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Head of School

The World Remembers Vigil in the Alan Brown Great Hall

In preparation for Remembrance Day on November 11, and our Remembrance Day Ceremony that will be held in the Senior School gymnasium on November 10 beginning at 10:15 am, Southridge will be supporting the World Remembers Vigil beginning next week on October 5.

Created by Canadian television, stage and film actor, R.H. Thomson, the World Remembers Vigil project is a privately-funded venture that strives to commemorate and honour the people who lost their lives during the First World War. The project is organized in a way that allows schools and communities across the world to display the names of soldiers who were killed in 1915, the second year of the war.

From October 5 to November 11, the name of each Canadian killed will be projected prominently onto the fire place in the foyer of the Alan Brown Great Hall. Each Canadian name will be surrounded by six other names. The other names commemorate the soldiers from other participating nations who died in the war. Over the course of the three-week period we will see the names of all 519,000 people from around the world who were killed during the war in 1915.

Last year, Southridge displayed the names of the 290,000 people who died during the first year of the war – 1914. The names of those killed after 1915 will appear in subsequent years, each name appearing in the 100th year after their death. All names will appear in all displays in all countries, and they will appear at the same time relative to their time zone. Displays will run for 11 hours each day and each name will appear on a precise day, hour and minute. The “Search the Names” function on the World Remembers website (www.theworldremembers.org), will help you find the display time of a name you may want to remember personally – or have your child(ren) remember while at school.

We are proud to be participants in the World Remembers Vigil, and I invite you into the Senior School foyer at any time to see how Southridge has made an effort to remember those men and women who died during the war.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Leadership Experience Week	Oct. 5-9 th	All Day	Grades 8-12
Grade 6 Coffee Hour	Thursday, Oct. 8 th	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Junior Great Hall
Fine Arts Trip	Oct. 8-13 th	All Day	New York
AR Information Session	Oct. 8 th	8:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.	MacDougall Library
Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday, Oct. 12 th	All Day	
Late Start	Tuesday, Oct. 13 th	10:25 a.m.	Both Schools
All Candidates Forum	Tuesday, Oct. 13 th	7:00 p.m.	Junior Great Hall

Junior School News

Head of Junior School

Signing the Junior School Promise

Over the course of the last week, I have had the pleasure of visiting many of our classrooms where I discuss and sign the Junior School Promise. The promise is a commitment from the students, parents, teachers and myself regarding the expectations for the school year. These chats are most enjoyable to me; our students take this commitment seriously, and they are asked a series of questions related to the promise while they shake my hand:

- Do you promise to do your best work this year?
- Do you promise to ask for help when you need it?
- Do you promise to think about your classmates, and their needs in this room?
- Do you promise to keep your things neat and orderly?
- Do you promise to be caring and solve problems in a positive way?

Looking into the eyes of 5 year olds to 13 year olds, and asking for their commitment to these questions is quite a humbling experience. All our students inherently want to keep this promise—they are sincere and honest in their answers.

The best part of my day is when I am in the classroom with our students. Working with young people is so refreshing and energizing as they tend to be raw and transparent in their answers. We do reiterate again that Southridge Junior School is a safe place to grow and develop. Through the process of growth, it is inevitable that young people will make mistakes.

We believe in starting this journey with a promise indicating that they will ‘try’. Then, if a mistake is made, we can redirect back to their promise and know that a moment of growth has occurred for them. Candidly, these young people at Southridge have well developed characters, and we do know them to be respectful, honest students. We are just helping them to be their best—and it is an honour to witness their growth and developing maturity by making a commitment to this promise.

Have a great week,

Mrs. Middelaer
Head of Junior School

Thanksgiving Weekend

Please enjoy this time with family and friends as we choose to celebrate the harvest and the bounty of goodness that we enjoy. A reminder of the late start on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Please do not have students arrive any earlier than 10:10 a.m. as there will be no one to supervise your child. Students need to be in class for 10:25 a.m.

Welcome Back to Ms. Mauricio

On Tuesday, October 13, 2015 we welcome back Ms. Alexis Mauricio from her maternity leave, as she resumes her responsibilities of teaching Grade 6 math, Grade 7 math and Grade 6 humanities. She will resume homeroom responsibilities for grade 6AM homeroom, and we thank Mr. Miller for his interim coverage of this class.

Full School Assembly- October 20, 2015 9:40 – 10:30 am

Please join us in our senior school gymnasium for another full school assembly, led by Mr. Stephens.

Parent- Teacher Interviews - October 22, 2015 - Noon Dismissal

Parents please mark your calendars for the upcoming parent teacher interview day on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Interviews will be 20 minutes in length and teachers look forward to discussing your child's progress thus far this term. Please note that there will be a noon dismissal on that day. We continue to be offering our interview schedule on 'Pick a Time'. Parents will be able to log into their parent portal and book their interview time. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Rickard are busy prepping this feature right now, and login will be available soon. Due to the length of the first term, MYP students (Grades 5-7) will be receiving an interim report card on Thursday, October 15, 2015. On this report card, there will only be a letter mark and attached rubric. There will be no written comment, but this interim report will serve as a basis for discussion during the parent-teacher interview.

Pro-D Day

On Friday, October 23, 2015, our faculty will be spending time on professional development and the students will enjoy an extended weekend. We will be focusing our attention on social- emotional learning and we have a few teachers attending a conference with Lynn Erickson on Conceptual Based Learning.

AR Junior School Parent Information Sessions – October 8th 8:30 am or 6:00 pm – MacDougall Library (Jr. School)

All parents interested in the AR Reading program in the Junior School are invited to attend a parent information session in the morning or evening on October 8th in the MacDougall Library (Jr. School).

The AR program is introduced in Grade 3 and students from grades 3-7 participate in this daily reading and comprehension program. Please come by for a review of the program and Q & A session.

Ms. Chong, Mrs. Khangura and Mrs. Gardecki

Senior School News

Head of Senior School

Mini School Night – A Reminder of a Vital Partnership

Last Thursday, it was wonderful to see so many Senior School parents attend our Mini School Night. I noted, as I greeted many of you outside of the gym prior to registration, that there was a mix of new families to our Senior School and our 'veteran' families who have been to this night many times. It reminded me of how important it is to continue to ensure that this partnership stays strong as together we ensure your children are able to thrive in their learning.

Recently, at our Meet the Leaders event for new families, I shared the idea that sometimes working with adolescents can be challenging. Often there are times when they are emotionally overwhelmed with a situation or issue and other times, they seem to be literally "on top of the world" positive. As parents, you will know the change from one extreme to another can happen within the same day – or even within the same hour! An administrative colleague of mine refers to this as "The Wave". As an adult involved in an adolescent's life (parent, teacher, coach) riding this wave can be exhausting. This wise administrator friend of mine advises many parents not to ride the wave – try to remain calm and even keeled. It can really help students to see this unflustered approach from a trusted adult. I was also reminded of another tidbit of wisdom that our adolescent children are similar to a 2-3 year old in terms of their desire for independence. I am certain that there have been or will be times that this fierce desire to make their own decisions will create some conflict between you. However, much like a 2 year old that wants to run away from a parent, they will actually stop and look behind them to make sure you are still there. Similarly with adolescents, they really need their trusted adult figures to be there for them; they want you to be a part of their life and learning.

So, it was very encouraging to have so many of you attend Mini School Night, to learn a little bit about each of your child(ren)'s teachers and to understand what the course, assessment and plan is for each class. We also wanted to allow time for you to connect with your son or daughter's Advisor. This individual, as many of you will know, is a key advocate for them (and you) in all aspects of school life. They have an opportunity to check in every day with your child and are there to help and support.

Research has shown that parents need to be a part of their students learning to make it the most effective, even (and especially) in high school aged children. This doesn't mean that it is the same as when they were younger – they do need opportunities to be independent and make mistakes in order to grow and develop important life skills like resilience, organization and advocating for oneself. Supporting and encouraging them to do these things is vital for them to feel confident to try and take risks as they grow. Our learning management system (LMS) can help parents to know what work student have and to stay connected to the ongoing progress of their classes. We encourage parents to take advantage of this important tool. In addition, it is important for parents to feel confident to connect with any of the teachers or administration if you have any questions or concerns that come up during the year. We would love to hear any positive feedback as well if things aren't going smoothly! We are committed to reciprocating this promise and teachers will always communicate when there is a concern that you should know about. We will be having Parent Teacher conferences in January for the first time to help have another mid-year opportunity to speak with teachers about your child(ren)'s progress.

I am hopeful that Leadership Experience Week will bring some wonderfully positive stories and tales of learning from your children. It might have parts of the week that are a bit challenging – tales of struggle and being out of one's comfort zone as an example. However, these will all be important strides in learning about one's strengths and areas to continue to develop.

Have a great week and I look forward to connecting with each of you more in the future!

Doug Palm
Head of Senior School

New York City Fine Arts Trip Blog 2015

We are all very excited to experience the arts in New York City and we felt that parents and family would be excited to hear about and see some of our experiences. Mr. McInnes has kindly agreed to help facilitate the NYC Fine Arts Trip blog 2015 so that we can put up posts and pictures directly in the parent portal section on our website. The plan is to ask one or two students to write a brief post each day which will be posted the next day along with a couple photos. Parents can then follow along hearing about the previous day's events. [Click here](#) to read the blog.

Glen Pope
Theatre Teacher

Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking Trip

On Monday, October 19th we will be offering a mountain biking trip to the north shore. This trip will depart from Southridge at 8:00 AM and head to Mount Fromme in North Vancouver. There we will participate in a skills session, followed by and ride up mountain highway (gravel road) and descent down Bobsled, a fun, flowing singletrack trail (we will repeat this loop several times while developing skills throughout the afternoon). We are pleased to be working again with Endless Biking, who will provide mountain bike guides as well as instruction. The two teachers on this trip will be Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jones. The cost is \$60, or \$80 if you wish to rent a mountain bike and helmet. Please see Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Jones for a form if you are interested. Spots on this trip are limited to 10, and the last trip filled up very quickly, so get your forms in as soon as possible if you are interested!

Jazz Retreat November 1-3, 2015 Rockridge Canyon

This will be our tenth Jazz Retreat, and we are pleased to announce that we will be returning to the beautiful Rockridge Canyon Retreat Centre in Princeton, BC. Truly, this has become a bit of a Southridge tradition! If you

speak with anyone who has been in previous years, I'm sure they'll tell you it was a great time... musically and in every other way! This year's retreat will be held from Sunday through Tuesday, November 1-3.

Our days will be filled with full band sessions, sectional rehearsals, as well as workshops on improvisation. Each evening, we'll be treated to a jazz jam session extraordinaire with our clinicians. Also, they'll be lots of free time for relaxing or playing a game of pool, basketball, or simply soaking up the awe inspiring scenery. Students will stay in dormitory style accommodations.

If you are playing in one of the Jazz Bands or sing in the Choir this year, you will not want to miss this amazing retreat. The sign up forms are now available; check in front of the bulletin board outside room 103.

Parents, if you are willing to help, please email cmitchell@southridge.bc.ca. Each year, we have about 5 or 6 parents join us, to help with the younger students' cabin supervision and some of the food. The evening concerts are definitely a highlight. Any parents who have been before have certainly enjoyed the retreat.

Ms Parker, Mr. Mitchell & Mr. Burrage

Both Schools

Stories of Character: Episode 3

Sometimes we get so comfortable with our student here, we don't realize what amazing people they are until we take them outside those wooden doors. Whether in a local gym or on the global stage, our kids make us most proud when they act with character without us even needing to say anything...

Our senior girls' basketball team were a force last year. Many of us witnessed their exciting victories and high level of skill, whether it be the outside shooting of Megan Galbraith, the gutsy leadership of Katie Punia, or the gritty determination of Emily Schenk. But evidence of their most impressive accomplishment came just last week, in the form of a letter from the coach of our historic nemesis, Delview. He explained how their team was in a down cycle last year, and often lost many games by double figures, but how many of their girls still talk about their game against us as a highlight of the season. We were heavily favoured and expected to trounce them, and sure enough, we jumped out in front early and went on to win. But the impressive part was how our girls behaved – they didn't run up the score, they helped up opposing players after collisions, they never talked trash. The Delview team was so impressed that they held up our girls' behaviour that night as an example of true class. I know after I read that coach's letter last week, there was no doubt in mind who were the real provincial champions were last year.

Skip forward from a sweaty gym in March to the even sweatier Amazon basin last July. Anna Szymczak and Steve Burrage escorted our first ever biological research trip to Peru, and the kids loved it. They lived on a research vessel on the river and took various measures of the many flora and fauna in the region – and loved it. This was a real taste of what it means to do scientific field research, and our kids were not alone at it: aside from the supporting scientists and university researchers, there were two other schools along with them. One of the other schools, from the Boston area, included an idiosyncratic young man who made an impression with his peculiar ways. It became obvious that he was socially isolated from his schoolmates. One day, Nirvon Soraya-Galo, Miranda Buchinski, Queenie Wu, and Aunnika Short were talking to some of the Boston students when one of them started complaining about this young man's personal hygiene in a rude and disparaging way. Then something wonderful happened: Nirvon called them out, refusing to tolerate their rude behaviour even though she had just met them. It makes me proud to know that part of that original vision for our school – a place where the 'geeks' and outsiders feel safe and are even celebrated– lives on in our students today. When Ms. Szymczak heard about the incident, I'm sure she had that same warm fuzzy feeling in her stomach that Coach Chiarenza had when he got that surprise letter from a fellow coach last week. They really make us proudest when they reveal their true characters in the outside world.

Daryl Weaver
Assistant Head of Senior School/Director of Experiential Education

All Candidates Debate – Tuesday, October 13th – 7:00 p.m.

An All Candidates Debate for the Federal Election will be held in the Great Hall of the Junior School on Tuesday Oct 13th at 7 pm. This event is organized by the South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Social Studies Department is proudly supporting the event here at Southridge. Students had an opportunity to pose questions to the candidates in a very informative and entertaining Town Hall Meeting last Monday, but now it's your turn to ask the questions. The event is open to anyone in this riding and in our school community. Students are also welcome to attend.

Volunteers Needed for Open House

Open House is on **Thursday, November 5th** this year and we are looking for a number of parents to help out! Specifically, we need:

- Parent Greeters to welcome prospective families and guests. We need 3 JS and 3 SS parents to be available to answer questions from 5:30PM to 8:30PM that evening. Contact Jasmine Boyes directly if you are interested at jboyes@southridge.bc.ca.
- Parking Lot Attendants to help direct traffic and patrol the parking lot. We need 6 parents (this is a great job for dads!) to work from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm that evening. Orange vests provided! Sign-up online under Junior School Operations/Parking Lot Traffic Controllers.
- Hospitality Help in the Senior School. We need 3-4 Senior School parents to help with making coffee, setting out desserts, cleaning up the coffee area, etc. This position requires a longer shift from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Please sign up online under Senior School Operations/On-Call Hospitality Volunteer.

Thank you for your help with the Open House, our premier recruiting event for the year!

Jasmine Boyes,
Community and Alumni Relations Manager

Save the date! 2015 Masquerade Ball, Saturday, November 21ST

*Come one, come all
To the Masquerade Ball
For a night of merriment
To be had by all.
Choose a mask and wear it well
So your true identity no one can tell*

Mark your calendar to join us for a spectacular evening of dazzling décor, gourmet food, eclectic music entertainment, amazing one-of-a-kind live and silent auction items and plenty of tantalizing fun!

Co-Chairs Anita Hundal and Jody Thomas are promising an evening of Masquerade Ball elegance and glamour, so dress in your finest and embrace the theme by wearing a mask!

Please [click here](#) for more event information or contact Shelley Slaughter on 604-542-2334 or sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca.

Ms. Slaughter
Advancement Officer

Junior Library Schedule

The Junior Library Volunteer schedule is available through Google calendars. [Click here](#) to access the calendar.

Volunteers Still Needed for Uniform Shop

We are still looking for 2-4 parents who can work in the uniform shop on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please sign-up online. A Criminal Record Check is required. Training is provided. Retail experience would be beneficial.

Thank you,
Volunteer Committee

Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop is open during the following hours.

Monday – Thursday (closed Fridays)
7:45 - 9:00.a.m and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager
ptan@southridge.bc.ca

Oct 12- Oct 16
Specials

Mon-12

Tues-13

Wed-14

Thur-15

Fri-16

Breakfast

School

Bacon & Egger \$2.50

Raspberry Scone \$1.50

Cinnamon Bun \$2.00

Blueberry Muffin \$1.50

Chef's Entree

Closed

Beef Taco Salad \$4.50

Sweet & Sour Stir fry \$4.50

Lemon Grass Chicken \$4.50

Fish Taco/ Fries \$5.00

Pasta Bowl \$3.50

Happy

Creamy Bowtie

Cheese Tortellini

Macaroni & Cheese

Spaghetti & Meat sauce

Grill Central

Thanksgiving

Chicken Pizza Wrap \$4.00

BBQ Bacon Burger \$4.00

BBQ Ribber \$4.00

Hot Wrap \$4.00

Weekly Panini \$5.50

BLT Cheese

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Great Greens

Garden Salad

Chicken Caesar Salad

Chefs Salad

Spicy Chicken Salad

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

