



SOUTHRIDGE

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## Weekly Voice

### Tracking Volunteer Hours at Southridge

There's a story I share with new parents about the first time I realized how special and unique volunteering at Southridge really is. A few months after I started, I attended a conference for Advancement professionals. There were a few hundred people there, all from independent schools across North America, and we attended various sessions about fundraising, alumni relations, and volunteering.

At one session, we were comparing our volunteer numbers. A few people admitted that volunteering wasn't a part of their school culture at all and they were hoping to start a program. Others had 30-40 parent volunteers. Another school proudly boasted that they had 150 volunteers. I felt like I had to clarify how they were 'counting' because I had a number in my head and it was significantly larger. When I realized that they were counting anyone who volunteered at any point during the year, I said, "Well, then, we must have over 500, because nearly all of our parents volunteer." I will never forget the look of shock (and some disbelief) on their faces.

Now, after being at Southridge for seven years, I can proudly say that our 'number' is even higher than that. And what is probably even more impressive, is that nearly all of our parents volunteer *not* because we're tracking their hours, or if they didn't, they would have to pay in lieu. They don't volunteer out of obligation because they promised they would in their Admissions interview. Parents volunteer at Southridge because that's just *who we are* as a school community.

On a regular basis, someone asks me how volunteering is going – usually someone who has been at the school for a long time, wanting to make sure that the volunteer spirit is as alive now as it was when they started at Southridge. Since I can't give them stats (because we *really* don't keep track), I usually tell them, "All I know is that we ask everyone to give when they can, how they can, and, as far as I can tell, everyone does". What I do know for sure is that we always have all the volunteers we need (often more than we need!) and they get the job done in half the time we expect them to. And...if there were some sort of volunteer competition, Southridge would sweep the podium!

Tomorrow is a very special day at Southridge. Between the PYP and Senior School Feasts, nearly 150 volunteers will be on-site setting up, preparing or serving food, and cleaning up after the students have enjoyed an amazing meal with their friends. I'm certain

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if you're one of those volunteers tomorrow, you'll hear 100 thank-you's, but in advance, I want to say it to you one more time. Thank you for saying 'yes' when you were asked, for pitching in whenever and however you can, for helping make this special day at Southridge even more special because of your involvement, and maybe most of all, for keeping our culture of volunteerism alive and well. *Thank you so much.*

Finally, for all our new(er) parents who still haven't found an opportunity to get involved, never hesitate to reach out to the Volunteer Committee at [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca). We'd love to find a meaningful position for you based on your interests, skills, and availability. Or, over the holidays, feel free to read over position descriptions on our new volunteer sign-up system, [Galaxy](#). This program has been a wonderful new platform aimed at making your volunteer experience even more enjoyable. On that note, we'd love to hear your feedback on it as well.

Thank you again for an amazing year of volunteerism! It might even be one of our best, although I can't say for sure, because we don't keep track.

Have a wonderful break!

See you in 2019,  
Christiane Hodson  
Director of Advancement



## Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Junior School Christmas Concert – Matinee	Tuesday, December 18	1:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Reading Camp Day	Wednesday, December 19	All Day	Junior School
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 Break'feast'	Friday, December 21	8:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Term 1 Report Cards	Friday, December 21	9:00 am	Junior School
Junior School Early Dismissal	Friday, December 21	11:45 am	Junior School
Alumni Christmas Reunion	Friday, December 21	6:00 pm	Alan Brown Great Hall
Winter Break	Saturday, December 22 – January 14		Both Schools
Late Start	Monday, January 14	10:20 am	Both Schools
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, January 16	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Grade 6/7 Dance	Friday, January 18	7:00 pm	Junior School Gym
Senior School Assembly	Monday, January 21	8:40 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
Numeracy Assessment	Monday, January 21		
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, January 23	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Casual Day	Friday, January 25		Both Schools



## Junior School News

### Junior School Winter Concert Information

Tonight is the Junior School Winter Concert evening performance **at 6:30 pm**. As a reminder, students should plan on arriving at **6:15 pm** for the 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 for the evening performance on Wednesday, December 19. 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.

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 Bospflug and Mrs. Donna Winterburn  
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### Happy Holiday Hampers

Your empathy and commitment toward children and their families this holiday season is such a positive example for our impressionable students. As a Junior School community, we have helped a total of seventeen refugee families with many boxes of non-perishable grocery and household items, numerous personalized gifts for different family members, and generous gift cards.

Your extraordinary contributions are very appreciated by the OPTIONS case workers and even more by the recipients in their community programs, as you truly make a difference in their lives this holiday season. The teachers and I also appreciated the time many parents put into organizing the hampers and working with the children to choose, purchase, and wrap items for others. Understanding others' experiences and feeling appreciative of our own circumstances are valuable opportunities for everyone.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

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

## 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.

## MYP Breakfast

The MYP Breakfast for Grades 5-7 is happening Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to send your child to school HUNGRY, as they will be eating a huge breakfast at 8:30 am. Students are allowed to wear either their pajamas or festive loungewear. The schedule for the morning is as follows:

- 8:00-8:30 students with homeroom teachers
- 8:30-9:15 breakfast in Great Hall
- 9:15-9:50 holiday songs sing-a-long in Great Hall
- 9:50-10:20 recess
- 10:30-11:30 Vancouver Theatre sports presentation in Great Hall
- 11:35-11:45 back with homeroom for dismissal
- 11:45 dismissal



Ms. McNeil

## Hot Lunch Ordering for January is Open

Hot Lunch orders for K-3 students can now be placed for January 14 – February 1, 2019 through [www.MyKidsSpending.com](http://www.MyKidsSpending.com). **The deadline to order for January is Sunday, January 6.**

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. If you want to make changes or cancel the hot lunch orders after your submission or have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phala Tan at [ptan@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca).

## After-School Clubs Now Open for Registration!

There are some great After-School Clubs starting in the New Year!

Some of Term 2's club programs include:

- **Monday: STEM to STEAM Challenges** – Each week, children will be presented with a challenge that will require them to think beyond the typical scope of problem solving and tap into their creative and innovative side to come up with possible solutions.
- **Tuesday: Biology Lab – Partnering with 'Science Made Fun' by Unique Minds** – Children have a great opportunity to join us in the lab to learn about the study of living organisms.
- **Wednesday: Young Entrepreneurs** – We will work on developing a business idea, planning the business, marketing, putting the business plan on paper, and then work together to execute our business plan.
- **Thursday: Engineering - Partnering with 'Bricks 4 Kidz'** – Our fun-filled model plans designed by engineers and architects, teach children to learn with LEGO® Bricks reinforcing STEM-based principles while enhancing self-esteem and improving fine motor skills.
- **Friday: Innovative Thinking** – The children will be presented with challenges that require them to use and develop techniques of brainstorming, mind mapping, reframing, envisaging the future, and role playing.

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

## Senior School News

### The Senior School Feast

Tomorrow is our BIG NIGHT! The Senior School Feast! **Students should be at school between 5:30-5:45 pm, in their #1 uniform**, where they will meet in their advisory. **Parents can pick up their son or daughter at 9:30 PM.**

### Lost and Found

Parents and students: please check the Lost and Found tables outside the gym in the breezeway for clothing and uniform items, PE strip, shoes, water bottles, and lunch bags. All non-uniform clothing will be donated to goodwill on Friday.

### Grade 12 Purdy's and Gift Card Fundraisers

There are still a few Purdy's orders and gift cards that have not been picked up. Please remember to stop by Senior School reception by Friday to pick up anything you ordered so you have items before the school closes for the holidays!

### Drama Department Update

The Black Box Theatre has been a buzz this fall season with preparations for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, the Grade 10 performance for the Junior School Feast, the Grade 9 Choral Odes, Improv Olympics in Grade 11, and of course, preparations and rehearsals have commenced for our mainstage school show, FAME (the show about students in a performing arts school). This year the show will take place at the Coast Capital Playhouse in White Rock at the end of February, featuring 80's song and dance numbers, and will even showcase a film component!

To make the show a success, we rely on a hefty number of parent volunteers, and this year is no different. We are looking for traditional **jazz shoes** for ladies and men of all sizes and would appreciate any contacts or donations. We require 25 pairs, so any and all help would be most appreciated. We are also looking for **spray paint and artist grade acrylic paint**. If you have a source for this, we would appreciate all **donations**. Finally, we are looking for **wardrobe that represents 1982-1986**. I know this was the heyday for many of you, so drag out those old nostalgic bins of clothes and accessories and consider lending them or donating them to the department.

Please contact [smacgregor@southernridge.bc.ca](mailto:smacgregor@southernridge.bc.ca) or [akolic@southernridge.bc.ca](mailto:akolic@southernridge.bc.ca) if you can help. See you at the show February 27 - March 1 at the Coast Capital Playhouse!

Ms. Sara MacGregor



## Provincial Graduation Numeracy Assessment

The new BC graduation requirements now include a mandatory Provincial Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) that all students are required to complete before graduation. This has replaced the former Mathematics 10 Provincial Exam.

This exam is for students in Grade 10 or above and involves questions related to Grades K-10 math curriculum. The assessment requires students to solve problems by using the five numeracy processes (different ways of thinking and working): interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate.

We will be running this exam with all students who are currently registered in Pre-Calculus 11 on Monday, January 21 at 9:00 am. This means that students in Grade 10 or 11 who are in Pre-Calculus 11 are registered to write the Numeracy exam. Students will be spending time in class the week following the Winter Break preparing for the exam, but little preparation is required. Students can access the Pre-Assessment Activities before this time if they would like to view some sample questions and responses.

The exam consists of 24 common computer scored questions and 2 written response questions that students select out of a possible four. These questions are scored by trained markers hired by the Ministry of Education.

If you are interested in more information about the Graduation Numeracy Assessment, including sample exams, please consult the Ministry of Education website at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment/graduation/numeracy>.

Heather Morris  
Mathematics Department Curriculum Leader



## Both Schools



### 2018 Parent Survey – Closing Soon!

This is a last call to participate in our 2018 Parent Survey. Please take a moment to share your opinions and feedback on your experience at Southridge. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the future of our school.

If you experience any issues with the survey, please contact Erin Labbé, Director of Communications and Marketing: [elabbe@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:elabbe@southridge.bc.ca).

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback!

Erin Labbé

**The links below will take you directly to the online questionnaire. You only need to follow ONE link - they will each take you to identical online forms (if one appears slow to load, just click on another link.) If there are any questions that you would prefer not to answer, please feel free to leave them unanswered. If you have more than one child enrolled at Southridge, and feel that your answers would differ for each, we encourage you to complete the form separately for each child. This survey is completely anonymous.**

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## End-of-Year Donations to Southridge

Thank you to all our parents who have already made a donation to Southridge this year! We are most grateful for your continued and generous support!

If you have not yet made a donation in 2018, there is still time! There are some important projects in need of your support:

- **Athletics** – This year's Athletics wish list item is **soccer nets** for the grass field that will be used by our Junior and Senior School students. We need to raise \$7,000 to make this purchase.
- **Academics** – Our Junior School Learning Resource team has requested four complete sets of Phonic Reader Series to further enrich our Levelled Literacy Intervention Program. The total cost of this wish list item is \$8,000.
- **Arts** – Our Senior School music department has requested a new **bass amp**. Please consider giving to our Arts fund to help make this purchase possible. Our goal for this fund is \$2,000.
- **Greatest Need Fund** – If you would prefer to make a general or unrestricted donation to Southridge, the Greatest Need Fund is allocated on an annual basis to the projects around the school that need it most. **Our goal is to raise \$75,000 for this important fund.**
- Finally, directing your gift towards our endowment funds allows us to offer bursaries to students who would otherwise be unable to attend Southridge. **This is a remarkable way to make a real impact on a student's life.** Contributing to either the Carol E. Levy Memorial Endowment Fund or the Alan Brown Memorial Endowment fund also allows us to be more accessible to a broader socio-economic family population.

Donations can be made easily and safely [online here](#). Or, if you would prefer to make a donation by cheque, please ensure that you have dropped off your donation to the school by **this Friday, December 21**.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [chodson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:chodson@southridge.bc.ca).

Thank you again for all your support of Southridge and our students and for making a donation this year!

Thank you again,  
Christiane Hodson  
Director of Advancement

## New and Exciting Volunteer Opportunities

Do your New Year's resolutions include 'getting involved as a lead volunteer at Southridge'? Or perhaps you haven't volunteered to-date because none of our current opportunities really speak to you? The Volunteer Committee is very excited to be introducing two new possible 'lead' volunteer positions to begin in February 2019:

- 1) **Used Uniform Sales** – we are looking for 2-4 parents (ideally 2 Junior School and 2 Senior School parents) to organize, manage, and run the used uniform program at Southridge. Some retail experience would be an asset. If you are interested, please email [volunteer@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:volunteer@southridge.bc.ca), as soon as possible. We will be assembling a 'dream team' to help make used uniforms great again!
- 2) **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Pop-Up' Shops** – we are looking for 2-4 parents (ideally 2 Junior School and 2 Senior School parents) to work with our amazing Director of Marketing and Communications to plan a series of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Pop-Up' Shops. If you have a marketing and/or sales background, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Christiane directly if you're interested at [chodson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:chodson@southridge.bc.ca).

We have more exciting opportunities on the way, so be sure to read the *Southridge Wednesday* each week for updates!

Happy Holidays,  
The Volunteer Committee

## Southridge Café

Parents and students are reminded that there should be adequate funds in students' accounts before purchases are made in the Café. If the student account is running low, please make a deposit into the account. You can check your student account balance by logging onto [www.mykidsspending.com](http://www.mykidsspending.com) or checking with the staff in the Café.

To deposit funds into the student's account, please log onto the account and make a deposit via credit card or e-check. The credit card payment has a service fee, but the e-check transfer does not. Alternatively, you can drop off a cheque payable to Southridge School or cash, to the Senior School reception. Please 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



## Uniform Shop News

Please note that the shop is closed during the holidays from December 24 – January 13 and will reopen in the afternoon on Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Have a happy and safe holiday!

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