

Weekly Voice

160th Street Widening Project and the Anticipated Effects on Southridge School

Over the years, South Surrey has grown and expanded immensely. And of course, with the influx of homes and businesses, the City of Surrey has recognized the need to expand necessary road infrastructure.

You may have noticed the City's signage close to the school indicating the widening and development of 160th Street beginning in 2019. The project will include widening from two lanes to four lanes from 26th Avenue down the hill to 32nd Avenue. The plan also includes proper sidewalks for pedestrian traffic and bike lanes for cyclists to improve safety and traffic flow along this corridor.

To be able to implement this improvement, the City requires a 2.4 metre strip of Southridge property along 160th Street and will be acquiring the land from us in the near future. You may have seen some of the stakes at school entrances and in the garden area west of our fence. Unfortunately, the movement of sidewalks and bike paths onto this acquired land will result in the removal of a significant portion of our landscaping, including trees, along the west side of our campus.

Many of our trees were planted with the initial development of our campus and have created a beautiful and effective barrier between school property and the street. The City of Surrey and Southridge will be working with a landscape architect to re-design our property between the sidewalk and our fence to create a new street-front landscape.

The landscape re-design will take place at the beginning of 2019 to prepare for the spring road work. Changes to our property will include the removal of a significant number of large trees with replacements being re-planted where possible, the re-location of large plants within the same area or elsewhere on campus, addition of new plantings to create an all-season green barrier between the sidewalk and our fence, and the re-design of our centre and north entrance stonework.

We have been working with the same landscape architect on other plans at the school, and the new plan for the 160th streetscape will integrate with the look and feel of the school and with any future development.

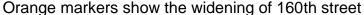


Southridge will strive to manage the interruption to traffic flow during construction work and will endeavour to work with the City to manage traffic to and from the school along 160th once major construction starts.

While there may be some short-term inconvenience related to the construction, we understand why the City has decided to undertake the expansion. Our school community will have a safer and more efficient transportation network to our campus. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens Head of School







Important Dates

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| Event | Date | Time | Location |
| 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 |
| Senior School Open House | Thursday, November 8 | 6:00 pm | Senior Gym |
| Full School Remembrance Ceremony | Friday, November 9 | 10:15 am | Senior Gym |
| Remembrance Day (Observed) | Monday, November 12 | All Day | Both Schools |
| MYP Assembly | Tuesday, November 13 | 8:10 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior School Weekly Assembly | Wednesday, November 14 | 8:10 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| Senior School Early Dismissal | Wednesday, November 14 | 12:30 pm | Senior School |
| Senior School Parent- Teacher Interviews | Wednesday, November 14 | 1:30 pm | Senior School |
| Grade 7 Social Evening | Friday, November 16 | 6:00 pm | Junior School |
| "The Heart of Us" Annual Gala | Saturday, November 17 | 5:30 pm | Senior School Gym |
| Senior Assembly | Monday, November 19 | 8:40 am | Alan Brown Great Hall |
| Grade 5-7 Assembly | Tuesday, November 20 | 8:10 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| Junior School Assembly | Wednesday, November 21 | 8:10 am | Junior School Great Hall |
| Scholastic Book Fair | Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23 | 8:30 am – 3:00 pm | Junior School Great Hall |
| Senior AR Deadline | Wednesday, Nov. 21 | | Senior School |
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Junior School News

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.

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.

Grade 7A Girls Win Gold at Southridge Invitational Volleyball Tournament

The Grade 7A and 7B girls competed at the 2nd Annual Southridge Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018. The tournament was composed of 10 teams with 2 divisions.

The Grade 7B girls lost all 4 games in their pool but gained lots of experience playing regular volleyball to get ready for Grade 8 as opposed to ISEA "triple ball volleyball". The 7A girls won all 4 games in pool play defeating Khalsa School (25-10, 20-25, 15-5), Aberdeen Hall (25-8, 25-2), Star of the Sea B (25-10, 25-8), and Crofton House (25-19, 25-17). This placed them 1st in Pool A and headed to the semi-finals against Star of the Sea A team. They defeated them in 2 games and placed them against an always tough opponent in West Point Grey Academy.

In the finals, we split the first 2 games and it came down to a 3rd game to 15. Southridge struggled at first and were down 13-7 but Vicky Zhang came up and served 8 straight with her powerful overhand serve to give us the match 15-13.



In ISEA play, the Grade 7B girls placed 4th in the East division and are playing York House B (5th in West division) on Tuesday, October 30th to qualify for ISEA Championships on November 2nd. The Grade 7A girls placed 2nd in the ISEA regular season and are ready for the ISEA Championships at Crofton House on November 2nd.

Great Season for the Junior School Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the Cross County team for a great season! We were well represented by athletes at the ISEA championships that were held in Jericho Park in Vancouver last week. Throughout the season we enjoyed sunny days for our practices but the rain hit us hard for the championships. We were particularly proud of the older students, who cheered on the junior runners all morning before finally competing in the early afternoon. Special congratulations to those who placed in the top 18. They are as follows:

- Tatum Nyline (6th)
- Kyle Kramarik (14th)
- Racquel Partovi (16th)
- Evan Khangura (16th)
- Cannon Nyline (7th)
- Cooper Luking (15th)

We are looking forward to the track and field season which takes place in the spring term.



Senior School News

Auditions with Coffee House – November 7th – 7:00 pm

Café Concerto is coming up fast! This means that AUWH (Auditions with Coffee House) is here again on November 7th, 7:00 pm at the Great Hall. If you are interested in auditioning, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board of room 102. Please include the title of the piece, the performers, and what tech/instruments you will be using (mics included). All who make it through the auditions will be performing in the Evening in December concert on December 12th.

The auditions, as it has been every year, will be open to any audience who wishes to come! This ensures that all auditioners have a chance to perform in front of an audience; that means you should invite your parents, your siblings, your grandparents, and your second cousin twice-removed. Light refreshments will be available - if a night of good music isn't a strong enough incentive.

Good luck to everyone who wishes to participate, and we hope to see you there!

Senior School Book Fair

On November 5th 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 and 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!

Grade 8 Girls Win Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations to the Grade 8 girl's volleyball team for winning the Delta Secondary tournament this past weekend. They played 5 games between Friday and Saturday and defeated the host team, Delta Secondary in the finals. It was a close 3 set match and the girls had to dig hard after losing the first set. Lizzie Watson and Alisha Trong were both named to the tournament all-stars. They start the Surrey Championships this week at Pacific Academy.

Ms. Wickstrom



Apex Ski Trip: January 25 – 27

This is a 2-day Discover Canada Tours (DCT) ski/board trip to Apex Ski Resort, British Columbia. Students, teacher chaperons, and Discover Canada tour guides will be staying on mountain at the Apex Mountain Inn.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Return transportation on a comfortable coach to/from Southridge School with a safety video, prizes and giveaways on the coach
- 2 night's accommodation at the Apex Mountain Inn
- 2 day lift ticket at Apex
- 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner on Saturday night
- Bonfire, hot chocolate and tube park on the Saturday night

The cost is \$535.

Forms can be picked up from Ms. Szymczak are due by Nov 23

2020 Cuba Girls Volleyball Tour

The Volleyball program is pleased to announce our next training tour that will be happening during Spring Break 2020. There will be an information session in the evening of **November 8th from 5:00 to 5:30 in the Senior School Library** for players and parents. The tour is open to all volleyball players who will be in Grade 8 - 12 at the time of the tour.

The volleyball program has been to Cuba before, in 2016, and had an amazing time training with the Cuban National coach and players. The trip will consist of training in the mornings and then touring Havana in the afternoons for the 9 day tour.

If you are interested in being part of this trip, there will be a \$1,000 deposit due by November 15 (cheque payable to Southridge School, memo: Cuba Volleyball Tour) that can be dropped off at the front desk or to Ms. Mosher.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mosher via email at hmosher@southridge.bc.ca

Thank you! Ms. H. Mosher



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:

- McGill University, Monday, November 5th at 7:00 pm in the Alan Brown Great Hall, all students and parents are welcome! Please sign up for a My McGill Account and click Register for McGill to confirm a seat at the session
- University of Toronto, Friday, November 9th at 12:30 pm in the University Centre
- University of Waterloo, Thursday, November 22nd at 12:30pm in the University Centre

Watch for announcements for visit by the University of Waterloo --- date to be confirmed.

Application Workshops for the 2019s

The following workshops are scheduled to help the class of 2019 prepare their personal statements, supplemental forms, video submissions, resume. All sessions held in the University/Career Centre unless otherwise stated:

- Wednesday, October 31st from 3:30 to 4:15 pm Help with UBC Personal Profile prompts and video and other supplemental requirements
- Monday, November 5th from 12:30 to 1:15 pm continued help with UBC Personal Profile prompts and video
- Tuesday, November 6th from 8:40 to 9:40 am open for help with any supplemental work required by your university
- Wednesday, November 21st from 3:15 to 5:15 pm Application Bash #1 help with completing applications for all universities (pizza will be provided in the Café)
- Wednesday, December 5th from 3:15 to 5:15 pm Application Bash #2 help with completing applications for all universities (pizza will be provided in the Café)



Both Schools

"The Heart of Us" Gala is Almost Sold Out!



Saturday, November 17th

A sincere *thank you* to everyone who has purchased tickets for "The Heart of Us" Gala – we are pleased to share that **the event is ALMOST SOLD OUT!**

Only 15 tickets remain! If you're still hoping to join us, we encourage you to <u>REGISTER NOW.</u>

Following this, we will be running a waitlist, giving you the option to secure any additional tickets that may come available. (Any extra tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.)

With much awe and thanks,

2018 Gala Committee

Gala Needs Your Auction Donations!

With "The Heart of Us" Gala just around the corner (November 17th), the committee is busy making sure everything is in place for THE event of the year! But, it takes more than just the Gala Committee to make sure the event is a success. **We need support from our school families to donate items to the silent and live auction**. The more items we have up for bids, the more money we can raise for the school and our kids!

Here are some ideas:



- Gift certificate for 2-3 nights at Whistler accommodation
- Gift card for Whistler Restaurant
- Lego sets perhaps a Lego Friends, Star Wars, or Minecraft set
- Themed baskets assemble a coffee lover, wine, pet, bath, or Canucks basket
- Event tickets Canucks tickets, Lions tickets, World Junior Hockey tickets, concert tickets, etc.
- Nintendo Switch Console, Xbox, PlayStation, etc.
- Gift cards for your favourite spas, restaurants, or stores
- Electronics Apple watch, iPad, iPod, etc.
- Limousine gift certificate
- Bottle of select champagne, whiskey, scotch, etc.
- Any new item that you can think of that would be worth bidding on!

The <u>deadline for items is Monday</u>, <u>November 5 (that's next Monday!)</u>. Please bring in your donations, along with the <u>required form</u>, as soon as possible! (Your item and form can be dropped off to either the Junior or Senior School reception desk. Note, a receipt showing proof of purchase must be attached to the form if you would like to get a charitable tax receipt.)

If you are not attending, then please consider how your family can still support Southridge and our students by signing up as a sponsor.

Or, consider volunteering for the gala! You can see the full list and sign up for shifts in Galaxy. Show your support as a volunteer – it's a great way to contribute and to be a part of this feel-good fundraising event!

Thank you!

2018 Gala Committee

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day in Canada endeavours to keep alive the achievements and sacrifices made by those who served Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace keeping



missions, and to promote an understanding of the significance of these efforts in Canadian life as we know it today.

We live in a country full of opportunities and freedoms. Young men and women sacrificed all they knew – all the comforts, love and safety of home – in order to defend the rights and freedoms that we enjoy today. We must not take them for granted.

During our assembly, we will join together as a community to remember and commit ourselves to forever appreciating those who died for us, and to live in gratitude for the liberties that are a part of our wonderful country.

Generations of Canadian Veterans, through their courage and determination have helped to ensure that we live in a free, peaceful and just country. "We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of Canadian lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and families and friends, for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument." (Heather Robertson, <u>A Terrible Beauty, The Art of Canada at War)</u>

Please join the faculty, staff and students of Grades 3 to 12 for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly, which will be held on Friday November 9 at 10:15 am. While the assembly is designed to be reflective in nature, it is also designed to be one that brings our community together to share our collective appreciation for the sacrifices that so many people made for the rights and freedoms we have become so accustomed to.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Statement from Provincial Education Partners

The following is a statement that was posted on September 29 from Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, BC Teachers' Federation, BC School Superintendents Association, BC School Trustees Association, BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, CUPE BC, BC Association of School Business Officials, Federation of Independent School Associations, BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, ARC Foundation, First Nations Education Steering Committee, First Nations Schools Association and Métis Nation BC:

"All of B.C.'s provincial education partners for K-12 schools are committed to ensuring every school — both public and independent — is a place where students feel safe, accepted, respected and welcome regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background. In 2016, the B.C. Human Rights Code was amended to



ensure that gender identity and expression are protected under the code. There is no room for any type of discrimination in our schools.

"As provincial education partners, we stand unified in this commitment. All of our province's 60 school districts have now updated their codes of conduct and all independent schools have updated their harassment and bullying prevention policies that safeguard students from being bullied for their sexual orientation or gender identity. Students have the complete support of teachers, administrators, support staff, trustees and parents as we create learning environments where all students are free of discrimination so they can thrive and live authentic lives."

In support of the provincial education partners for K-12 schools and our own students' initiative, Southridge will recognize its commitment to creating a safe, caring and inclusive environment for all students through the recognition of our Junior and Senior Schools as "Safe Spaces". Some of our students, with the support of our counsellors and the faculty and staff who sit on the SOGI Team, designed a subtle way to bring this notion to our collective attention. As such, in the coming weeks, the entrance spaces to both schools will bear this reminder by way of a small sign highlighting the importance of creating school environments that are safe and free of discrimination.

Southridge Café

Parents and students are reminded that there should be adequate funds in students' accounts before purchases are made in the cafeteria. If the student account is running low, please make a deposit into the account and any negative balance needs to be topped up as soon as possible. You can check your student account balance by logging onto www.mykidsspending.com or checking with the staff in the café.

To deposit funds into the student accounts, parents please log onto the My Kids Spending account and make a deposit via credit card or e-check. The credit card payment does have a service fee, but the e-check transfer does not. Alternatively, you can drop off cheque payable to Southridge School, or cash, to the Senior School reception and ensure that the cheque or cash envelope includes the student name, ID, and 'for Café' clearly marked.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager
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Uniform Shop News

Senior School students now have the option of wearing pale blue oxford shirts instead of the regular white shirts for the winter uniform. The pale blue shirts are optional items and are available at the Uniform Shop for purchase by Senior students only. For assemblies and ceremonies, the white shirts still have to be worn.

Regular hours are:

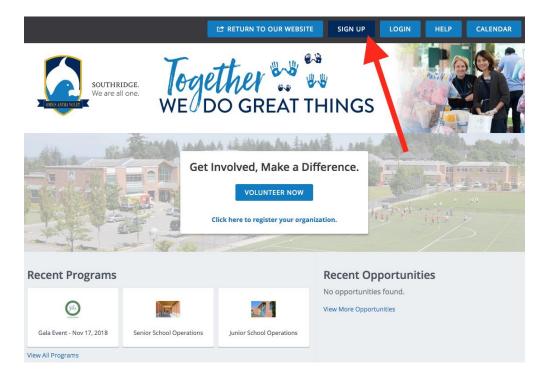
- Monday Thursday: 7:45 9:00 am and 2:00 4:00 pm (On days with late start, we open only in the afternoon.)
- Friday: Closed

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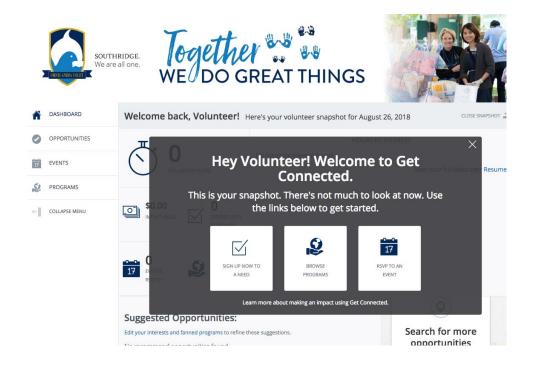
Volunteering at Southridge - Signing up through Galaxy!

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.

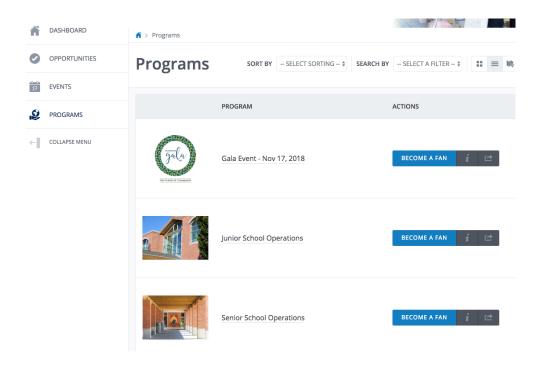


You can create your account with your email, or through your Facebook account. Once you've created your account, you will move to the dashboard:



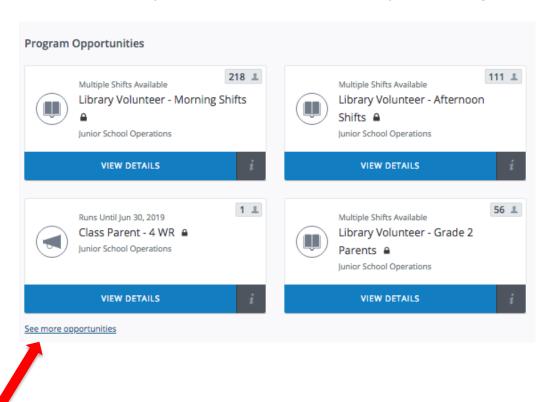
STEP 2:

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.



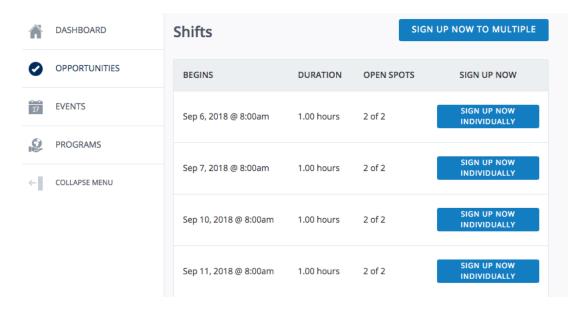
STEP 3:

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!

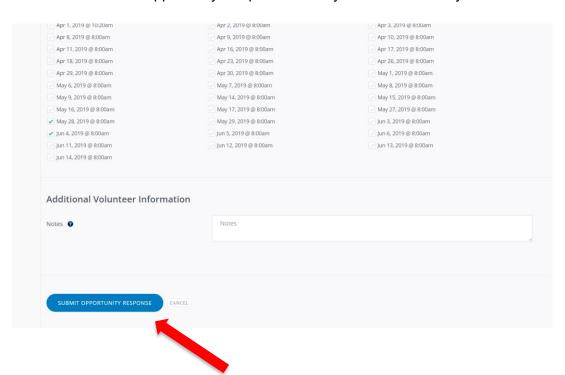


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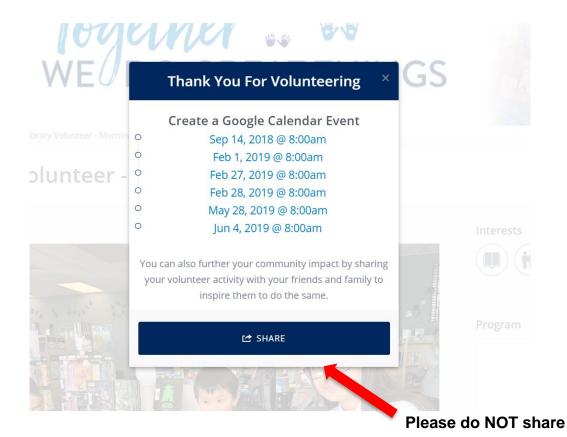
Once you have found the volunteer opportunity you are looking for, click on "View Details". You can then sign up for a single shift or multiple shifts.



STEP 5:Be sure to click on "Submit Opportunity Response" once you have selected your desired shifts.



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).



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*.

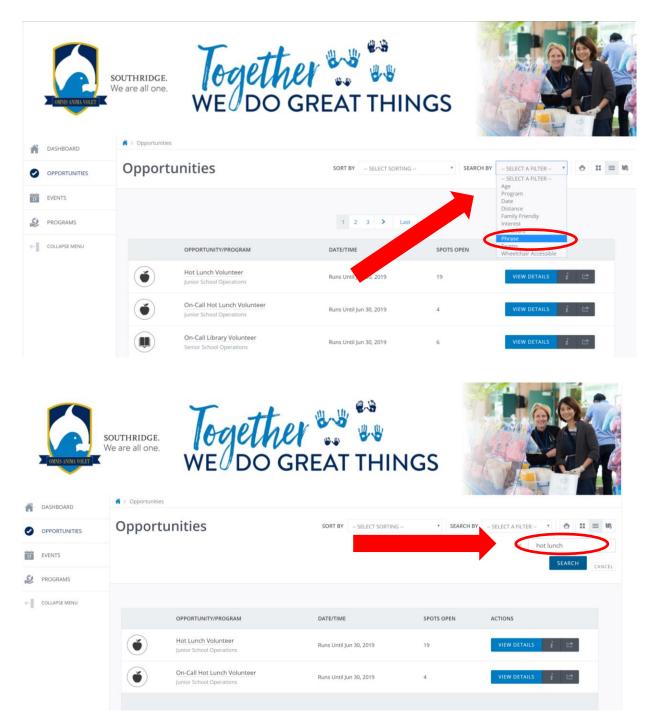
If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Hu at shu@southridge.bc.ca or by phone at 604-542-2303.

*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

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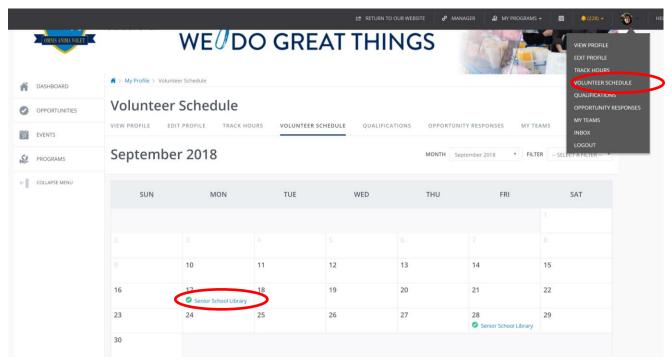
After creating an account and logging in (https://southridgebc.galaxydigital.com), click on 'Opportunities'. You can search for a specific opportunity like "hot lunch" or "playground" by selecting 'Phrase' in the 'Search By' list. Type in the key word(s) and any opportunity that includes that word will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



Volunteering at Southridge – Modifing your volunteer schedule

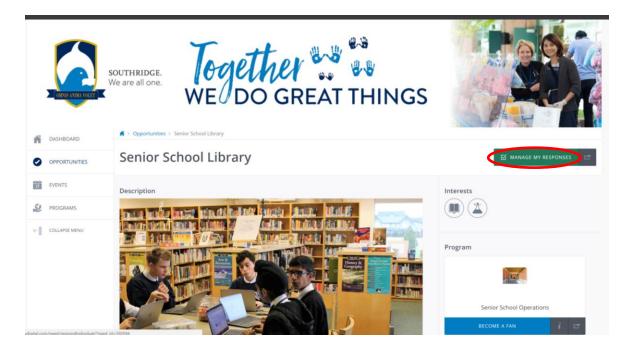
Step 1:

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.

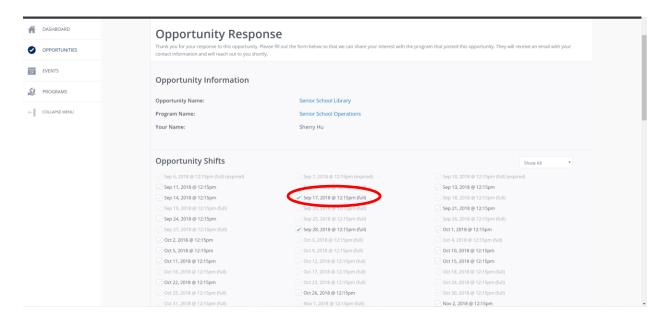


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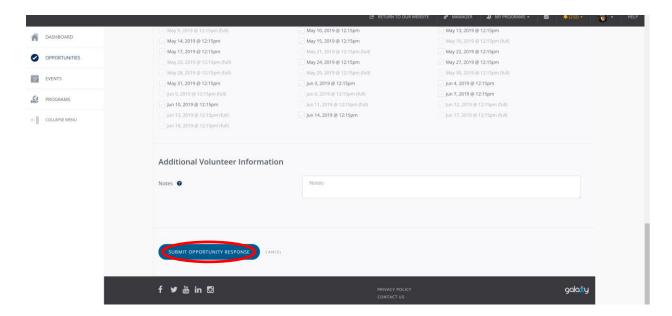
From the calendar view, click on a shift (in blue writing with a green check mark). If you don't see any writing in the calendar, you haven't signed up for anything yet for that month. On the next page, click on the green button, 'MANAGE MY RESPONSES'.



Step 3: Un-check green check marks to remove specific shift(s) from your schedule.



Step 4:Remember to click on the blue button, 'SUBMIT OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE' at the bottom of the page. This will 'save' your cancellations.



Alternatively, you can click on the green button, 'UNREGISTER', to remove yourself from an opportunity.



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