



SOUTHRIDGE

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## Weekly Voice

### Senior School Update

It is a busy time of the year as classes are in full swing, another successful Leadership Experience Week is in the books, and planning for events such as our Open House (October 18th for Junior School, and November 8th for the Senior School) and our Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (November 14th) are well underway. This week I am excited to be traveling to New York with our Arts and Theatre Appreciation Trip along with 30 Grade 10-12 students as well as Ms. Baransky-Job, Ms. MacGregor and Ms. Sephton-Bailey. While in Manhattan we will be seeing Broadway plays (*Dear Evan Hansen* and *Come From Away*) as well as visiting the Whitney Museum of Modern Art, The American Museum of Natural History, The MET, and The Museum of Modern Art. We will even be participating in a 90-minute improv class! I will be out of the office from October 18 - 25, so please contact Darren Jones or Kierstan McCaw if you need to discuss important issues while I am gone.

As you heard earlier this week, we have moved away from our October Midterm Report Card in the Senior School for a number of reasons. When I first came to Southridge two years ago, I was surprised to learn that the school produced a report card in late October with actual letter grades and effort marks. In order to produce such a report, marks have to be "cut off" about two weeks prior to distributing them, which puts the marks cut-off into the second week of October which is traditionally the week after our Leadership Experience Week in the Senior School. In order to produce a report card, teachers must give numerous assessments in mid to late September in order to have marks from which to generate a letter grade. Over the past number of years, the week prior to LEW has been a very stressful time for students who are required to write a number of tests, essays, and complete projects in a rushed attempt to generate marks.

As parents, you may have looked at these reports and wondered what the value was. There was a letter grade (perhaps an A or a B) and an effort mark (likely a 3 or 4 out of 4). The reports contained no comments, which would be extremely difficult for teachers to write as they are just getting to know their students in September. In many cases, there is simply not enough meaningful assessment data that had been collected to generate a valid mark based on measurable learning.

It can be very stressful and discouraging for students to worry about a midterm mark in October if they did not do well on one assessment. Because we want to foster a growth

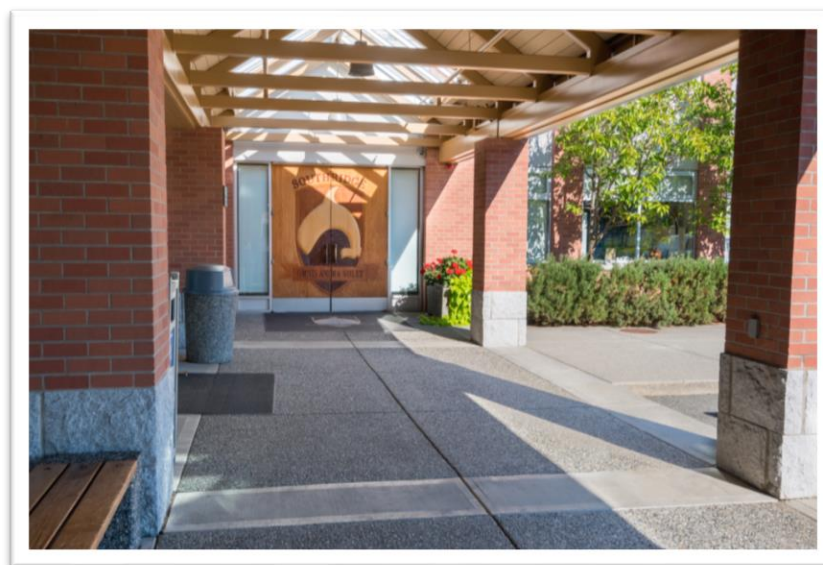
mindset and not determine a mark until a variety of assessments have taken place, we want to give more time for teachers to spread out their assessments over the course of the first term, and give students ample time to comprehend the big ideas being presented and discussed in their classes and demonstrate their learning over a reasonable time period.

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews (yes, I added “students” making these our PTSIs as we think students should be a part of the discussions that take place around their learning!) have been moved to an earlier date this year on November 14th so students and parents can sit down with teachers to discuss the learning that has been taking place to that point, to celebrate student successes, and to identify areas that can be improved on. Plan on attending; more details will follow. Here is the Senior School reporting schedule for the 2018-2019 school year:

<b>Nov. 14, 2018</b>	Parent-Teacher Interviews (1:30-4:30 pm and 5:30-8:00 pm)
<b>Dec. 21, 2018</b>	Report Card 1
<b>Feb. 7, 2019</b>	Student-Led Conferences
<b>Mar. 15, 2019</b>	Report Card 2
<b>May 17, 2019</b>	Report Card 3
<b>June 27, 2019</b>	Report Card 4

Have a great week!

Brad Smith



## Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
New York Arts Trip	Thursday, October 18		Senior School
Junior School Open House	Thursday, October 18	6:00 pm	Junior School
Zoomfest	Friday, October 19		Senior School
Casual Day	Friday, October 19	All Day	Both Schools
Senior School Assembly	Monday, October 22	8:40 am	Senior School
Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch	Monday, October 22	9:00 am	Junior School
UBC Information Session	Tuesday, October 23	6:30 pm	Senior School
Junior School Weekly Assembly – Cancelled	Wednesday, October 24		Junior School
Full School Assembly	Thursday, October 25	9:30 am	Both Schools
Professional Development Day	Friday, October 26	All Day	Both Schools
Half-term Holiday	Monday, October 29	All Day	Both Schools
Junior School Pumpkin Day	Tuesday, October 30		Junior School
Special Halloween Assembly	Wednesday, October 31	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School Spirit Assembly	Wednesday, October 31	8:30 am	Senior Gym
Senior School Jazz Retreat	Thursday, November 1-3		Senior School
Poppy Sale Begins	Thursday, November 1		Junior School
Senior School Assembly	Monday, November 5	8:40 am	Senior School
Southridge School Annual General Meeting	Tuesday, November 6	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Cancelled: Jr Assembly	Wednesday, November 7		Junior School
Junior School Early Dismissal	Wednesday, November 7	11:45 am	Junior School
Junior School Learning Conferences	Wednesday, November 7	1:00 pm	Junior School
AuWH - Auditions With Coffee House	Wednesday, November 7	6:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Full School Remembrance Ceremony	Friday, November 9	10:15 am	Senior Gym
Remembrance Day (Observed)	Monday	All Day	Both Schools

## Junior School News

### Reunification Password

Please note that a **reunification password sticker** has been placed inside the front cover of your child's Prep Book. Please take a photo of this sticker and save it to your phone, or write it down and keep it in your wallet. You can also share this password with your emergency contact should they need to pick up your child in your place. Should an emergency evacuation of the school be required (drill or unplanned), the password, which consists of your child's house name and student number, will be **required** in order for your child to be released to you or their designated caregiver.

While the school does run reunification drills to help students, faculty and families enact the systems that the school will endeavour to put in place to ensure that each student is safely reunited with their family, we also recognize that should a catastrophic event occur, we may not be in a position to run things with the same level of detail that we do during a staged reunification drill. It is therefore critical that you know this password.

In the event of a real emergency school closure and evacuation, you will be notified via text message, and faculty and staff will provide direction once you arrive at the campus.

### Important Winter Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that your child's uniform is worn to the specifications as outlined in their Prep Book (pages 10-11). Please be mindful of the following expectations now that we have transitioned to the Winter Uniform and the weather is getting cooler:

- When wearing the tunic or kilt, plain black footed tights are permitted; decorative leotards and footless leggings are not appropriate
- Shoes must be polishable leather– canvas, suede, and other fabrics are not appropriate for shoe uppers; soles of shoes must be completely black
- The Southridge fleece is not a formal part of the JS uniform – it is only to be used as optional outerwear
- For students who wear PE strip to school – on chilly days the track pants and jacket (required items for all students) can be worn as their PE uniform, or over their shorts and t-shirt. If your child needs an extra layer beyond that, they may wear their green sweater.



- Students must wear their green sweater (or blazers) for Wednesday assemblies and Full School assemblies
- The school tie is worn daily with the white button-down dress shirt
- Hair accessories should be modest and in a school colour

Thank you for your support with ensuring students are adhering to uniform expectations on a daily basis.

## **Full School Assembly- Thursday, October 25 @ 9:30 am**

Please join us in our Senior School gymnasium for our second full school assembly of the year, led by Mr. Stephens, Dilly Kooner, and Jaden Sanghe. Our Grade 7 Term 1 Ambassador's and House Captains will receive their leadership pins at this assembly. Please note that there is **no** Junior School Assembly on Wednesday, October 24.

## **Pro-D Day and Half Term Holiday**

Friday, October 26 is a Southridge professional development day. Faculty will be involved in in-school workshops throughout the day. School is not in session for students on this day, and school will also be closed on Monday, October 29 for the half-term holiday. Enjoy the 4 day weekend!

## **Halloween in the Junior School – keeping it fun and safe for everyone**

We are looking forward to our annual Halloween festivities in the Junior School. Students are invited to bring a carved/decorated pumpkin to display on Tuesday, October 30. All pumpkins need to be taken home on Wednesday, October 31.

We will have our special Halloween assembly on Wednesday, October 31. Students are invited to dress up for Halloween. Please ensure that your child selects a costume that is engaging and appropriate. Scary or gory costumes, weapons (even 'fake' weapons such as sickles, axes), and other scary items that may accompany costumes are not permitted to be a part of any costume worn to school. Scary masks (e.g. monsters, masks with blood that drips through them) are also best left for evening festivities.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to keep our Halloween festivities fun, safe and inclusive, especially for our youngest Junior School students.

## **Fall Learning Conferences - Wednesday, November 7 11:45 am Dismissal - SAVE THE DATE!**

Parents, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Fall Learning Conferences on **Wednesday, November 7 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 am. You will be able to schedule your interview appointments using 'Pick a Time' soon - stay tuned for a link that will be emailed directly to you along with sign up information. Please sign up early, as spaces do fill quickly.

The purpose of the Fall Learning Conference is to provide you with anecdotal feedback about your child's progress, strengths, areas for improvement, and next steps for this point in the school year. Grade 5-7 conferences will also provide parents with the opportunity to view and discuss the specific goals their child has chosen to work on this year. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 do not attend this Learning Conference with their parents. Students in Grades 6 and 7 are expected to attend this Learning Conference with their parent(s).

### **Fall Learning Conference Format**

- **Kindergarten:** 1 - 20 minute interview with the homeroom teacher. The homeroom teacher will provide information on behalf of the PE, Music, and French specialist teachers.
- **Grades 1-4:** 1 - 20 minute time slot with the core subject teacher; optional 10 minute time slots available to meet with specialist teachers (French, PE, Art and Music).
- **Grades 5-7:** 1 - 20 minute interview with both of your child's homeroom teachers. The homeroom teachers will provide information on behalf of all MYP subject teachers.

## **Calling on all Grade 3 parents and any new parents for AR information session!**

**When:** Monday, October 22 at 6:30 - 7:00 pm

**Where:** Junior School Library

Developing strong reading skills is important across all grade levels and subjects. At Southridge, our goal is to help every student develop a regular reading routine and a love of reading. The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is one tool we use to help us

accomplish this. AR is an individualized program that helps children select books that are at their reading level, work towards reaching reading goals, and maximize reading growth. Come to our information session and see what you can do to help your child on this important journey towards becoming a confident, skilled, and avid reader.

## PYP Skating

Friday, Dec. 7 @ 8:30 - 9:30	Skating: (Day 3) classes: KSR-T, KJM 2TW, 3MY, 3CK
Monday, Dec. 10 @ 8:30 - 9:30	Skating:(Day 4) classes: 1RK,1RR, 2DA, 4WM, 4WR

**Where?** South Surrey Arena (2199-148<sup>th</sup> Street)

**Cost:** Ice time to be covered by Southridge

**Dress:** Come in PE strip and stay in it all day! **Everyone MUST wear a CSA approved HELMET including adults!!** Bike helmets are not safe!

We welcome all parents and younger siblings who wish to join us. **Please come directly to the rink between 8:15-8:30 am. If you are unable to join us for skating and your child needs a ride to the rink, please contact your homeroom teacher before December. 1<sup>st</sup>.** (The children should register with their classroom teacher and inform him/her if you required rent anything.) **EVERYONE** is required to wear a CSA certified helmet on the ice. (bike helmets are not approved; Note: you may rent helmets at the rink)

Skating is only 1 hour and we feel that the students should not need a snack before we get back to school. **Please refrain from bringing or buying snacks at the rink.** We will let the children have their snack immediately on returning back to school.

## Senior School News

### New Uniform Option – Blue Oxford Shirts

Blue button-down Oxford shirts are in! Senior School students are now able to wear the blue button-down Oxfords available in the uniform shop. These shirts can be worn at any time, with school ties, but white dress shirts are still required any time a #1 uniform is

needed such as during school photos, Remembrance Day Assembly, and our Graduation Ceremony.

## **Halloween for Hunger**

This year I am organizing Halloween for Hunger, a student run initiative where we gather canned foods and non-perishables for local food banks. Originally, students would go out trick or treating on Halloween, and in lieu of candy would ask for canned foods. Instead, students can drop off their canned goods at the front doors by the reception, in their designated house boxes (Hurricane, Lightning, Thunder, and Blizzard.)

Last year, we teamed up with Ocean Park Ford and decided to participate in a competition amongst local schools for which school could bring the most canned goods. We were able to surpass everyone and accumulate 1,200 pounds of food, and help out hundreds of people, and we plan to do the same this year! Halloween for Hunger is a great initiative that has the ability to help lots of people - so bring your spare cans and non-perishables to the boxes by the front desk any time between the 16<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

Thank you,

Sabrina Redies  
Grade 12

## **Senior School Book Fair**

On November 5 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm the Senior School Library will be hosting Black Bond Books for a book fair. There will be a wide range of books to choose from and students and parents are invited to come in a peruse the titles. Students will have the ability to charge books to their accounts, but cash and cards will also be accepted. This is a great opportunity to cross off some names as we begin the gift-giving season!

## **University Counselling & Career Education Update**

During Leadership Experience Week (LEW), Grade 11 and 12 students participated in a number of activities related to career education and post-secondary research. Students are currently writing reflections of what they learned during the various opportunities to hear presentations, meet professionals from different career areas and visit industry and job sites during the week.

In addition, Grade 11s attended a half day session during LEW on understanding financial literacy. This is an important part of the curriculum for Career Education and we were



excited to welcome Alphil Guilarin from the Financial Literacy Counsel Inc. to teach various aspects of understanding and managing money, budgets and financial education. Please see the attached follow-up parents newsletter from Alphil that provides discussion points for continuing to build good habits that our students researched and discussed on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please note that one of the requirements for Grade 11 Career Education will be to produce a budget for the first year after high school and we will be working on researching university and college programs and preparedness for post-secondary over the next few months.

## Universities are visiting Southridge!

We are in the middle of the university recruiting visits for the 2019 application process and have had a number of Canadian and U.S. universities visiting the school to conduct information sessions for our Grade 10, 11 & 12 students.

Please note upcoming visits:

- **University of British Columbia**, Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Alan Brown Great Hall, all students and parents are welcome!
- **University of Calgary**, Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 pm in the University Centre
- **Western University**, Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:50 am in the University Centre
- **McGill University**, Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Alan Brown Great Hall, all students and parents are welcome!

Watch for announcements for visits by University of Toronto and University of Waterloo - -- dates to be confirmed.

## Both Schools

### Tomorrow Night is JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

It's here... our very first "Junior School specific" Open House Event. This is your last chance to reach out to anyone you know that might like to check out what goes on inside the walls of our School. It's always hard to actually describe what Southridge really is... it's much better to experience it for yourself.

Thank you, in advance, for the many ways you support this important night – spreading the word, bringing your kids back to be ambassadors, or helping out yourself with parking, greeting, etc. Keep in mind, you never know who you will meet... **might be a future son or daughter-in-law!** Just saying. Check the website for complete details: [Kindergarten Families 5:15 pm Grades 1 – 7 Families 6:00 pm start time]

Ms. Lepp and the Admissions Team

### “Introducing Your 2018 Gala Committee”

If you've been reading *The Wednesday*, checking your emails, or socializing at pick-up or drop-off...you've certainly heard about “**The Heart of Us**” Gala! The event is fast approaching and promises to be a glamorous evening of fun and fundraising, all in support of our kids.

What you may not know, is that we have a wonderful committee of parents working tirelessly 'behind-the-scenes' to bring you this year's event. So, we thought we would take the opportunity to introduce them – they are:

- Brenda Eichhorst (mom to Ethan, Grade 12 and Ava, Grade 6)
- Sandeep Bhatha (mom to Suhaana, Grade 10 and Suvaan, Grade 8)
- Stephanie Schmidt (mom to Katie, Grade 8 and Ben, Grade 5)
- Anneka Gill (mom to Amriya, Grade 2)
- Jen Martin (mom to Vaughn, Grade 1)
- Tammy Huculak Hart (mom to Brody, Grade 6)
- And, Heidi Luking (mom to Charlotte, Grade 10 and Cooper, Grade 7)



**From left:** Brenda Eichhorst, Sandeep Bhatha, Stephanie Schmidt, Anneka Gill, Jen Martin, Tammy Huculak Hart and Heidi Luking.

(As you can tell, they're having lots of fun!)

We would like to share a little about their experience so far – how they're enjoying being on the committee, what they like about this year's theme, and what they're looking forward to on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few anecdotes:

*"This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the gala committee. I decided to stay on this year for a few reasons: as Chair of the Volunteer Committee, I wanted to provide some continuity for new committee members; I've had a lot of fun meeting people as well as working with close friends over the years; and I always find it so rewarding to raise such a substantial amount of money for the school."* – Stephanie Schmidt

*"I think this year's gala theme, "The Heart of Us", is really great. As a mom of two, my kids truly are the heart and soul of me. Becoming a parent has changed my life and shifted my focus onto my amazing kids. I love it!"* – Jen Martin

*"I'm looking forward to the gala – the music, the food, getting together with people that I don't see that often – it's always a fun night out with fellow parents in support of our kids. As auction procurer, I'm excited that a number of new, local businesses have come 'on board' for this year's event by donating new and unique items for our silent and live auctions!"* – Tammy Huculak Hart

Obviously, this is only a 'glimpse' into all that's happening but we hope, if you see them on campus or in the parking lot, you'll take the chance to ask them any questions or to thank them for all they are doing!

We hope to see you on **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**! If you haven't purchased your [tickets](#) yet, we encourage you to [buy them today!](#) (We are already over 70% sold!)

Remember, if you are unable to attend, there are many other ways to support this year's event: [become a sponsor](#), [donate auction items](#), or [volunteer!](#)

Thank you,

The Advancement Office

## Going once, going twice...**SOLD!**

With **"The Heart of Us" Gala** fast approaching (Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>), we are calling on all school families to donate (or secure) auction items that will offer guests a variety of unique, one-of-a-kind experiences, products, and services to bid high and often on during the event.

Not only are the live and silent auctions a lot of fun (!), they also play a major role in the financial success of the Gala, helping us to raise more funds to support the purchase of new teaching tools, educational technology, classroom equipment and other important capital items to enhance our students' learning experience.

**By donating to the silent and/or live auction with a gift certificate**, product, or service, you will be making a valuable contribution to our school, while receiving prominent recognition that evening and in our 2018-19 Annual Report.

We need everyone's support to make the event a success, so **please [click here](#) for a donation form** and stay tuned for details on "Where the Funds Go".

2018 Gala Committee

## Support the Gala as a Sponsor!

It's through the combined efforts of our amazing school community that Southridge continues to prosper...and the Gala is no exception. Your generous sponsorship of last year's event allowed us to exceed our fundraising goals and raise more than \$275,000 – one of the most successful Gala's in our school's history!



Our success is based on your selfless contributions, which allows the School to purchase important items for our students and teachers. **We hope we can count on your support as a sponsor this year.** To find the level of commitment that is appropriate for you and your family, please [click here](#).

Together, let's put our kids at 'the heart of us' and support them in making a difference in the world!

Please visit the [Gala website](#) for more details.

And a big 'thank you' to our sponsors so far:

### **Leadership**

- Happy 2022
- The Mao Family

### **Opportunity**

- Hayer Builders Group

### **Inspirational**

- Cynthia ZHOU's Family
- The Lawson Family
- Major & Emma Gu
- PHL Capital Corp.
- The Wang & Yao Family

### **Patron**

- The Wong & Chow Family

### **Supporting**

- The French Family

2018 Gala Committee

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ***Uniform Shop***

Volunteers are still needed in the Uniform Shop for afternoon shifts once a week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Junior and Senior School parents are welcome to volunteer, and training is provided. Contact [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) for additional details.

### **“The Heart of Us” GALA**

#### ***Gala Auction Wrapping: Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (8 am—12pm)***

Wrapping volunteers are required on the Thursday before the Gala to assist with assembling and packaging auction items. You would work with a team to make the packages beautiful and ready for display on the big night. All the supplies are provided—you only need a smile and a creative eye! Please contact us at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) to sign up.

#### ***Gala Set-Up: Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>***

- ***Morning Shift (8 am—12 pm):*** Many volunteers are required on the Friday morning before the Gala to assist with setting tables, placing decor items, and putting the final touches on the gym! Volunteers will set tables, bring in auction items, set-up centerpieces, etc. Come prepared to have a lot of fun with a large group of parent volunteers.
- ***Afternoon Shift (12 pm—3 pm):*** A couple of volunteers are always required to put the final and finishing touches on the gym on the Friday afternoon before the Gala. If you have an eye for detail, please sign-up for this shift! No heavy lifting required! Please contact us at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca).

#### ***Bar Ticket Sales (5:30pm—8:30pm)***

Bar ticket sales volunteers will work together in teams and are responsible for selling drink tickets to guests during the event. This job involves handling cash and counting tickets. Entails a 3-hour shift on the night of the gala. Bar ticket volunteers are encouraged to dress in business attire (no jeans) as they are interacting with guests. Please contact us at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) to sign up.

#### ***Parcel Pick Up (9:30 pm—1 am)***

The parcel pick-up team is responsible for moving in and out of the gym during the Gala, clearing auction items from the tables as the tables close and handing these out to the winning bidders as they leave the event. Comfortable shoes are necessary, as is a lot of

caffeine—this is a late-night shift (but lots of fun!). Please contact us at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca) to sign up.

Thank you!

The Volunteer Committee

## Southridge Café

Hot Lunch orders for K-3 students can now be placed for the month of November through [www.MyKidsSpending.com](http://www.MyKidsSpending.com). **The deadline to order for November is Friday, October 26.**

You are only required to select the main dish. Drink options (milk or spa water) and sides will be available to students on the days they receive hot lunch meals.

For nutritional information regarding the menu items, please visit the [Sage website](#). If there are any dietary concerns, Gary Riemer, Director of Food Services at the Southridge Café, is available to discuss the dietary needs of your child, and he can be reached at [sage@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sage@southridge.bc.ca).

Please contact Phala Tan for any other questions regarding hot lunch at [ptan@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca).

Thank you!

## Uniform Shop News

The Varsity Hoody is available for ordering for students in Grade 10, 11, or 12 and who are on the senior sport teams. Your initials will be embroidered at the back of the hoody. The ordering deadline is Oct 31. Interested students are welcome to come into the Uniform Shop for more information, to try out the sizes, and place your order.

Regular hours are:

- Monday – Thursday: 7:45 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 4:00 pm - (On days with late start, we open only in the afternoon.)
- Friday: Closed

Phala Tan  
Business Services Manager

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Re: Financial Literacy Day at Southridge School

Dear Southridge Parent,

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, your teen took an important step towards increasing their financial IQ by taking part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Financial Literacy Day at Southridge. A joint initiative developed by Southridge School and Financial Literacy Counsel to strengthen teen's understanding of money and to prepare them for the financial realities they will face as they transition into adulthood.

Students were engaged, and the competition was fierce. Blizzard won by 6 points over Lightning in the morning and Thunder won in the afternoon against Hurricane.

For your teen to become successful stewards of money and leaders of tomorrow, it is imperative they develop good money management habits early on in life. According to the Bank of Canada "the average Canadian owes about \$1.70 for every dollar of income he or she earns per year, after taxes". So how can we all work together to ensure your teen is not caught in the snowball effect of debt? We would like to ask you to partner with us to continue the dialogue at home and reinforce the life skills and lessons we presented to them during class.

We have realized over the years that subject of money can be difficult to approach. For this reason, we are providing a summary of the core lessons the Grade 11s learned as well as suggestions and tips on how you can continue the dialogue and reinforce the life skills and lessons we presented to them during class.

**Today, we taught your teen:**

- **Session 1:** The Basics of Financial Literacy
- **Session 2:** Introduction to Saving and Investing
- **Session 3:** Entrepreneurship and Business Planning



### **Session 1: The Basics of Financial Literacy**

In the basics of financial literacy, the core lesson was on budgeting and developing spending plans to make sure you do not live beyond your means. We focused on making them aware of spending ratios and how much things cost by playing the Price is Right.

#### **Application at home:**

The first step to developing a good budget/spending plan is for teens to understand the costs of everyday items that you have in your home. We encourage you to continue the dialogue at home. Here are some tips to put into practice:

- i. When your teen is having friends over, give them \$15-\$30 to purchase food, refreshment and snacks so they can experience how for a dollar goes. After the friend event is over, ask your teen the following:
  - i. Did you have enough to buy everything you wanted?
  - ii. Did you look for sale items to stretch your dollar? Did you use a flyer or app to look for sales?
  - iii. Did you experience any surprises? (taxes, recycling fees, etc)
  - iv. What did their friends think of the refreshments?
  - v. Would you do anything differently next time?
- ii. Ask your teen to cost out their favourite meal. Before you and your teen go to the grocery store to buy the ingredients, ask them how much they think it is. Go to the grocery store with your teen and have them pick all the ingredients and pay for the items. At home, ask them if any costs surprised them and talk about the difference between the price they gave and the actual price.
- iii. When you and your teen start visiting university campuses, consider blending the campus visit with a discussion of money and costs. We also encourage you to eat on campus, park in the parkade, visit the bookstore and take note of how much things cost. Once back at home, discuss what you all learned as this will kick off a conversation about money and budgeting of how much post-secondary education will be.



## Session 2: Introduction to Saving and Investing

In this session, the core lesson we emphasized was on making money while you sleep by taking advantage of compound interest earlier in life in order to create passive income. We introduced different investment vehicles they could invest in: stocks, bonds, mutual fund and real estate as well as how to mix and match them to create an investment portfolio.

### Application at home:

We encourage you to continue the dialogue of investing by considering putting the following ideas into action. Below are some tips to start the conversation.

- i. If you have set up a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your teen, use it as a learning tool. Ask them to research what it is, how it is withdrawn for their schooling, what proof is needed to access the money. If there is a gap between what is available and the cost of school, discuss with them how the gap will be addressed whether it is a summer job, student loan or the bank of mom and dad. Last but not least, ask your financial advisor to explain what investments are in the RESP to them if your advisor is managing the account.
- ii. If your teen is interested in investing in stocks, help them setup a mock/ faux trading account (a number of banking institutions provide them). Have your teen pick the stock and together take time to discuss the stock's performance.

## Session 3: Entrepreneurship and Business Planning

In this last session, we highlighted that entrepreneurship skills are good life skills and fast becoming the pre-requisite to thrive in today's economic environment which is in need of creative and innovative thinkers and problem solvers. Your teen learned the importance of being self-motivated and developing a mindset of success built on problem solving, resilience and an awareness of how to earn money in Canada as well as the habits of young successful entrepreneurs.

### Application at home:

We encourage you to continue the dialogue of entrepreneurship by doing the following:

- i. Encourage problem solving by having a conversation with your teen about one problem that they want to see solved and what resources, training or schooling will be needed to solve it.
- ii. Take action!!! Support your teen to pursue a small business idea that they may have. Encourage them to seek out mentors and interview successful people in that business market. Reinforce that it is ok to fail, so long as they take the opportunity to self-reflect and learn from their mistakes.
  - o How did you get where you are today?
  - o What advice would you give the younger version of you?
  - o What were 3–5 lessons you learned along the way?



In closing, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to increase your teen's financial IQ and confidence around the topic of money throughout the Financial Literacy Day at Southridge. Our sincere hope is that they will put into practice and continue to build upon the valuable lessons they learned and take it beyond the classroom into their homes, the communities they are a part of as well as their future careers and their own families in the future.

We wish you and your families all the best in the years to come.

With Gratitude,

Alphil Guilaran  
Co-Founder of Financial Literacy Counsel

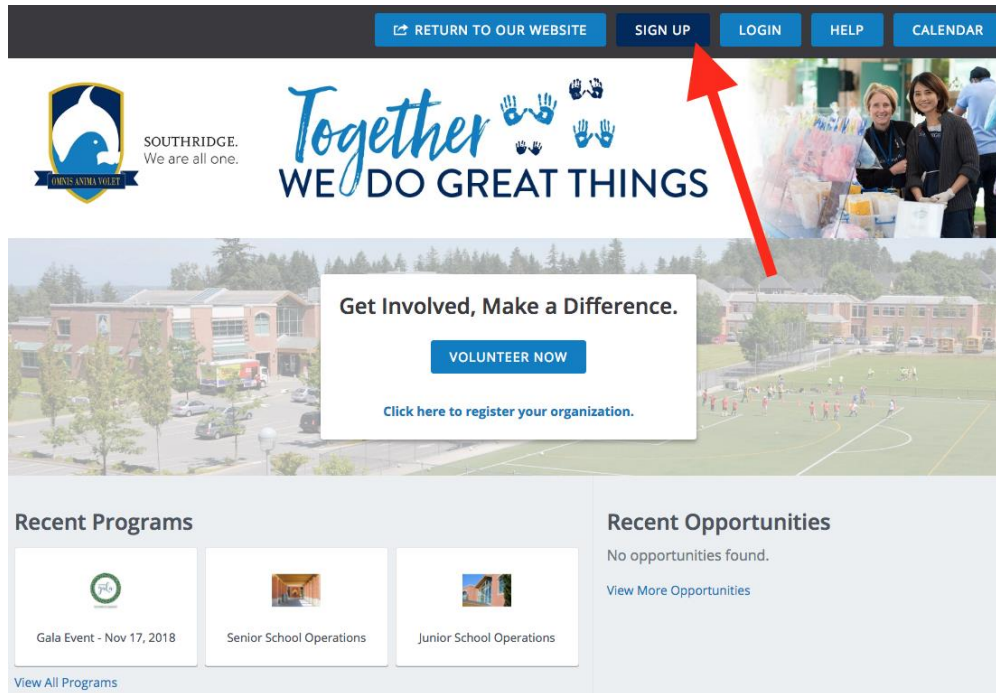
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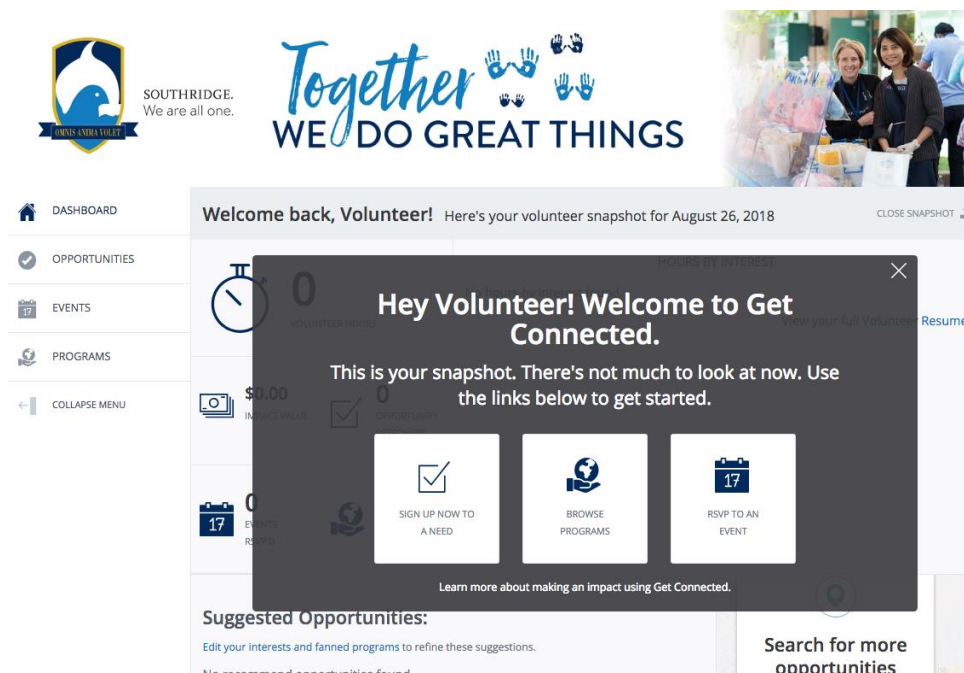
## Volunteering at Southridge – Signing up through Galaxy!

### STEP 1:

Getting started on the new Southridge Volunteer system is quick and easy! Go to <https://southridgebc.galaxydigital.com>. Click on the “Sign Up” button at the top.



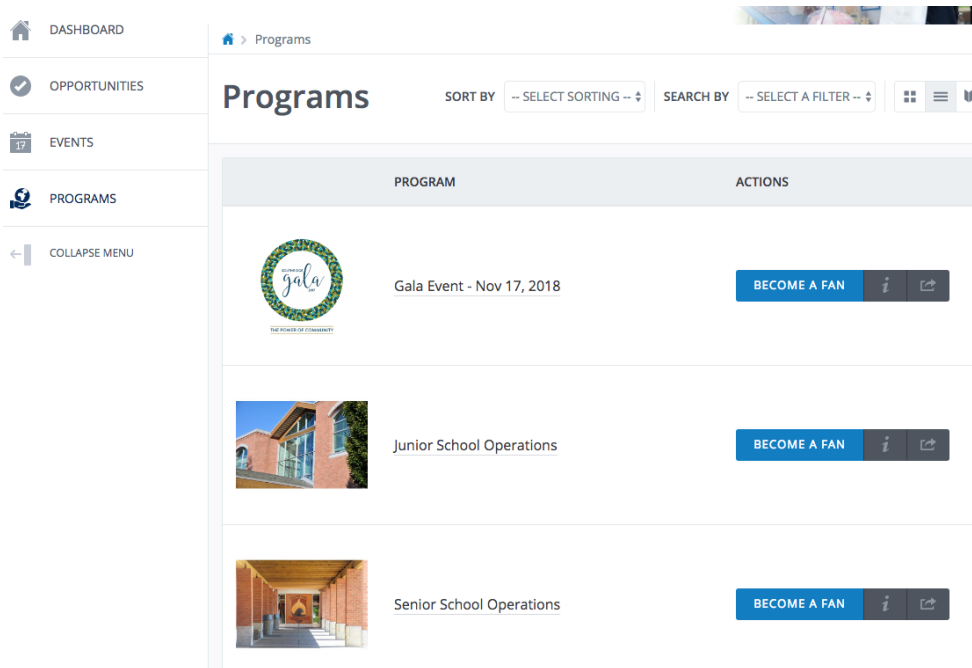
You can create your account with your email, or through your Facebook account. Once you've created your account, you will move to the dashboard:





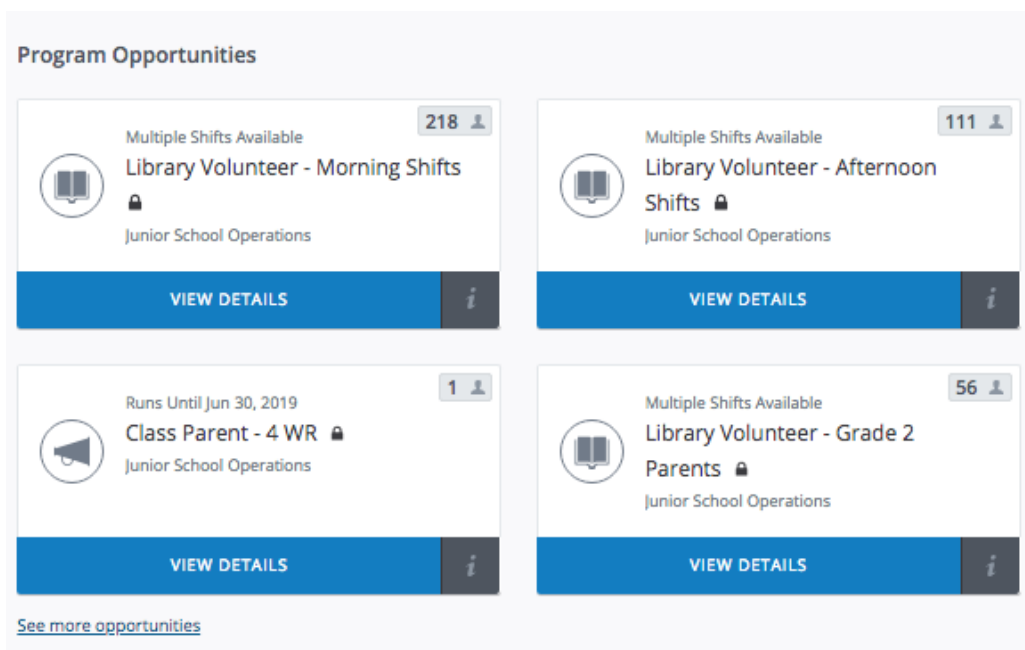
**STEP 2:**

On the dashboard screen, you can select “Sign up Now to a Need” or “Browse Programs”, both are accessible on the left hand menus as “Opportunities” and “Programs” as well. By selecting “Programs” the volunteer opportunities will automatically be categorized for you.



**STEP 3:**

Simply select the applicable program, then browse the volunteer needs. Don't forget the “see more opportunities” button if you don't see the volunteer position you are looking for!



#### STEP 4:

Once you have found the volunteer opportunity you are looking for, click on “View Details”. You can then sign up for a single shift or multiple shifts.

BEGINS	DURATION	OPEN SPOTS	SIGN UP NOW
Sep 6, 2018 @ 8:00am	1.00 hours	2 of 2	<a href="#">SIGN UP NOW INDIVIDUALLY</a>
Sep 7, 2018 @ 8:00am	1.00 hours	2 of 2	<a href="#">SIGN UP NOW INDIVIDUALLY</a>
Sep 10, 2018 @ 8:00am	1.00 hours	2 of 2	<a href="#">SIGN UP NOW INDIVIDUALLY</a>
Sep 11, 2018 @ 8:00am	1.00 hours	2 of 2	<a href="#">SIGN UP NOW INDIVIDUALLY</a>

#### STEP 5:

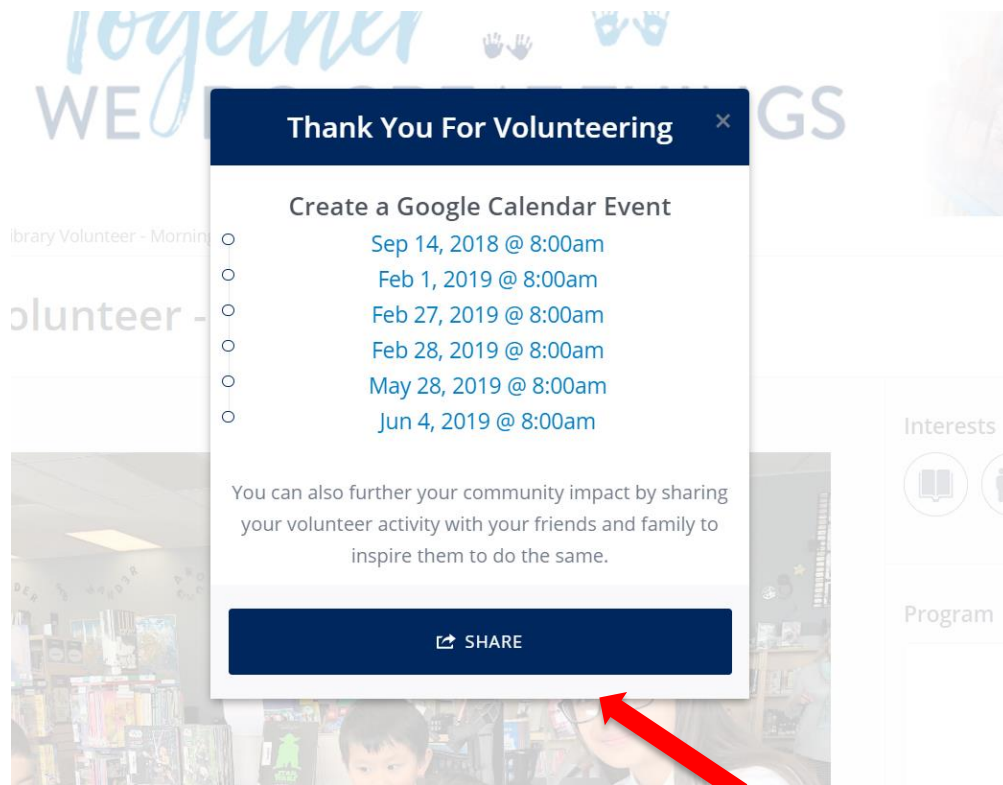
Be sure to click on “Submit Opportunity Response” once you have selected your desired shifts.

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[SUBMIT OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE](#) [CANCEL](#)

The system will summarize the opportunities you have selected and may give you the option of adding it to your google calendar (only if you selected a specific shift).



**Please do NOT share**

You will also be asked to 'Share' this information on social media. This is an automatic feature of the Galaxy system that we cannot turn off. Please **do not** share your volunteering on social media. We really don't want your friends, neighbours or second cousins signing up to serve hot lunch\*.

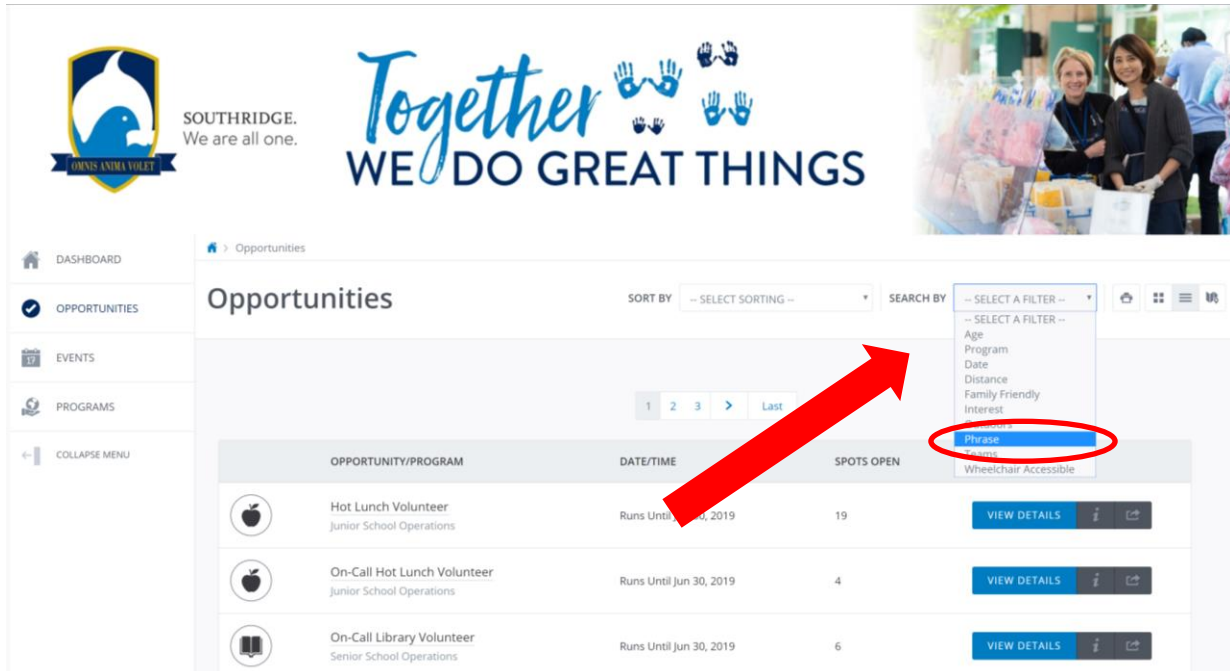
If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Hu at [shu@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:shu@southridge.bc.ca) or by phone at 604-542-2303.

\*Of course, if a non-parent does sign-up, we won't actually allow them to serve hot lunch. ☺




## Volunteering at Southridge – Looking up volunteer opportunities

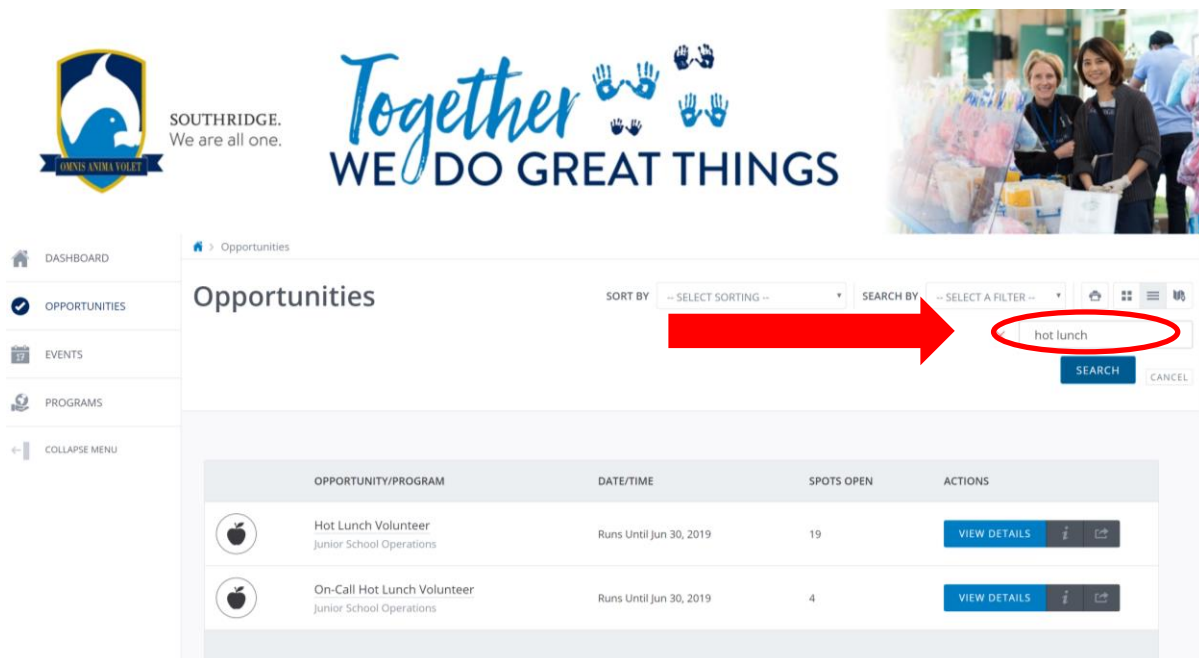
### Step 1:

After creating an account and logging in (<https://southridgebc.galaxydigital.com>), click on 'Opportunities'. You can search for a specific opportunity like "hot lunch" or "playground" by selecting 'Phrase' in the 'Search By' list. Type in the key word(s) and any opportunity that includes that word will appear.





The screenshot shows the Southridge website's 'Opportunities' page. The header features the Southridge logo and the slogan 'Together WE DO GREAT THINGS'. A navigation sidebar on the left includes 'DASHBOARD', 'OPPORTUNITIES', 'EVENTS', 'PROGRAMS', and 'COLLAPSE MENU'. The main content area displays a table of volunteer opportunities. A red arrow points to the 'SEARCH BY' dropdown menu, which is open and shows options: 'Age', 'Program', 'Date', 'Distance', 'Family Friendly', 'Interest', 'Interest', 'Phrase', 'Wheelchair Accessible', and 'Wheelchair Accessible'. The 'Phrase' option is highlighted with a red circle.

OPPORTUNITY/PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	SPOTS OPEN	ACTIONS
 Hot Lunch Volunteer Junior School Operations	Runs Until Jun 30, 2019	19	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
 On-Call Hot Lunch Volunteer Junior School Operations	Runs Until Jun 30, 2019	4	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
 On-Call Library Volunteer Senior School Operations	Runs Until Jun 30, 2019	6	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>



The screenshot shows the Southridge website's 'Opportunities' page with the search results for 'hot lunch'. The search bar contains the text 'hot lunch' and is highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points to the search bar. The table below shows the results for 'hot lunch'.

OPPORTUNITY/PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	SPOTS OPEN	ACTIONS
 Hot Lunch Volunteer Junior School Operations	Runs Until Jun 30, 2019	19	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
 On-Call Hot Lunch Volunteer Junior School Operations	Runs Until Jun 30, 2019	4	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>



## Volunteering at Southridge – Modifying your volunteer schedule

### Step 1:

Galaxy has a great calendar feature that you can use to confirm or change your volunteer schedule. To access your calendar, click on your profile photo (or initials) on the top right corner, then select 'Volunteer Schedule' from the drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Volunteer Schedule' page for September 2018. The page features a sidebar on the left with navigation options: DASHBOARD, OPPORTUNITIES, EVENTS, PROGRAMS, and COLLAPSE MENU. The main content area displays the calendar for September 2018, with columns for SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, and SAT. A dropdown menu is open in the top right corner, listing options: VIEW PROFILE, EDIT PROFILE, TRACK HOURS, VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE (highlighted in red), QUALIFICATIONS, OPPORTUNITY RESPONSES, MY TEAMS, INBOX, and LOGOUT. In the calendar, the date 17th is circled in red, showing a green checkmark and the text 'Senior School Library'. The date 28th also shows a green checkmark and the text 'Senior School Library'.

### Step 2:

From the calendar view, click on a shift (in blue writing with a green check mark). If you don't see any writing in the calendar, you haven't signed up for anything yet for that month. On the next page, click on the green button, 'MANAGE MY RESPONSES'.

The screenshot shows the 'Senior School Library' opportunity page. The page features a header with the Southridge logo and the slogan 'Together WE DO GREAT THINGS'. Below the header, there is a description of the opportunity, a photo of students in a library, and a 'MANAGE MY RESPONSES' button circled in red. The page also includes a sidebar on the left with navigation options: DASHBOARD, OPPORTUNITIES, EVENTS, PROGRAMS, and COLLAPSE MENU. The main content area displays the title 'Senior School Library' and a description of the opportunity. The 'MANAGE MY RESPONSES' button is located in the top right corner of the main content area.

### Step 3:

Un-check green check marks to remove specific shift(s) from your schedule.

**Opportunity Response**  
Thank you for your response to this opportunity. Please fill out the form below so that we can share your interest with the program that posted this opportunity. They will receive an email with your contact information and will reach out to you shortly.

**Opportunity Information**  
Opportunity Name: Senior School Library  
Program Name: Senior School Operations  
Your Name: Sherry Hu

**Opportunity Shifts** Show All

<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 6, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full) (expired)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sep 7, 2018 @ 12:15pm (expired)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 10, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full) (expired)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 11, 2018 @ 12:15pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sep 17, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 13, 2018 @ 12:15pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 14, 2018 @ 12:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 20, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 18, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 19, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 25, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 21, 2018 @ 12:15pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 24, 2018 @ 12:15pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sep 28, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 26, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 25, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 1, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 30, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 31, 2018 @ 12:15pm (full)		<input type="checkbox"/> Nov 2, 2018 @ 12:15pm

### Step 4:

Remember to click on the blue button, 'SUBMIT OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE' at the bottom of the page. This will 'save' your cancellations.

**Opportunity Response**

**Opportunity Shifts**

<input type="checkbox"/> May 6, 2019 @ 12:15pm (full)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 10, 2019 @ 12:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> May 13, 2019 @ 12:15pm
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Alternatively, you can click on the green button, 'UNREGISTER', to remove yourself from an opportunity.

The screenshot shows the Southridge website interface. At the top left is the Southridge logo with the tagline "SOUTHRIDGE. We are all one." and the slogan "Together WE DO GREAT THINGS" with hand icons. A green notification bar at the top states "You have responded to this opportunity." The main content area is titled "Auction Procurer" and includes a description with a photo of wrapped gifts. The right sidebar shows "Volunteer Spots Remaining" as 9 and "Interests" with star and group icons. A green "UNREGISTER" button is circled in red. A bottom notification bar says "There are new items in your inbox."

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