



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Changes to our Campus Coming

Welcome back to Southridge for another term of learning and community engagement. I know I speak for all our teachers and staff when I say that we are excited to have our students back with us as we look forward to the next few months filled with all sorts of wonderful opportunities, interesting activities and new adventures.

One of the adventures that I am looking forward to is the development of our campus. As some of you may recall, a few years ago we spent considerable time and energy identifying the needs we have as a school and developing ideas of how best to address those needs. The end result of our collaborations was our Campus Master Plan, which can be easily accessed through the parent portal of our website. I encourage you to read and/or review it if you are not familiar with the document.

In support of the Campus Master Plan (CMP), Southridge will be moving forward with some projects that I would like to draw to your attention. To begin with, there are active projects that have been in the works behind the scenes for some time, and that are now poised to become apparent on campus. These projects have already been communicated to our community, so you are likely familiar with them. Specifically, later this spring we will be removing a significant amount of soil from our property (to the south of our Senior School building) while also constructing a retaining wall along our south property line – effectively extending the retaining wall that already exists at the far end of our sports fields.

Once soil has been removed, we will be constructing an administrative Annex. The Annex will eventually house the Uniform Shop and business offices currently located in our Senior School building. The shift of people to the Annex will allow us to enhance our learning spaces by undertaking modest renovations to our Senior School over the summer of 2020.

Beyond these active projects, Southridge will be embarking on other ventures to improve our learning spaces in both the Junior and Senior Schools. Although the student population at Southridge will not increase, there is a need to re-envision how we can most effectively use our current buildings. Be it through renovations and/or modest additions, our goal is to provide students with improved and modernized learning spaces that consider the knowledge and skills they will need for the future, current research on how

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they learn best, the demands of new curriculum imperatives, and the aspirations of our teachers.

As a matter of fact, we've already made a start to our campus development projects. Over the holidays, Fortis was on site to reposition our gas lines so that soil excavation and Annex construction can commence when we are ready. So, don't be surprised if you see me walking around in work boots and a hard hat later this spring because change is on its way. Stay tuned! More information to come in upcoming Southridge Wednesday.

Have a wonderful week!

Drew Stephens
Head of School



Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
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
KFACE Basketball Tournament	Thursday, January 24	TBA	Senior Gym
KFACE Basketball Tournament	Friday, January 25	TBA	Senior Gym
No School for Kindergarten	Friday, January 25	All Day	Junior School
Re-enrollment Forms Sent Home	Friday, January 25		Both Schools
Casual Day	Friday, January 25		Both Schools
Apex Ski Trip	Friday - Sunday January 25-27		Senior School
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, January 30	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Grad Photo Sessions	Friday - Saturday, February 1-2		
Senior Girls Basketball vs North Delta (Seniors' Night)	Monday, February 4	6:15 pm	Senior Gym
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, February 6	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School Lunch Dismissal	Thursday, February 7	12:30 pm	Senior School
Senior School Student Led Conferences	Thursday, February 7	1:30 pm	Senior School
Re-enrollment Forms Due	Thursday, February 7		Both Schools
No School for Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2	Friday, February 8	All Day	Junior School
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, February 13	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Jump Rope for Heart	Thursday, February 14	8:00 am	Junior School
Hoops for Heart	Thursday, February 14	1:00 pm	Senior School

Junior School News

Admissions Related Non-Instructional Days for some PYP Classes in January and February – Please mark your calendars!

In order to assess and get to know prospective students applying to the school for the 2019-20 school year, the following dates will be non-instructional days (no school) for the specific grades indicated:

- **Friday, January 25** – No school for **Kindergarten** Students (Kindergarten Admissions Assessment Day). School is in session for Grade 1-7 students.
- **Friday, February 8** - No school for all **K-2 students** (Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 3 Admissions Assessment Day). School is in session for all Grade 3-7 students.

Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your child on the affected dates.

Dance at Junior School

On Friday, January 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm the Grade Seven House Captains are hosting a dance for grades six and seven students in the Junior School gymnasium. Music will be provided by our in-house DJ's. The admission fee is \$5; students can also purchase snacks and drinks from the concession. All proceeds go to the Grade 7 Legacy Fund: supporting local, national, and international service causes.

Ms. McNeil
MYP Division Leader

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

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

Why Take the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française)?

Today French is an official language in almost 50 countries, including Canada. It is spoken by more than 200 million people on five continents. It is also an official language of the United Nations, the Red Cross, and many other international organizations.

A DELF or DALF diploma offers:

International recognition of French proficiency:

1. Life-long certification whether obtained in the candidate's country or another country.
2. Based on the same international standard used in 154 countries (CFR).
3. Facilitates interprovincial dialogue in Canada.

A testimonial to one's success in learning French:

1. Recognition of the candidate's accomplishments to date on the path to French proficiency.
2. Represents an official document recognized internationally, that enriches the candidate's school or professional portfolio.

Advantages for post-secondary education:

1. Recognized internationally by francophone post-secondary institutions including a growing number in Canada.
2. Acceptance into a university in France (B2 or higher)

Enhances one's resume:

1. A description in meaningful terms what the candidate is capable of doing in French.
2. An aid for professional advancement.
3. Helps to open doors to a wide range of career and recreational opportunities throughout Canada and the around the world.

We will be starting DELF tutorials on Wednesday January 16th, 2019. The Registration dates are March 19 to April 23, 2019. The exams will be held at the Alliance Francaise on May 6 to 9th, 2019. Registration fees are 100.00 for the A2, and 175.00 for the B1 and B2. We will supply students with a study workbook and provide transportation to and from the exams. If your child is interested in this opportunity, please have them contact Madame Lew at the school (mlew@southridge.bc.ca).

Time to book Graduation Portraits

Artona has reserved January 31st to February 2nd for Southridge Grad Portrait Sessions. For information about how to prepare for your grad portrait session [click here](#). Students have the option to take photos in casual/formal clothing of their choice; however, all Southridge Students will have a cap and gown photo that is used for the yearbook and the portrait composites that hanging in the hallways. **All students must wear their Southridge white, button down shirt and formal school tie (no school trips ties or personal ties) for the cap and gown photos.**

Please visit <https://artona.com/schools/SRIS/programs/graduation> to book your personalized 60-minute professional Studio session at Artona Photo Group. If these dates do not work for you, please contact Artona directly to book a time that works for you. There is an opportunity for “friend photos” to take place at individual sessions; however, it's limited to 2 friends.

The *grad group session* option is available for students who want photos with their friends in addition to their single shots. Group sessions are separate appointments to accommodate larger groups (perfect for 4-16 people). Just one student would need to book the appointment under their name and the rest of their group can just show up at the time of the session!

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Both Schools

Save The Dates!

If you haven't already marked your calendars, below are the dates for our three major fundraising events in 2019. Whether you participate as a donor, sponsor, guest or volunteer, please plan on joining us at these important community building activities:

- Country Fair – Saturday, May 4th
- Golf Tournament – Friday, June 7th (Hazelmere Golf Club)
- Gala – Saturday, November 16th

The Country Fair volunteer portal will be available by March 1st and everyone is encouraged to sign-up for at least one pre-event shift and one Fair-day shift. Volunteering is a great way to connect with other parents and your invaluable support and time is what makes the event so successful!

Also, please remember that tickets for the Golf Tournament and the Gala are limited and sell-out early, so be sure to watch for future event updates in *The Wednesday*.

If you have any questions about these events, please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca James at 604-542-2301 or rjames@southridge.bc.ca.

Thank you!

Rebecca James
Events Manager

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@southeridge.bc.ca, as soon as possible. We will be assembling a 'dream team' to help make used uniforms great again!

- 2) **25th 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 & Communications to plan a series of 25th 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@southeridge.bc.ca.

The Volunteer Committee is also rolling out two new 'department head' positions for the Country Fair, to begin as soon as possible:

- 1) **Raffle Department Head** – we are looking for 1 parent to organize a raffle as an added fundraising component to the Country Fair. This includes: determining BC Gaming licensing requirements, working with the Events Manager to submit an application, brainstorming ideas for prizes, soliciting prize donations, and making arrangements for the selling of raffle tickets in advance of the Fair (if possible) as well as on-site during the event. If you are interested, please email volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca, as soon as possible.
- 2) **Signage Department Head** – we are looking for 1 parent to oversee promotional, wayfinding, and other signage relating to the Country Fair. This includes: determining general event signage needs, taking an inventory of existing signage (indoor and outdoor) in storage at the school, coordinating with department heads on any specific signage requirements and working with a signage company to update old signs or order new ones. Other responsibilities include updating Fair lawn signs and submitting Wednesday articles to communicate distribution to parents and drop-off following the event. Post-Fair, the Department Head is responsible for the collection of signs and storing signs in the basement. If you are interested, please email volunteer@southeridge.bc.ca, as soon as possible.

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

The Volunteer Committee

Southridge Café

Welcome back and Happy New Year from Southridge Café! In this new term, we are bringing you exciting new menu items: Italian Meatloaf, Butter Chicken, and Mexican Roast Beef, just to name a few.

Do check out our daily menus online:

<https://www.sagedining.com/menus/southernridgeschool/> or just drop by the Café!

Phala Tan
Business Services Manager

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is accepting orders for a duffel bag. The bag has a main zippered compartment, a front zippered pocket, and a side zippered shoe compartment. The top grab handles are fabric-wrapped and there is also a side grab handle. The shoulder strap is detachable, adjustable, and padded. Dimensions: 14"h x 21"w x 12"d. Volume: 55.7L. Weight: 1.8lbs/0.8kg. The STORM logo and your initials will be embroidered onto the bag. Price is \$70.00 each + tax. A sample bag is available at the Uniform Shop and you are welcome to come in and take a look. If interested, please place order at the shop by Thursday February 7.

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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