

# Southridge Wednesday

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## Head of School

### Welcome to a New School Year

A special welcome to all of our new Southridge families, and to our returning families, welcome back! It is wonderful to have everyone here with us as we look forward to another excellent year of learning.

I would like to acknowledge all of the work that goes on behind the scenes over the summer to prepare the school for opening. Last week, I was speaking with two of our alumni who were back on campus as summer employees working on our facilities team. Alan Madsen ('14) and Chris Beaulieu ('11) were quick to let me know how surprised they were to find out just how much heavy lifting (truly and metaphorically) goes on between school closing in June and school opening in September.

An independent school like Southridge relies on an excellent team of skilled employees who are highly devoted to putting students first in an effort to make Southridge the best it can be as a school and community. Everything from our annual financial audit to painting the parking lot lines, renovating classrooms, cleaning the carpets, running summer camps, ordering teaching supplies and fine-tuning curriculum implementation happens with astounding efficiency, masterful coordination and a positive attitude.

Alan and Chris were quick to point out that there was very little down time while they were with us, and they had nothing but excellent things to say about the administration and facilities teams they supported over the summer. But Alan and Chris were not alone as summer interns. Joining them were recent graduates Alka Batta ('14), Max Stow ('14) and Michael Pinteau ('15) who did a great job of supporting our administration throughout the summer. Natalie Kahl ('07) and Lauren Chang ('10) joined-in as well to help lead another excellent year of student activity and fun at our summer camps. All seven of our alumni had a hand in making Southridge even better, and we appreciate their continued connection with our school.

As students, it is easy to think that Southridge rests over the summer and that there isn't a lot that needs to be done to get the school ready to welcome them back. Alan even went as far to say that, as a student, he took all of the hard work that so many people do for granted – not out of indifference, of course, but out of simply not knowing.

Lest we all take it for granted, let us make sure we start the year off in gratitude by expressing our collective thanks to our administration team, our facilities team, our teachers and our summer interns for all of the heavy lifting and planning that goes on behind the scenes to get the school ready for another great year.

Welcome back and have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Grade 8 Buddies and Grade 12s	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Senior School New Student Orientation	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior School New Student Orientation	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Junior Great Hall
Parent Coffee	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Cafeteria

Important Dates			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior School Laptop Handout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Alan Brown Great Hall
5KB Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Room 231
5PB Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Room 233
6AM Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 – 1:15 p.m.	Room 227
6SA Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 – 2:15 p.m.	Room 226
7SM Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Room 229
7CB Laptop Rollout	Wednesday, Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Room 239
Fall Term Commences	Thursday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Both Schools
Kindergarten Group 1	Thursday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Junior School
Kindergarten Group 2	Thursday, Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Junior School
Kindergarten (All)	Friday, Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Junior School

## Junior School News

### Welcome Back

The faculty of the Junior School is eagerly preparing for the arrival of our students on Thursday, September 10, 2015. We are anticipating a great school year, and trust that our students will arrive refreshed after a great summer of experiences with family and friends. We have very little change in our faculty and are proud that our teachers are committed, fulfilled and excited to start the year. We have two new faculty members to introduce to our families: Mr. Raubi Dillon, one of our teacher interns, is a seasoned athlete and rugby coach which will be well utilized as he will be teaching DPA (Daily Physical Activity) to our Grade five to seven students. Additionally, Mr. Dillon will be instructing Personal Development (PD) and working with all our Grade five to seven students in some of their English and math classes. Mr. Dillon spent the summer fighting forest fires in BC, so we are mindful and grateful for his contributions. Secondly, we welcome Ms. Linda MacHolm to our MYP art department as she is covering art for Ms. Janzen's leave. Ms. MacHolm is a seasoned artist, with a specialty in photography, and is very thrilled to be working with our Grade 5-7 students. We also welcome a familiar face back to Southridge School in that Jaime-Lyn Hugh is returning to be a part-time resource teacher. We are excited about her extensive background in PYP with primary students. Another great change is that Mrs. Rowena Raber is heading back downstairs to the primary hallway and will be instructing Grade one this year. As a 'lifer Southridge teacher' she has worked in many classrooms, and we are pleased to have her working with some of our youngest. Another teacher is switching grades this year is Ms. Katie Reid who is moving from PYP Physical Education to Kindergarten as she is covering Ms. Lea Worner's maternity leave. In PYP Physical Education this year, we welcome back Ms. Megan Morley (nee Fretter) who is to be congratulated for her nuptials this summer. Other nuptial congratulations to Ms. Sian Weatherly, who also has a name change to Ms. Sian Milan. Ms. Milan will be teaching Grade four this year, as we welcome back Ms. Christine Chang Gardecki to Grade three. Ms. Chang Gardecki is returning from her maternity leave and we are excited to have her back at Southridge. Also returning from maternity leave this year is Ms. Alexis Mauricio, but not until after Thanksgiving. In the interim, students in 6 AM will have our trusted TOC, Mr. Vern Miller, instructing math and humanities. One thing that will never change in the Junior School is the honour we feel when you entrust your children into our care. Trust that we take their care as our highest priority and we are excited about welcoming them back to this positive, vibrant environment. Welcome back to Southridge.

### Locker Dimensions for Students in Grades 4 to 7

If you are planning to purchase a backpack or other school bag for your child, please keep in mind that our locker dimensions are 32 cm (depth) by 21 cm (width). Bags must be able to fit completely into lockers for safety reasons. It is difficult to find a backpack with wheels that fit into the lockers so please take a measuring tape with you when shopping.

### New Student Orientations and Grade 5, 6, 7 Laptop Sessions

New students (and their pre-arranged buddies) in Grades 1 – 7 are invited to attend our annual New Student Orientation on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. The orientation will take place between 9:00 and 9:45 am. As well,

all students in Grades 5, 6 and 7 will need to attend school for a period of time on the 9<sup>th</sup> for their laptop orientation (Grade 5) and refresher (Grade 6 and 7) sessions. Students in Ms. Bennett's class will need to be at school from 8:30 - 10:00 am, and students in Mr. Best's class will need to be present from 10:15 – 11:45 am. In Grade 6, students in Ms. Mauricio's class have their refresher from 12:30 – 1:15 pm., and students in Mr. Anderson's class have their refresher from 1:30 – 2:15 pm. Students in Ms. McNeil's grade 7 class will have their refresher session from 2:15-3:00. Students in Mrs. Beaulieu's Grade 7 class will have their session from 3:15 – 4:00 pm. In order for Grades 5, 6 and 7 students to receive their laptops, all necessary paperwork (the laptop damage/loss agreement and the acceptable use policy) must be signed and submitted to homeroom teachers on September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you require any additional paperwork, these forms will be available at the junior school office. All students attending an orientation session on September 9<sup>th</sup> must wear their summer uniform: white Southridge golf shirt, black shorts, white ankle socks, and black dress shoes. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parent Coffee Hours**

Although Southridge is a very busy place, we strongly believe in making connections with our parents and teachers. We have planned a coffee hour once per year for all grade levels and this is a great time to have conversations and meet the teachers of your child. The coffee hour is from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the great hall, and we would love to see as many parents as possible. Please check our school website for these dates, and mark them on your calendar so that you can attend that day.

### **Kindergarten Orientation and Gradual Entry Process**

All kindergarten children will attend school on Friday, September 11, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. (no lunch will be needed, just a snack). During the first full week of school, there will be a gradual entry process in place for all kindergarten students. No lunch will be needed until Thursday, September 17, 2015.

Monday, September 14	8:00 a.m. – noon
Tuesday, September 15	8:00 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, September 16	8:00 a.m. – noon (Full school assembly in morning 9:40 – 10:30 am)
Thursday, September 17	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, September 18	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Full School Assembly**

Please set aside time to attend our first full school assembly on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:40 – 10:30 a.m. in our senior school gym. There will be special presentations and introductions to start off the school year in a very positive way. All students need to wear their green sweater or vest on this day. Kindergarten parents will definitely want to attend this event.

### **Picture Day**

Artona Photographers will be here on September 23, 2015 and we ask that all students wear their winter uniform that day.

### **Meet the Teacher Evening- Thursday, September 24, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Please plan to attend our meet the teacher evening on Thursday Sept. 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This provides an excellent opportunity for you to connect with our classroom teachers and understand the routines and expectations in each class. Earlier in the evening, we are also offering an '**Introduction to PYP**' (Primary Years Programme) for any of our new families from 6:00 – 6:45 that evening so that we can explain the philosophy and teaching practices of an International Baccalaureate World School (IB). Ms. Shanaz Ramji-Motani, our PYP Coordinator, will be pleased and honoured to explain our programme.

### **Communicating Scheduled Late Arrivals and Unscheduled Sicknesses**

Remember that absences and late arrivals must be called into the school. If it is more convenient for you, simply call the school before it opens in the morning (or even the night before) and leave a message regarding your child's situation. You may also email Barb Schaub at [attendance@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:attendance@southridge.bc.ca) and leave an email communication. Even if you communicate your child's teacher, we cannot guarantee that this message will be forwarded to the office. Please ensure this communication to the office comes directly from you. This will help us keep on top of our attendance records. Thanks for your help. Additionally, please ensure that each school day you do not drop off your child any earlier than 7:40 a.m. as appropriate supervision will not be available until that time.

### **School Uniforms**

There have been virtually no changes to the school uniform over the summer. Please ensure that your child attends the first day of school dressed properly. Boys' hair must be tidy in appearance, and its length must be off the collar with the earlobe showing. Uniform regulations include *no dying of hair*. If your son or daughter's hair had an adjustment to its colour over the summer, kindly ensure that it is back to its natural tone by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Students who attend school in violation of our uniform regulations (including dyed hair) will not be permitted to attend class until such time that their uniform infractions have been ameliorated.** Of course, the overriding principle of the Southridge uniform is that the students wear them with pride. Shoes should be polished, and the uniform should be neat and clean. Recall that the students are representatives of Southridge and are recognized because of the uniform. I know our students are proud of our school- let that be reflected in the pride of wearing the uniform well. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **FSA Testing: Grades 4 and 7 Students**

FSA testing (Foundation Skills Assessment/ BC) dates have been set for January 25 - February 28, 2015. It is our intent that all Grade 4 and 7 students participate in these assessments during this time, so that we can properly assess and continue on with our programming. Please be mindful of these dates as you plan appointments for February.

We are very excited for a great year ahead. Enjoy the Labour Day weekend, and we will see you either on the 9<sup>th</sup> (MYP) or on September 10.

Mrs. Middelaer  
Head of Junior School

## **Senior School News**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome! We are excited to have the school soon filled with students and the energy, dedication and joy they bring to us all! Much of the information below was part of an email sent out to you earlier in August; however, given the importance of being prepared for the school opening you can review it below.

### **Back to School**

School reopens for classes on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

### **New Faculty**

We welcome two new faculty members to the Senior School this year. Ms. Joyce Kim will be teaching English and previously was at St. Margaret's School in Victoria for a number of years where she taught senior years English including Advance Placement courses. Not new to Southridge, we are pleased to have Mr. Aaron Johnstone moving up from the Junior School to teach Physical Education and English. He will also be continuing in his role as the coach of the Senior Boys Rugby team. Please help us to welcome these two new faculty members to our school when you have the chance. We are pleased to provide our Faculty Brochure which will be available online once completed. It's a wonderful way to get to know all of our faculty and staff.

### **New Student Orientation**

In order to make the transition for new students to the Senior School, including our Grade 8 students that graduated from our Junior School as smooth as possible, we have arranged an informal meeting the day before classes begin, Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. Please check in at the Senior School Gym. **Returning students acting as Buddies arrive at 8:00 a.m. (this includes our entire Grade 12 class)**

We have established "Buddy Groups" for each new student from the same house. The Buddy groups consist of 2 new students and a returning student from a higher grade, likely a Grade 12 student. The Buddy will give a tour of the school to the group and each student will also get a chance to meet their advisor to briefly go over their schedules and answer any questions they may have.

In addition to an orientation to the academic component of Southridge, the students also have a chance to meet their House Captains, who have organized some fun and games that morning. We will also be offering some refreshments. **The dress for this event is Summer School Uniform.**

Coffee will be served in the cafeteria for parents who wish to wait for their children. We encourage parents to take this opportunity to meet other new and current Southridge parents.

Over the first few weeks of school the Buddies check in regularly with his/her new student to ensure everyone is connecting and finding their way around their new and exciting environment.

### **Laptop Rollout Plans**

The laptop orientation and rollout procedures occur for Grade 8s and new Grades 9 – 12 students on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. More information about acceptable use policies can be found in the Parent Resource Centre on the website.

### **Welcome Back BBQ**

This year's picnic will be held Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the School. Students and parents are invited to this fun afternoon to be able to meet the Senior School faculty and other families. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin the school year.

### **Senior School Fall Sports**

Sports in the fall will include Soccer (Boys), Swimming (Coed), Field Hockey (Girls) and Volleyball (Girls). Those students who do not compete on the school's teams will have the opportunity to participate in other fitness activities such as recreational running, yoga, spin and weight training. **Please note that all Grade 8 students are required to try out for a competitive team each term before choosing another athletic option.**

### **Uniform Reminders**

Summer dress is in effect in the Senior School until the end of September. The only exception to this routine will be on Student Photo Day on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students must attend school on this day in full winter uniform (Number 1's), including blazers. Details of appearance will be covered in the Students Handbooks, which will be distributed on the first day of school. Please check the school website for further details on the uniform shop including availability. I ask that you please ensure your child has an appropriate haircut and that regulations regarding kilt length and proper shoes styles are followed.

### **Arrival and Departure Times**

Students from Grades 8 to 12 must arrive at school between 7:45 and 7:55 a.m. Traffic in the morning is congested so please take this into consideration when planning your morning commute. It is critical that students are here in time for advisory group in the morning to have attendance taken and to confer with their advisor. Many school activities, such as sports and clubs, take place after school between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

### **Student Timetables**

Student timetables will be available for pick up from their advisors the morning of the New Student Orientation or on the first day of school.

### **Other Key Dates to Keep In Mind**

While there are many opportunities for parents to connect with the school, there are a few key dates that should not be missed. One of these is our **Mini School Night on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-9:30 p.m.** During this evening parents will travel through their child's timetable and meet many of their teachers. Additionally, we have added a date for Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Further details about this will be shared closer to the date.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and looking forward to connecting with you over the first few weeks of school!

Mr. Doug Palm

Head of Senior School

### **Strathcona Parent Information**

Please mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, September 17th. There will be a parent information meeting in preparation for the upcoming Outdoor Ed trip to Strathcona Park Lodge, which is for ALL Grade 8 and 9 students. The presentations will take place in the Alan Brown Great Hall.

At this time we will elaborate on the types of activities your child will be involved in, as well as the accommodation and food. We will also take time to go over the packing list and answer any questions you may have.

- Grade 9 parents meeting 6:30-7:00
- Grade 8 parents meeting 7:00 – 8:00 (as part of the Grade 8 parent evening)

We look forward to seeing you all there,

Anna Szymczak                      &                      Norman Dods  
Outdoor Ed Coordinator                      Lower Division Coordinator

### **Grade 12 Students**

I hope that you have all had a fun and restful summer filled with many wonderful moments and are now eagerly looking forward to the excitement of your last year at Southridge. This is a reminder that **all Grade 12 students are required to be at school for New Student Orientation on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. You must be at school at **8am in your summer uniform**. Please check in with me and get your Class of '16 t-shirt and come ready to welcome the Grade 8s into the Senior School. You will be responsible for touring Grade 8 students, following their timetable, and introducing them to their teachers. I know that you will help ease nerves and ensure they all feel welcomed and excited! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

Ms. Nolan Wood  
Upper Division Coordinator

### **Golden Year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program at Southridge**

Congratulations to all those who attained either their Bronze, Silver or Gold this past school year. In fact, this past school year was a record year for the school for those who attained their Gold level – 10 students in total, the highest we've ever had complete their Gold in one school year. Congratulations to all of our Gold achievers!

This past year we had 10 Gold, 8 Silver and 13 Bronze achievers in total. With such a great achievement, I am hoping for another big year for our students enrolled in the program. If you currently have your booklet and application form completed, you can hand it in to me anytime.

The next ceremony will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Right Honourable Judith Guichon, will preside over the Silver ceremony at Government House in Victoria, BC. Hopefully all of the Silver achievers and their families will be able to attend the ceremony. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, just contact Mr. Knihniski.

Here are all of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award achievers for 2014-2015:

#### **Bronze:**

- Emmala Alfaro
- Alexa Chan
- Cassidy Fu
- Kaj Grant-Mathiasen

- Sanya Grover
- Michael Hammer
- Millenia Kitikul
- Madisen Muncey-Buckley
- Tajwaris Purewal
- Evan Plett
- Adyasha Pradhan
- Veer Shete
- Nicholas Strecker

**Silver:**

- Jeffrey Elliot
- Elise Ewing
- Isabelle Lei
- Kai Lung
- Nick Ng
- Jamie Plett
- Samir Saincher
- Queenie Wu

**Gold:**

- Suneet D'Silva
- Christine Kim
- Taehyo Kim
- Avery Laird
- Melissa Liu
- Davis Loughheed
- Jamie Plett
- Ji Sue Song
- Jake Strecker
- Nicole Ure

Congratulations once again to all of our award achievers.

Mr. Knihniski

**Student Exchange News**

Before our own school year has begun, some Southridge students are already learning through the intensely rewarding experience of a student exchange. Most notably, Evanee Verma has been in Ballarat, Australia, since the end of July. Along with attending Ballarat Grammar School, she has been contributing locally in the area of community service, so much so that she and her exchange partner were featured in the local newspaper :

<http://www.thecourier.com.au/story/3258816/anglicare-launches-new-internet-cafe-in-ballarat/>

It's so inspiring to see our students sharing their talents and skills around the world. Evanee's exchange will be here to start our school year, as will students from Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne. In October, four more Australians from Central Coast Grammar School outside Sydney, plus a young man from Stewart's-Melville College in Edinburgh, Scotland, will also join our community.

A reminder to any students interested in participating in exchanges next spring, summer, or during the 2016-17 school year that the application process begins in November. Any queries can be directed to Mr Weaver at [dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca).

Daryl Weaver

Assistant Head of Senior School  
Director of Experiential Education  
[dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca)

### **International Service Trips 2016**

While our roster is essentially set for our inaugural visit to Uganda in March 2016, there are still several spots available for our Ecuador option. For more information about this experience, watch the video and check out the information on the following link:

<http://www.metowe.com/volunteer-travel/youth-trips/ecuador/>

These transformational experiences are open to any student in the Senior School. If your son or daughter is interested, please contact Mr Weaver at 604-542-1796 or [dweaver@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:dweaver@southridge.bc.ca) by September 30, 2015, at the latest.

Daryl Weaver  
Assistant Head of Senior School  
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### **University Counselling News**

Throughout the summer, representatives from universities and colleges across Canada, US and UK contact us to arrange information sessions for our students. Some of these sessions are individual institutions and some are collaborative events held at various schools in the area. Please note the following bookings that have been confirmed so far. Both parents and students are welcome at these sessions (unless otherwise noted due to event space restrictions).

**Monday, September 14, 5pm to 9:30 pm** *“BEST of U” Meet 6 leading UK universities!* An information session is being held at St. George’s School, 4175 W29th Ave, Vancouver. Reps from the University of Bristol, Durham University, Newcastle University, University of Southampton, Warwick and the University of York will be present. Any student interested in these institutions is encouraged to attend with their parents. Info provided will include a workshop on writing the UCAS Personal Statement, a welcome and presentation for each of the reps followed by a mini fair where you will be able to speak with reps individually.

**Tuesday, September 29 at 3:30pm** Come to our Senior School Library to hear presentations from Duke University, Northwestern, Vanderbilt and Georgetown – Open to all students interested in learning how to prepare applications for these US universities. Parents may also attend.

**Monday, October 5, 1:40 to 3pm** The 2015, Canadian Universities Event will be held in the Senior School Gymnasium during Leadership Experience Week. This event is intended for all Grade 11s and 12s. Students will have an opportunity to gather information from over 40 Canadian universities and colleges who will setup information booths in the Gym. Southridge invites a number of schools in the area to join in for this event. For Grade 11 and 12 students only.

**Tuesday, October 6, 7pm to 8pm** *Interested in direct-entry medical school in the UK?* If you are, we will have Andrew Stephens who is a Medical Programs Recruitment Manager for St. George’s University Medical School in London visiting us to advise on preparing an application for a career in medicine. Students and parents are welcome. The session will be held in the Senior School Library

**Wednesday, October 14, 3pm to 4pm** *Interested in direct-entry veterinary school?* If you are, we will be hosting the University of Edinburgh, Veterinary Medicine Admissions Advisor in the Senior School Library. Students and parents are welcome.



**Thursday, October 15, noon to 3pm** *Want to meet up with over 100 US College reps in one room?* Each year, West Point Grey Academy hosts the Vancouver Area Independent School Fair. Students in Grades 10, 11 & 12 can sign up to attend and will be bussed to the event and chaperoned by Mr. Weaver and Ms. Livingston to gather information and speak with representatives.

The above is a sampling of the visits that will be occurring throughout the fall. Complete information regarding the college and university visits will be available on Naviance and LMS followed by notices in the Wednesday.

Yvette Livingston  
Director of University Counselling  
[ylivingston@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ylivingston@southridge.bc.ca)

## **Both Schools**

**The Welcome Back BBQ** - Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> - 3:00– 4:30 pm

## **KICKSTART THE YEAR WITH THE FIRST FULL-SCHOOL EVENT!**

Mark your calendar and join us after school on September 18th, as we welcome back all our families in both the Junior and Senior schools. This is an excellent opportunity for new families to get involved in our community and we encourage everyone to mix and mingle with the faculty and staff.

Complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and snacks will be served, along with the famous root-beer float! There also will be an opportunity to have your family photo taken in the Junior School Great Hall.

Thank you to those who have signed up to help with this event. We are still looking for more volunteers, so please email Graham Robins at [gsrobins@aacb.com](mailto:gsrobins@aacb.com) for details.

On-site parking will be limited, so watch upcoming issues of “The Wednesday” for more information.

This is a great way to re-charge our Southridge Community Spirit and get ready for another great school year. We look forward to welcoming you back on September 18th!

Graham Robins  
Chair of 2015 Welcome Back BBQ

## **2015 Gala Procurement Helpers Needed!**

Planning for the 2015 Gala on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> is well underway, and in order to ensure the success of our silent auction, we are currently looking for parents to help us obtain donation items for this year’s event.

In addition to the generous donations we receive from our families, we also count on the support of the local business community to contribute items and services. Introduction letters have already been sent to a number of businesses asking for their support and we now need help following up with them to secure their donation.

The success of our auction depends on the number of top-notch items we receive and it takes many helping hands to get the job done. We’ll provide you with all the details needed to follow-up with each business and no experience is necessary!

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to volunteer and support the school in a behind-the-scenes capacity. For further information on how you can help, please contact Shelley Slaughter at 604-542-2334 or [sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca).

Ms. Slaughter  
Advancement Officer

### **Photo Day is Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Southridge School photos will take place on Wednesday, September 23. All students need to come to school in full winter uniform with blazers and ties (no polo shirts). Artona offers many photo packages to choose from, please visit <http://schoolday.artonagroup.com> to pre-order your photo package.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Rickard [jrickard@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:jrickard@southridge.bc.ca) in the Junior School or Lisa Byrom [lbyrom@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:lbyrom@southridge.bc.ca) in the Senior School for assistance.

### **Playground Project Update**

First of all, thank you to all the families who have already contributed to the new playground! To-date, we have raised nearly \$40,000. When you see them, please be sure to thank the following for their support.

- The French Family
- May Zhang & Ben Lu
- Isabel & Louis Kim
- The Mao Family
- The Embley Family
- The Favor/Mantini Family
- Yi Zhang
- The Lawson Family
- Gemma Martini and Terry Vipond
- The Hodson Family
- The Robins Family
- Anonymous

It's not too late to give! Our fundraising goal for Phase 1 is \$150,000, so we still need your support. Please consider making a gift towards this special campaign. [Click here](#) to make a gift online or contact me directly to discuss your contribution at [chodson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:chodson@southridge.bc.ca) or 604-542-2330. All donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a special donor wall on the playground. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

Phase 1, which includes an amazing climbing structure, as well as a new play structure with 4 slides, multiple platforms and lots of monkey bars, will replace the two oldest structures on the current site and is scheduled for installation beginning on September 8. Some or all of the playground will be gated off when the students return on Thursday, but installation should be wrapping up by the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Phase 2, which will incorporate our students' input and ideas, will be supported through the annual gala on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Installation will take place in the spring and will be a 'community build' which means that you can be involved in building the playground that your children will enjoy every day!

If you have any questions about the playground project, [click here for more information](#), or contact me directly any time.

Thank you,

Christiane Hodson  
Director of Advancement

## **Volunteer Sign-up Now Open!**

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer! The first day of school is nearly here and we'll need our parent volunteers to sign-up for everything from hot lunch to gala set-up! Similar to previous years, volunteer positions are currently posted online and you can sign up today for the positions you're interested in.

Please remember that some positions require a completed and returned Criminal Record Check. If you have completed one in previous years, you do not need to re-submit one (they expire every 5 years). If you are new this year or have not submitted one previously, please do so as soon as possible. More information about this process can be found in the parent portal under "Volunteer Corner". Also, if you are planning on driving students on a field trip or sports trip this year, you must submit your Driver's Abstract and have a Criminal Record Check on file at the school. Driver's Abstracts expire every year. More information about this process can also be found in the volunteer corner of the parent portal.

All positions that require a Criminal Record Check, will also require you to watch a short training video. We will send out the link to this video in early October when the schedules have been finalized.

Some positions also have other pre-requisites or required skills (for example, a class parent must be a returning parent). Please click on the "read more" links for more information about a position.

Country Fair and Golf Tournament volunteer opportunities will become available in February/March. Please watch for more information in *The Wednesday* for specific dates.

The Welcome Back BBQ chairs are still looking for some volunteers for the afternoon of September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering specifically for that event, please contact Graham directly at [gsrobins@aacb.com](mailto:gsrobins@aacb.com).

The Gala Committee is desperate for procurers for the live and silent auction. Please contact Shelley at 604-542-2334 or email her directly [sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sslaughter@southridge.bc.ca) if you can help out.

If you have any questions about volunteering at Southridge, please don't hesitate to contact the Volunteer Committee at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca).

Thank you so much for volunteering at Southridge and keeping our strong tradition of volunteer support alive!

Volunteer Committee

## **Uniform Shop Hours**

Welcome Back. The Uniform Shop is open on the following dates. Come in early and get prepared for the new school year!

Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 10<sup>th</sup> onwards: Regular 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](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca)

### **Cafeteria Update – Welcome to Canuel Caterers!**

Southridge welcomes Canuel Caterers to the cafeteria. Canuel will be taking over operation of our food services including the cafeteria, hot lunch program and vending machines. Canuel Caterers is a twenty three year old company with local roots that now specializes in educational sites as well as government facilities, private and public corporations and sports and entertainment complexes. Canuel Caterers services the lower mainland and the Kamloops area.

Attached is a letter from Canuel introducing themselves and the staff. We look forward to working with Canuel and Chef Skye.

The cafeteria will accept cash and prepaid accounts. Please make your cheques payable to **Canuel Caterers** and drop off with the cafeteria to set up your account. Any balances that remained at the end of the previous school year will be credited to your Southridge student account for the next billing period. Food Services will be managed by Phala Tan, Business Services Manager at Southridge and she is available to answer any questions.

Menus will be posted on the website and available for the full month to help make your lunch plans! We look forward to a tasty new school year.

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**Specials**

**Mon-14**

**Tues-15**

**Wed-16**

**Thur-17**

**Fri-18**

**Breakfast**

**Breakfast  
Wrap \$3.00**

**Sausage &  
Egger \$2.50**

**Blueberry  
Scone \$1.50**

**Banana  
Bread \$1.25**

**Yogurt  
Parfait \$3.00**

**Chef's  
Entree**

**Cheese  
Perogies \$3.50**

**Butter  
Chicken \$4.50**

**Chicken Taco  
Salad \$4.50**

**Chicken Chow  
Mein \$4.00**

**Chicken  
Strips \$5.00**

**Pasta  
Bowl \$3.50**

**Pasta  
Primavera**

**Cheese  
Manicotti**

**Pasta  
Marinara**

**Macaroni &  
Cheese**

**Pasta  
Alfredo**

**Grill  
Central**

**Chicken  
Burger \$3.50**

**Chicken  
Fajita \$4.00**

**Pizza  
Slice \$3.00**

**BBQ  
Ribber \$4.00**

**Swiss Bacon  
Burger \$4.00**

**Soup  
Pot \$1.75**

**Cream of  
Mushroom**

**Chicken  
Noodle**

**Red Thai  
Chicken**

**Clam  
Chowder**

**Minestrone**

**Great  
Greens**

**Asian Noodle  
Salad**

**Tuna  
Salad**

**Chicken Taco  
Salad**

**Chefs  
Salad**

**Caesar  
Salad**

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

