



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Long Range School Calendar (September 2018 - June 2021)

The Long Range School Calendar is now available in the Parent Portal. This calendar outlines school start and end dates, statutory holidays, school holidays, and professional development days from September 2018 through to June 2021.

For Junior School families, please note an adjustment to our June closing date beginning in June 2020. Beginning in June 2020 our Junior School Closing Celebration will take place one day earlier, on the Thursday during the last week of school (Thursday, June 18, 2020). This will also mean that our Grade 7 Graduation Celebration will take place on the Wednesday evening of the final week (Wednesday, June 17, 2020), instead of the Thursday (current Grade 6 families please take note). School will not be in session for Junior School students on the Friday.

Programmatically, our formal academic program is wrapping up by the end of the first week of June. While we have many special events that mark the end of our school year, we'd like to contain them as much as possible within the final few days of the school year to maximize opportunities for learning and year end assessments, and to ensure that students can best manage their behaviour amidst all of the excitement that marks the end of the school year. We also have many events that take place in both our Junior School Great Hall, as well as the Senior School Gym. Shifting the Junior School Grade 7 Graduation and Closing Celebration each one day earlier will provide much needed time for our facilities and administrative teams to reconfigure the setup of these events in the Junior School Great Hall and the Senior School Gym for Senior School Commencement.

Over the last few years, we've also noticed an increasing number of students not in attendance at our closing celebrations due to travel. Having all students present to celebrate the end of the school year together is as equally important as having all students present to begin the school year together.

Specific dates, times, and details for all of our special year end events and celebrations across K-12 for June 2020 will be shared with all families, as they always are in the months leading up to them. All scheduled closing events for June 2019 remain as currently scheduled on the 2018-19 school calendar. The Long Range School Calendar for September 2018 through June 2021 is attached.

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Grade 4-7 Glee Fieldtrip to Sunnyside Manor	Thursday, December 6	12:30 pm	Junior School
Winter Storm Tournament	Friday, December 7		Senior Gym
PYP Skating Day – KSR-T, KJM, 2TW, 3MY, 3CK	Friday, December 7	8:30 am	Junior School
PYP Skating Day 4 Classes – 1RK, 1RR, 2DA, 4WM, 4WR	Monday, December 10	8:30 am	Junior School
Senior Christmas Concert	Tuesday, December 11	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, December 12	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior Christmas Concert	Wednesday, December 12	7:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
MYP Assembly	Monday, December 17	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Monday, December 17	1:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Christmas Concert – Matinee	Tuesday, December 18	1:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Holiday Assembly	Wednesday, December 19	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Christmas Concert	Wednesday, December 19	6:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Feast Performance	Thursday, December 20	8:00 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
PYP Feast	Thursday, December 20	11:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School Feast	Thursday, December 20	6:00 pm	Senior Gym and Alan Brown Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, December 21		Both Schools
MYP Breakfast	Friday, December 21	8:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Early Dismissal	Friday, December 21	11:45 am	Junior School
Term 1 Report Cards	Friday, December 21	11:45 am	Junior School

Junior School News

Junior School Winter Concert Information

Believe it or not, our Junior School Winter Concert is less than two weeks away! We hope that you will be able to join us for the matinee performance on **Tuesday, December 18th at 1:00 pm** or the evening performance on **Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm**. As a reminder, students should plan on arriving at **6:15 pm** for the Wednesday evening show, and they should meet in their homerooms.

As usual, students will wear their white dress shirts (no ties) with dark (black, grey, or navy blue) pants or skirts to school on Monday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 18th for the dress rehearsal and matinee, as well as for evening performance on Wednesday, December 19th. The school will provide the coloured T-shirts and accessories to wear with this base outfit. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at any time.

Please remember that all students are expected to participate in our winter concerts. If your family has a previous commitment on the Wednesday evening, please let us know as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued support of our Junior School music program, and we wish you and your families all the best for the holiday season!

Dr. Kevin Bespflug and Mrs. Donna Winterburn
kbespflug@southernridge.bc.ca; dwinterburn@southernridge.bc.ca

Vehicles Being Left Unattended in Fire Lanes and Cross Walks at Dismissal

Please be reminded that the curbs adjacent to the Junior School field, front entrance, and Kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms are fire lanes. There has been an increase in the number of parents parking and leaving their vehicles unattended in the fire lanes. It is **never** appropriate to leave your vehicle parked and unattended in a fire lane, nor is it safe to park in the cross walks. Not only does this pose a significant safety risk should a fire truck need to access the school, it also impedes the flow of traffic. If you need to leave your vehicle to collect your child, connect with a teacher, or other parents, please show your respect for everyone's safety and time by planning ahead by arriving early enough to find a parking spot, or remain in your vehicle and make a plan to have your child(ren) meet you at your car. Please be aware and show you care!

Junior School Reading Camp Day – Wednesday, December 19

Wednesday, December 19 is Reading Camp Day in the Junior School! Students should come to school in their PE attire, so they can be comfortable all day as they will engage in literacy activities throughout the day, as well as some physical activity. Uniforms can stay at home so that they are cleaned and ready for the evening presentation of our Christmas Concert. Black shoes should also be polished!

Throughout the day, students will engage in various forms of reading, which might include independent reading time, shared reading, reader's theatre, choral reading, digital reading, and author visits. We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading together as a way to create some calm and connection prior to our evening Christmas Concert and our Feast celebrations.

Dismissal for Winter Break and Return for Monday, January 14, 2019 (Late Start)

On Friday, December 21, all Junior School students will be dismissed at 11:45 am for the Winter Break. Winter break is three weeks long with classes resuming at 10:25 am on Monday, January 14, 2019 (Day 2). Students should arrive between 10:10 and 10:20 am for a start time of 10:25 am. ***Please do not drop your child off before 10:10 am as all teachers and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.*** Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Uniform Expectation Reminders

We take pride in our school uniform – it is a statement of who we are and so consistency with adhering to uniform expectations is important. Please be reminded of the following:

- Black shoes must be polishable leather. Suede, nubuck, canvas, and other fabrics are not appropriate.
- Tights worn with kilts and tunics must be solid black and be footed. Wearing a pair of thick black leggings with socks is not appropriate, nor are patterned tights. (Note: tights and socks can be purchased at any store if your child prefers a different fabric to what is sold in the uniform shop, so long as they are footed and solid black.)
- If a student needs to wear an under layer, it should match the shirt being worn (e.g. white with white dress shirts, royal blue with PE shirts).

- Grey pants must be uniform issue and purchased through our school store.

Should your child's teacher let you know of a uniform concern, please take immediate action to ensure your child is adhering to our uniform guidelines. If you are unsure about something, please check with a teacher, Mrs. de Hoog, or Ms. Graham.

Annual Christmas Hampers

As the holiday season approaches we empathize with those less fortunate than we are and help them to enjoy a more comfortable time. Through a local organization, Options, we are sponsoring seventeen refugee families. Each class, from Kindergarten to Grade 7 and the Junior School staff, will adopt one family and fill a hamper with non-perishable supplies, and optional gifts and gift cards. Please look for detailed information from your child's teacher/class parent about the sponsored family. If you have any strong boxes that may be useful, please offer them to your child's teacher(s) or us, as we always seem to need more. Lastly, should you have any gently used items that you think may be suitable for a family, please call 604.542.5368 or email jmurchie@southridge.bc.ca . You may be able to offer additional support to one or more of our families.

The hampers will then be picked up and delivered by the caseworkers during the week before the break, so please ensure that all donations are at school by December 14th. Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Giving to others is a rewarding and important experience for children, as they learn to be caring and respectful community members.

Kari Labelle and Jo-Ann Murchie
Students Leading Action Together Teacher Sponsors

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 (2199-148th 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. 1st.** (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

The Senior School Feast

On Thursday, December 20, the biggest event of the year is happening: The Senior School Feast! Most students will tell you that this is one of the best events at Southridge and it is definitely something that all students will want to attend. It is a night of hilarious entertainment and of course, an amazing turkey dinner made and served by our very own Senior School parents! **Students should be at school between 5:30 - 5:45 pm** where they will meet in their advisory, then it's down to the gym for our incredible Christmas dinner followed by a night of entertainment in the Great Hall! **Parents can pick up their son or daughter at 10:00 pm.**

Report Cards

Senior School report cards will be going live online at 3:00 pm this Thursday, December 6th. Please login through the Parent Portal on the school website and clicking on "**The Ridge**" button. Report cards will not be printed and sent home.

"Celebrate-a-Life," the Peace Arch Hospice Society and Southridge Art Students

For the past few months, Southridge art students have been diligently working on the delicate dove ornaments for the Peach Arch Hospice Society's "Celebrate a Life" fundraiser.

Inspired by the feelings hope and celebration the Grade 11 and 12 visual art students have been painting these ornamental wooden doves that the hospice has provided; these doves are meant to be the carriers of celebration and hope, and pieces that could serve as a keepsake to remember loved ones who have died.

Here is how it works; visitors at the Semiahmoo Shopping Center during the Christmas season will be able to stop by the "Celebrate-A-Life Tree" and exhibit, purchase a dove with a donation, and then write down the name of a lost loved on a paper dove and hang it on that tree. Our doves, along with other artists from the peninsula, will be supporting the hospice society and helping to honour family and friends in this way. Southridge Artists have been allotted the weekend of December 8th and 9th.

The Southridge Art department is most grateful to the students for creating these, and ever grateful to be included amongst such talented artistic company for such a resonating cause.

Small things come in awesome packages and many of these have paintings on both sides!

Artist: Melody Li



Senior School Christmas Concert: An Evening in December Tuesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 12, 7:00pm

The annual **Senior School Concert, *An Evening in December***, is rapidly approaching. Familiar holiday tunes can be heard resounding through the school and the ensembles are really beginning to make music out of the notes on the page. The concerts will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 11 and 12 in the Alan Brown Great Hall. Join us for an evening of live music, featuring our concert and jazz bands, choir and selected soloists. In addition, the visual arts, media arts and drama departments are making presentations during the show. There is no charge for the concert.

All of the students involved in the music program are expected to participate in the concerts. The Grade 8 bands will perform on Tuesday, the Grade 9 ensembles perform on Wednesday, and the choirs and senior bands play both evenings. Please reschedule lessons and practices as needed. If you suspect an unavoidable conflict, please email me at sburrage@southridge.bc.ca as soon as possible so that we can try to work out a solution. Each musician plays an important role in the concerts, and we can only give our best performance if every student is in attendance.

Please note:

Technical Rehearsal for all the choirs and solo performers
Friday, December 7, 2018 – 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Dress Rehearsal for all musicians
Monday, December 10, 2018 - 9am-12:30:

The Senior School Music Department

Grade 8 Students and the Christmas Concert

If your child is involved in the Grade 8 Concert Band only, they will be finished their part in the concert by 7:45 pm. As we hope all of the parents will join us on Tuesday evening, if you are in attendance, your student will join you in the audience at intermission. If you are unable to attend that concert, please arrange for your child to be picked up in front of the Junior school by 7:45 pm.

See you at the show!

The Senior School Music Department

Both Schools

After-School Clubs Now Open for Registration!

What can After-School Clubs do for your child...

- foster creativity and individual thought
- support classroom learning
- make connections with peers
- support social-emotional development
- build self-confidence and risk-taking
- strengthen leadership skills and public speaking
- and much more!

New & Updated

Clubs Days open for registration, even if you don't register for After-School Clubs on a weekly basis!

For more information or to register, [please click here](#).

Winter Weather Safety Tips

As we welcome December, we are preparing for the potential of ice and snow on campus this winter. With the winter weather comes a greater risk of slips, trips, or falls. We encourage our students (and families) to travel safely and follow these important tips:

- **Walk in designated areas.** Avoid using short cuts and self-made paths as these may be very icy and slippery — stay on the cleared paths, even if it takes extra time.
- **Consider wearing a backpack.** Backpacks keep your load closer to your centre of gravity. Carrying heavy items in your hands hinders your arms' ability to provide balance if you should slip. You will also need your arms free to help you recover your balance if you start to slide.
- **Wear appropriate winter footwear.** Wear shoes with traction — switch to winter-appropriate footwear, even if you're walking a short distance and plan to change into your indoor shoes upon safe arrival.
- **Keep both hands free for balance,** rather than in your pockets. Wear gloves or mittens to stay warm and your hands can stay free to balance or catch yourself if you do start to tumble.

- **Allow additional time** to get where you're going – do not rush in your vehicle or on foot.

Our facilities team does their best to prevent ice and clear snow as quickly as possible, however if you find some areas are slippery as you make your way across campus, please report the area to the front office receptionists of either school.

As always, the safety and well-being of our community is extremely important so please exercise caution this winter season.

Keep Calm and Volunteer

Here's your chance! Volunteers are still needed in the Uniform Shop to work afternoon shifts once a week on **Monday and/or Wednesday between 2:00 and 4:00 pm**. Duties include customer sales and service, merchandising, scheduling fitting appointments, fitting uniforms, and taking inventory.

This is a fantastic way for Senior (or Junior) School parents to get involved and volunteer within the school. And not to worry—all training is provided! Contact volunteer@southridge.bc.ca for additional details.

Thank you!

The Volunteer Committee

Human Resources News

Sherry Hu has shared with us that she will be leaving Southridge on December 21st to pursue a new opportunity with the Vancouver Art Gallery. Sherry has been in the position of Advancement Assistant since August 2016 and has played an instrumental role in supporting the Advancement Office. From processing our donors' gifts, to supporting our events, volunteers, and Summer Camp program, she has been an invaluable member of the Advancement team at Southridge. In particular, Sherry was instrumental in the selection of and transition to Galaxy, our new volunteer management software, this year.

We wish Sherry all the best!

Darcie Sagert
Human Resources Manager
dsagert@southridge.bc.ca

Remembrance Ceremony Video is Online

The video recording of the November 9th Remembrance Ceremony has been uploaded to Vidigami and may be found in the Events – Remembrance Day Ceremony section.

Alan McInnes
Manager, Web and AV Services

It's the most DELICIOUS time of the year...

Order your Christmas cookies from Southridge Café's Sage Dining Services.

3 shapes to choose from – snowman, Christmas tree, or snowflake

2 tasty options – decorated or plain

Outstanding prices:

- \$1.50 for a plain cookie
- \$2.00 for a decorated cookie

*plain cookies must be ordered with a minimum of 24 hours advance notice

*decorated cookies must be ordered with a minimum of 72 hours advance notice

Come visit us at Southridge Café or email Chef Gary (sage@southeridge.bc.ca) to place your order.

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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We are all one.

Southridge Long Range Holiday Calendar 2018 - 2021

		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FALL	Fall Term Commences	Thursday, Sept 6	Thursday, Sept 5	Thursday, Sept 10
	Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday, Oct 8	Monday, Oct 14	Monday, Oct 12
	Professional Development Day	Friday, Oct 26	Friday, October 25	Friday, Oct 30
	Half Term Holiday	Monday, Oct 29	Friday, Nov 8	Monday, Nov 2
	Remembrance Day	Monday, Nov 12	Monday, Nov 11	Wednesday, Nov 11
	Last Day of School	Friday, Dec 21	Friday, Dec 20	Friday, Dec 18
	Christmas Holidays	Dec 22 to Jan 13	Dec 21 to Jan 12	Dec 19 to Jan 10
WINTER	School Commences	Monday, Jan 14	Monday, Jan 13	Monday, Jan 11
	Professional Development Day	Friday, Feb 15	Friday, Feb 14	Friday, Feb 12
	BC Family Day Holiday	Monday, Feb 18	Monday, Feb 17	Monday, Feb 15
	Half Term Holiday	Tuesday, Feb 19	Tuesday, Feb 18	Tuesday, Feb 16
	Last Day of School	Friday, Mar 15	Friday, Mar 13	Friday, Mar 19
	March Break	Mar 16 to Mar 31	Mar 14 to Mar 29	Mar 20 to Apr 5
	SPRING	School Commences	Monday, Apr 1	Monday, Mar 30
Good Friday		Friday, Apr 19	Friday, Apr 10	Friday, Apr 2
Easter Monday		Monday, Apr 22	Monday, Apr 13	Monday, Apr 5
April Break		NA	NA	Monday, Apr 26
Professional Development Day		Friday, May 17	Friday, May 15	Friday, May 21
Victoria Day Holiday		Monday, May 20	Monday, May 18	Monday, May 24
Last Day of School - Junior School Closing		Friday, June 21	Thursday, June 18	Thursday, June 17
Last Day of School - Senior School Commencement		Friday, June 21	Friday, June 19	Friday, June 18

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