sup>		Hall
Full School Assembly	Tuesday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:40 – 10:20 am	Senior Gym
Country Fair	Saturday, May	9:00 am – 4:00	Junior and Senior
	7 <sup>th</sup>	pm	Schools



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# **Junior School News**

### Head of Junior School

### **Student-Led Conferences**

I want to express thanks to three groups of people this week; students, teachers, and parents for the important roles that you play in student-led conferences. I am going to start by thanking the students because after all they are the ones in charge of the event.

In this case, I cannot resist describing my own experience with my son's grade one student-led conference. It was clear to my husband and me, when we walked into the room, that he was in charge. We were politely welcomed and instructed where to sit and then we were taken through a very thorough and engaging journey of his learning. I can also speak from the perspective of a teacher having participated in many grade five student-led conferences at Southridge. Students take ownership of what they will share and how they will present it. While every student has guidance and support, they are ultimately responsible on the conference date. So, thank you to all of our students for taking your role seriously, for leading which can be intimidating sometimes, and for communicating your learning with passion.

The next thank you is to the teachers for their support, guidance, and facilitation in making the conferences happen. It takes time to prepare students and set them up for success at the student-led conferences. Thank you for organizing the student-led guides, presentation templates, and reflective pieces which help promote discussion. Student- led conferences are yet another opportunity to get to know each student a little better. As teachers, we are in a position to see students share their knowledge and understanding with others and this can provide more insight into ways in which students learn.

My final thank you is to the parents for supporting your child in their lead role. Thank you for listening and asking questions that help your child feel comfortable and confident. As a parent, student-led conferences are a tremendous opportunity to see growth in your child's own understanding about how they learn and how they create meaning from what they learn. I encourage you to keep asking questions and to continue to support your children when they are reflecting on their learning.

Thank you everyone for engaging in process that builds and strengthens relationships and promotes learning and communication.



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Ms. Alison Graham Interim Head of Junior School

### Spring Break - Term Two Report Cards - FSA Booklets

For those anticipating the Spring Break, the last day of school is Friday, March 18th, with a return to school on Monday, April 4th, (late start). Report cards will be distributed at dismissal on Friday, March 18th. To maintain consistency for all our students, the report cards will not be distributed any earlier than dismissal time. Students in Grade 4 and 7 will have their FSA booklet and final FSA report sent to them in the mail and should receive this in early April.

### **Communicating Absences/Late arrivals**

Just a friendly reminder to please communicate all absences or late arrivals to the following address <u>attendance@southridge.bc.ca</u>

### Country Fair Gift Baskets & Feb 26th Jr School Casual Day

The Feb 26th casual day in the Junior school is dedicated to the collection of one NEW item per student for Country Fair Gift Baskets. The categories for each grade can be found in the flyer attached to the Wednesday.

The NEW items will be placed in the collection bins which are outside each classroom from now to Feb 26th. Please have your child/children bring in their NEW items between now and Feb 26th. If each student brings in a NEW item, Gift Baskets will be a great success for Country Fair.

Thank you for your support! Gift Baskets Committee

### **Grade Sevens Experiment With Pottery**

The Grade Seven classes have been hand building vessels and experimenting with the aesthetics of layering glazes. They have been reflecting on the role of social and cultural rituals in contemporary and ancient civilizations. Their work looks fantastic and is food safe!

Linda MacHolm Junior Art Teacher



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### Sex Education Night for Parents 2016 Tuesday, March 1st @ 6:30 for parents and Thursday March 10 for students - Junior School Great Hall

Not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about sex, but all parents can *learn to be comfortable*. During this open and informational session, parents will come to terms with sexual health, and understand how it fits into the lives of their children at this stage of life. Attendees will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the questions children ask. The workshop is light hearted, but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good sexual decisions for a lifetime.

Once again we have invited a 'body scientist' expert to come and speak to our children. Saleema Noon will do a presentation of the lessons she will be providing for all K-7. We encourage all parents (**no children**) to come to the evening presentation to hear what she will be telling your children. Even if you have heard her before it's a great idea to listen to it again to refresh our memories. Being knowledgeable about the facts she gives the children will help you to answer your child's questions.

Both Saleema and Southridge believe that a parent is the best person to discuss this important topic. Presenting it in school merely assists the discussions to happen. Saleema will give tips on how to answer your child's questions and how much information to give. We hope you will be able to attend this important evening. We believe it is important for all parents to hear her message. She comes on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, to speak to the students. Be prepared to answer your child's questions during the weekend as the students think about the information they heard.

Thanks,

Mrs. Raber

# Grandparents' Tea - Tuesday, March 15, 2016 @12:30 p.m. in the Junior School Gymnasium

Grandparents you are all an important part of your grandchildren's lives. We want to honor you by inviting all of the grandparents in our Southridge family to join us for coffee, tea and cake before the PYP Musical. This year PYP students will be performing



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the musical: 'Treasure Island'. It will be held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Junior School Great Hall.

Before the musical the Grade three students will serve you tea and coffee at 12:30 pm in the Junior School Gymnasium. They will greet you the front doors, help you select and reserve your seat for the performance before escorting you to have tea and cake in the gym.

Be sure to let your grandchild know you will be coming before March 12<sup>th</sup>. (We would like to have an idea of how many grandparents will be attending and we will be asking your grandchild.) They will be delighted to see you!

Everyone is welcome to attend this PYP matinee performance but we respectively request that unless you are with a grandparent there is no reserving of seats or seat saving. We also ask that you do not come and sit in the seats before 1:00 pm. The performance begins at 1:30 pm. We want to give priority please to the grandparents for this performance. Thank you so much for your support in accomplishing this.

Thank you for all you do for your grandchildren,

Rowena Raber

# **Senior School News**

### Head of Senior School

### Grad Class of 2016

It seems to be somewhat of a yearly cycle that at this time of year my thinking drifts towards the Grade 12's. I think this is partly because I become acutely aware that each day, week or event that is enjoyed represents the last time we will have this particular group in our midst. On one hand, it can make me quite melancholy, as these are young people that have grown and blossomed and are really just ready to hit their stride...and now they are going to be leaving the school. On the other hand, is the importance that we must be sure to celebrate and revel in their individual and group accomplishments and let them know how proud we are of the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the Southridge community!



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Each Grade 12 class contributes in some consistent and predictable ways – as leaders of our school on teams, in clubs, planning events, on the Board of Stewards. Additionally, each class has a bit of an identity that helps to define them. It is through this lens that we get unique and individual stories that show their contributions, too! Past Grade 12 groups help to set the example for future classes with a particular initiative or attitude that exhibits a positive tradition that can be continued. Each year, it is quite inspiring to see the impact these graduates have towards our school community.

So, why do I bring up this idea during this particular point in the year? It would seem more appropriate to do so in June to pay tribute. I admit, that I will most assuredly be singing their praises at the end of the year (as I have done for the past 4 years in my role); however, it more powerful to see their contribution as it happens rather than once it is over. I realize that for those students that have completed fall activities and some winter ones, this comes perhaps too late. We have seen some unbelievable leadership in athletics on the soccer and field hockey pitch, in the pool, and on the basketball court. In service, there have been some wonderful initiatives and causes supported and led. Many clubs rely on the Grade 12's to help mentor students in the younger grades in order for them to be effective and sustainable.

There are still many more times that we as a community can watch and see these students contributing in their last year at the school. And by highlighting this in February, I hope I can convince and encourage you to come out to and see this happen in real time! For example, starting tomorrow, Peter Pan, our Senior School production will have a four show run Thursday through Sunday. There are a number of Grade 12's involved in the production, and at the end of the show, we will be acknowledging the commitment that many have given over their Senior School career. Our Senior Boy Basketball team begins playoffs this week and we wish them all the best of luck. There will be spring sports of soccer, rugby and tennis to watch and support.

Activities like Hub Club, Model UN, Reach for the Top, the Service Trip to Uganda, as well as spring events like Trek show how many of our Grads (and many other younger students) have committed to giving to others and representing the school so admirably. More subtle activities such as our peer mentoring program has many Grade 12's helping and encouraging younger students both in Junior and Senior to improve their academic understanding each and every week. It is really quite something to step back and notice how involved our senior grade has become. They are very tied to the school and these ties run emotionally as well. I will finish up with a story to help convey this connection.



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Our Senior Girls Basketball team began their quest to make the Provincial Championships for this year last week. League play had been really solid and I know that players and coaches alike were very optimistic with their chances. The began well and needed one win to get to the final game of the Fraser Valley Championships to assure them the Provincial berth. Unfortunately, the came up short in that game and were not victorious. Unbowed, they knew that they could achieve their goal through the final berth by coming third, but they needed to win three straight games. They handily beat the first team, worked hard to take game number two and this left them with one more hurdle to jump. They fought valiantly throughout the game and were in it until the very end but lost by a mere 4 points...

The next day, I cautiously approached a few Grade 12's to say how sorry I was to hear the result but that I was proud of all they had done as leaders during their basketball careers here. They were very appreciative, but just couldn't talk to me – in fact they began to cry because they had wanted to succeed so badly. It is pretty incredible to see that type of connection and commitment in any one; however, so many of our Grade 12's think the same way about many of their teams and activities.

Help us to support, congratulate and celebrate the legacy that is Grad 2016. See you at the school and have a great week!

Doug Palm Head of Senior School

### Senior Drama – Peter Pan Production

You may have heard rumblings that this year, the Senior Drama department is performing JM Barrie's iconic *Peter Pan* – you heard correctly! *Peter Pan* will have its opening night at Southridge on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. As there are many versions, the Theatre Performance class all agreed on a script that is very close to JM Barrie's original piece with a few minor alterations made by students. The spirit of the whole piece is one that is traditional and set in Edwardian London at the turn of the century.

Up until opening week, every *Southridge Wednesday* features an article written by a member of the cast or crew. I hope you enjoy this next piece, written by Molly Maguire.



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Thanks,

Glen Pope Senior School Drama Teacher

### Molly Maguire - Jane/Mullins & Peter's Shadow

It's the day before opening night and the rehearsals are a whirl wind of emotions. Stress, giddiness, excitement, all sorts of feelings. But one of the most prominent ones is gratitude. Before this show I was not aware of how many people it takes to make a big production like Peter Pan. It takes about the size of a small hamlet. Now let's roll with this analogy shall we. Firstly, there are the people living in the hamlet, the people you see and notice the most, otherwise known as the cast and crew. The people of this hamlet need to be fed meaning that we needed a farmer and in this theatre hamlet it is Vanessa Hilton to whom we are eternally grateful for organizing the food for us for every rehearsal. Next to keep this little hamlet alive is the builders, the people who build the world we live in (in our case the stage sets) and to this we owe a great debt to Mark Andrews who built or supplied most. In this little hamlet of ours (I'm really enjoying this analogy, how about you?) we also need objects to interact with, or else we would be a colony of mimes...that talk...but mime imaginary objects, not my best metaphor....any ways, thanks is owed to Janet Bailey our Art Technician who built the majority of our props. Thank-you to them and everyone else who volunteered to make this production great.

I hope you have all bought tickets so that you can all the hard work these people put into this year's Southridge Theatre Production, Peter Pan.

### Special S A L E for kids

Hey Kids, and kids in adult bodies, if you don't have your tickets for Southridge's Peter Pan you'd better hurry! Tomorrow is opening night and the people, and creatures, of Neverland are hard at work getting ready for show... but Peter wants to let you in on a little secret... Now there is a special sale for kids, for the Saturday matinee only. **Kids 12 and under are only \$5 for the matinee!** So kids, come see Peter and all his friends for half the price on Saturday at 2:00 pm because a play like this never grows old!

Tickets can be purchased here.

General festival seating is \$10



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Premium seating is \$20 and there are two choices of premium seats:

- 1. Front row comfortable seats run along the front right at the heart of all the action watch out for fairy dust!
- 2. Back row comfortable seats with a raised unimpeded view as you look over the rest of the audience. Provides a great view of the whole stage.

### **Country Fair Gift Baskets and Feb 26th Sr School Casual Day**

The Feb 26th casual day in the Senior school is dedicated to the collection of five dollars per student for Country Fair Gift Baskets. Please have your child/children bring in their five dollar donation on Feb 26th. If each student brings in a five dollar donation, Gift Baskets will be a great success for Country Fair.

Thank you for your support!

Gift Baskets Committee

### **Children's Book Drive**

From the beginning of the year, our team of 13 students and 3 faculty members have been preparing to go on the first Southridge Service Trip to Uganda. During our trip there, we will be connecting with a secondary school where we will be building, and an elementary school where we will be running literacy and sports classes.

As spring break approaches and our trip draws near, we are hoping to run a Children's book drive next week, from February 22-26, to get books for the elementary students we will be connecting with. If you have any easy to understand, children's picture books you are willing to donate, please bring them in next week! The only books we will not be able to accept are books with a more challenging reading level (for older children) or books about holidays such as Christmas, Easter or Valentine's day, etc.

We would really appreciate any books you could bring in for us!

Please email <u>sdial@southridge.bc.ca</u> or <u>dweaver@southridge.bc.ca</u> if you have any questions!

Thanks!

The Uganda Team



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### **Envision Jazz Festival**

Last Friday, three of our jazz ensembles, the Grade 9s, 10s and Seniors, attended a local jazz festival held at the Bell Center for the Performing Arts in Surrey. Schools from all over the Lower Mainland and the United States come to the festival, to perform in big bands, combos and vocal jazz ensembles; the standard is high! Our groups played well, representing themselves, our school, and music itself with dignity.

The day began early for the Grade 9 Jazz Ensemble; Mr. Burrage met the students at 7:15am and all headed to the festival, where some other groups had already finished their performances! Our first selection, It's Only a Paper Moon, featured our trombone section and solos by Ethan, Armaan, Frank and Louie. The adjudicators complimented the brass on their blend and the whole group on their sense of swing. Rhett, our drummer, got a special shout out for his work on the kit. Our requisite ballad, Over the Rainbow, was our most challenging piece, with exposed lines in the saxophone section and complicated guitar voicings. Once more Ethan and Frank took solos, with Hamza and Ingrid joining them this time. Our final arrangement was a toe-tapping Latin tune entitled Just a Little Cha Cha. The boys on auxiliary percussion brought enthusiasm and style to the work; well done, Harkaran, Harrison and Jun! Ingrid played an improvised solo, as did Frank, this time on vibes. Michael and Armaan, on alto and baritone saxophone, were commended specifically for their "very mature improv." as they traded bars over the Oye-like vamp. Following our performance, the students were treated to a 45-minute clinic where both their musical chops and their Daily Physical Activity requirement were given a workout. Our clinician, Mr. Jared Burrows, wanted the students to 'feel' the rhythm in their bodies, so had them play while dancing. The students will not soon forget their first aerobic music lesson.

Mr. Mitchell then drove the Senior Jazz Band to the festival for their 11am performance. Just before going on stage, Vanay was in fine form, rallying the troops and inspiring the younger players with his pre-game pep talk. It was the final Envision performance for our Grade 12s, Yufang, Melissa, Cory, Maxton, Jack, Lenno, Maxton, Tony, Ishaan, Sean, and Vanay. The famous April in Paris, one of Count Basie's signature tunes, started our three song set. Luke and Jonathan played solos while Peter walked the bass line and Tony rode the ride cymbal. Our trombone section was complimented by an adjudicator for their blend, as was the band for its 'good energy'. 'Overall, a very good band'. Jack was featured on our middle number, a beautiful bossa arrangement of the Beatles chart, A Fool on the Hill. Jack's smooth trombone sound, most musical and appropriate improvisational ideas, and the fact that he memorized his melodic lines made this Mr. Burrage's favourite of the three pieces. The adjudicators agreed, commenting positively on Jack's solo. The Defibrillator was our final selection, a high-energy shuffle tune. Jack once more took a bluesy solo, followed by the inimitable



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Vanay. Ishaan, rounded out the trio of improvisers with some choice guitar licks. Our clinician was Mr. Dennis Essen, whom we have brought to our yearly Jazz Retreat on numerous occasions. All the students knew him well, and thoroughly enjoyed his relaxed and positive attitude.

Mr. Mitchell and our Grade 10 group then took the stage for their performance time. Although they were on after 5pm, the students had no lack of energy or enthusiasm. Their set was a challenging trio of tunes, an up-tempo swing tune, One More for Johnny, a bossa nova entitled Trinita, and Charlie Parker's My Little Suede Shoes. Cody and Harry X took trumpet and alto solos on the first tune, followed by Jason on 'keys'. Jonathan had worked hard on the ballad, capably playing the mellow flugelhorn instead of his trumpet; he sounded great! 'Very nice job' were the words of one clinician. The final toe-tapping samba, My Little Suede Shoes, featured fine drumming by Frank and solos once more by Harry X and Jonathan. The students then had a very constructive clinic with Mr. Rob Goddard, who complimented them on their grasp of the different styles of each piece. They then headed back to school in time to get home for dinner after a long and musical day!

Four of our musicians were back in the Bell Center Auditorium for the evening concert. They had been selected to participate in the "REP" bands at the festival. One or two members from each ensemble attending Envision are chosen to play in either the junior or senior bands. Cassidy and Harry X, both playing alto saxophone, represented Southridge in the Junior/Senior Rep Band and Tony, on kit, and Jack, on 'bone, played in the Senior ensemble. For four hours on the two previous Saturdays, these musicians had been challenged to learn several difficult selections and 'pull things together' quickly for the concert. The groups were very strong. Harry volunteered to play a couple of solos; well done, Harry! On the following evening, at the final concert, Jack was given an award for his excellent solo work on the trombone; the award came with a gift certificate. Nice work, Jack!

Steve Burrage Senior School Music Teacher

### Math Students Score at the Math Challengers Competition

On Saturday February 13, Mr. Weaver and I accompanied 2 teams of Grade 8's and 1 team of Grade 9's to SFU to participate in the wildly popular Math Challengers Competition (Lower mainland Regionals). Each team has 5 members. Altogether there were about 500 Grades 8 & 9 contestants from the lower mainland, representing about



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40 schools, both public and private. The competition had 2 individual rounds and one team round, and ended with an exciting "Face-off" round among the top 10 individuals. All of our team members tried hard and had a great time.

For the first time in history of Southridge, we had three Grade 8 students and one Grade 9 student that made it to the top 10 in our pool. The Grade 8 team 1 won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their pool, and brought home a trophy. They will advance to the Provincials at SFU in early April.

Please join me in congratulating the following 5 Gr 8 students for their excellent achievements:

- Judy Li
- Jay Ro
- Louis Kim
- Tai Zhang
- William Liu

Ms Lai

### **University Counselling News**

Are you interested in university programs in the United Kingdom? Mark your calendar for the following events:

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12:00noon at Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver, Malaspina Room

• Information and mini college Fair for students of all levels and their families.

Register at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-u-vancouver-tickets-20914225010

Note: If you are in Grades 10, 11 or 12 and you are interested in studying law in the UK, you are invited: Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8:30pm at West Point Grey Academy, 4125 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Vancouver

• Information and a debate with academic professors about Law studies at Bristol, Durham, Newcastle, Southampton, Warwick and York



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 Bringing your qualification home to practice to Canada will be covered followed by a mini fair

Register at <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/best-of-u-law-tour-vancouver-west-point-grey-academy-tickets-20913718495</u>

### Southridge welcomes back the class of 2015!

Over the past 10 days, the 2015s have been offering advice and tips to the class of 2016 about freshman life. They offered wisdom about working towards a strong finish for High School and preparing to transition to college or university life!

### Join us for coffee and conversation – Mark your calendar!!

University Counselling will also be hosting a series of coffee mornings for Senior School parents to attend and meet with Mrs. Livingston and Mr. Weaver:

- Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am Theme: Canadian Universities what's new in the admissions/applications process?
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am Theme: Thinking of U.S. Colleges/Universities?
- Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 8:10 to 9:20 am Theme: U.K. and Ireland direct entry professional programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and law how does this work?

Mrs. Livingston Director of University Counselling

# **Both Schools**

### Learning Something New at the Country Fair

The Volunteer Committee is still looking to fill many vacancies in lead positions for the fair. These are "shadow positions", meaning that you will learn the ropes and observe this year, with lots of support and guidance. Available positions include:



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- Recycled Treasures
- Books
- 50/50 Draw

Please email volunteer@southridge.bc.ca with any questions, or to express interest.

### Calling all Bakers!

If you love to bake the Country Fair needs you! The Volunteer Committee is looking for an organized baker to lead the pie-making committee and help provide many pies to the families that flock to our bake table each year. The bake table is also looking for talented bakers to assist in possible new offerings. Please email <u>volunteer@southridge.bc.ca</u> to inquire about pie-making, or <u>cari001@gmail.com</u> to inquire about the bake table. Many families will thank you!

### Vyners School: Canadian Rugby Tour Billeting Opportunity

Grade 8 and 9 student-athletes from Vyners, a Secondary School in London, England will be touring British Columbia in late March and early April. During their stay they will be playing rugby games against local public and private schools, including Southridge School. Vyners has visited Southridge several times over the past few years and our rugby teams have been fortunate to have been hosted by them on three of our own UK Rugby Tours.

There is a great opportunity for students and families within our community to host 1 or more Vyners' students. It is only a two night commitment (the afternoon of Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to the morning of April 1<sup>st</sup>) and because their itinerary includes a full slate of daytime activities, host families from Southridge would only be responsible for providing a few meals and a place to stay for these boys.

We are still looking for a few more host families from either the Junior or Senior schools. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel to contact me via email at <u>gsmith@southridge.bc.ca</u> or by phone: 604-542-2339

Thank you,

Gordon Smith Senior School Athletic Director



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### Human Resources News

I'm pleased to share with you that Ms. Joyce Kim will be taking on the role of English Teacher/Curriculum Leader commencing Sept 1, 2016. Joyce joined Southridge in September and has been working in the English department on a part-time temporary basis as an English Teacher. She is an experienced English Language Arts teacher and English Language Learning Teacher with over 15 years of experience teaching both overseas and in Canada.

Joyce came to us from St. Margaret's School where she worked for 5 years as a Senior Years English Teacher and taught English 10 - 12, AP English Literature 12, AP English Language and Composition, and spent the last two years at St. Margaret's as a Middle Years Teacher and taught English Language Arts 5-8.

In addition, Joyce has worked with the University of Victoria as an English Language Instructor for seven years. Joyce holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in English and is currently working towards the completion of her Masters of Educational Technology.

Joyce is committed to lifelong learning and professional development and is a passionate advocate of technology-based learning and innovation. Joyce appreciates the supportive atmosphere of Southridge School, and she looks forward to future collaborative opportunities with colleagues and community.

Darcie Sagert Director of Human Resources

### **Uniform Shop News**

The uniform shop has a variety of spirit items that makes perfect gifts. We have 5" x 7" photo frames engraved with "SOUTHRIDGE GRADUATE OMNIS ANIMA VOLET", which can be a memorable gift for a Southridge grad student. Come in and take a look.

### **Regular Uniform Shop Hours:**

Monday – Thursday (closed Fridays) between 7:45 – 9:00 am and 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Phala Tan Business Services Manager



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### Southridge Cafè News

Please see attached menus for the Southridge Café for the rest of February and March.



### **Country Fair Gift Baskets**

The Feb 26th junior school casual day is dedicated to the collection of one NEW item per student for Gift Baskets for Country Fair. The items will be placed in the collection bins which are outside each classroom from Feb 22nd to Feb 26th. Please have your child/children bring in their NEW items between Feb 22nd and Feb 26th. If each student brings in a NEW item, Gift Baskets will be a great success for Country Fair.

The categories for each grade are:

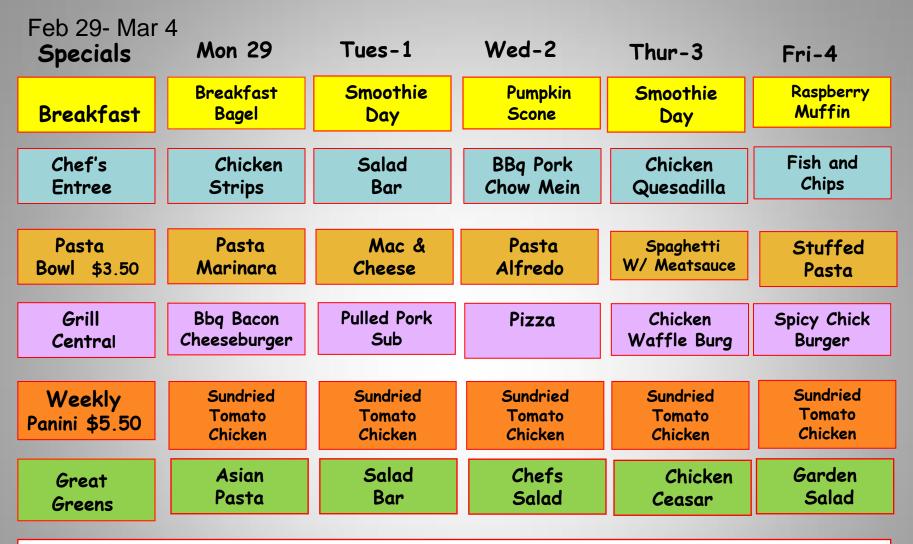
Kindergarten & Grade 1: Children's Toys and Games (lego, craft kits, crayola sets, hair accessories, activity sets, dolls, games, books, and any other popular children's toys)

Grades 2 & 3: Kitchen and Gourmet Items (oven mitts, tea towels, cloth napkins, cook books, fancy spices, oil and vinegar sets, garlic presses, cheese harps, coffee, tea, ice cream scoops, salt and pepper grinders, gift certificates)

**Grades 4: Gardening Items** (garden planters, garden gloves, seeds, watering cans, garden tools, gift certificates)

Grades 5, 6 & 7: Mother's Day (bath products, spa items, candles, perfume, lotions, fancy soaps, bubble bath, scarves, picture frames, gift certificates)

> Thank you for your support! Gift Baskets Committee



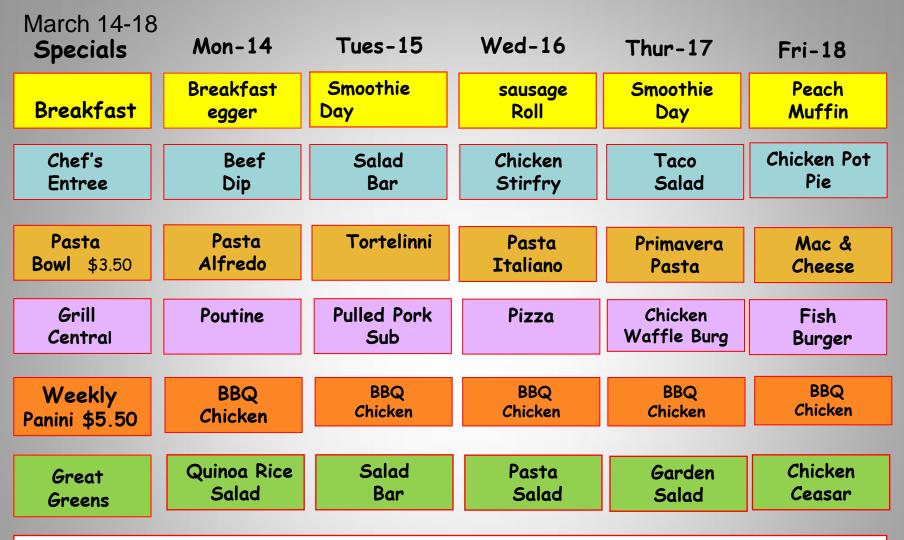
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March 7-11 <b>Specials</b>	Mon-7	Tues-8	Wed-9	Thur-10	Fri-11
Breakfast	Breakfast	Smoothie	Sausage	Smoothie	Apple Cinn
	Wrap	Day	Rolls	Day	Muffin
Chef's	Perogies w/	Salad	Chicken	Beef/ Bean	Butter chick
Entree	Sausage	Bar	Fried Rice	Enchalada	pot pie
Pasta	Penne with	Italian Saus	Gemelli	Mac &	Bow Tie w/
Bowl \$3.50	curry cream	Tortelinni	Rose	Cheese	Peppers
Grill	Pork	Bbq Bacon	Pizza	Chicken/	Fish
Central	Fajita	Cheeseburg		Bacon Sub	Taco
Weekly Panini \$5.50	Turkey Pesto				
Great	Grain	Salad	Pasta	Chicken	Chefs
Greens	Salad	Bar	Salad	Ceasar	Salad

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