

Weekly Voice

Mrs. Raber is Retiring!

Mrs. Rowena Raber has advised us that she will be retiring at the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year and is excited to join her husband Bruce on their next great adventure. Rowena and Bruce will also welcome their first grandchild to their family in June 2019. Rowena began her career with Southridge in September of 1995 making her a Southridge lifer. She is, in fact, the first lifer to retire from Southridge. Her first position was the Director of the Primary Division combined with the duties of a Grade 2 classroom teacher. Over the years, Rowena has been a classroom teacher in a variety of primary grades, most recently in Grade 1. In 2011, she took on the role of PYP Division Leader in addition to her classroom teaching responsibilities and was responsible for providing support to the Junior School Principal, faculty, and students in certain academic and student-life aspects of the PYP Division. Since arriving at Southridge, Rowena has played a lead role in the Primary Division/PYP admissions process.

Rowena played an instrumental role in establishing a solid foundation for the Junior School by developing and designing the Primary Division's initial programs and traditions, including supporting the implementation of the IB Primary Years Program, the PYP Feast, PYP Speech Day, and PYP Beach Day. She has watched the school grow from single grade classes to double grade classes, seen the transformation of learning with inquiry, technology, design thinking, making, and student documentation, just to name a few! She has also witnessed the addition of the Senior School along with many other changes that have developed and shaped our school to be who we are today.

Rowena is a passionate educator and life-long learner, who has dedicated her life's work to be a champion for her students. She has been a coach and mentor to many, and to say that she will be deeply missed by her colleagues, students, and families is an understatement.

We would like to thank Rowena for her dedication, commitment, and contribution to Southridge School and we wish her all the best as she enjoys the remainder of the school year and prepares for her retirement. We look forward to celebrating Rowena's legacy of outstanding teaching and leadership in the Junior School in the coming months. Please join us in congratulating Rowena on this milestone event!

Tanya de Hoog Head of Junior School



Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
KFACE Basketball Tournament	Thursday, January 24	ТВА	Senior Gym
KFACE Basketball Tournament	Friday, January 25	ТВА	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
Professional Development Day	Friday, February 15	All Day	Both Schools
Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 18	All Day	Both Schools
Half-Term Holiday	Tuesday, February 19	All Day	Both Schools
Late Start	Wednesday, February 20	10:20 am	Both Schools
Junior School Weekly Assembly	Wednesday, February 20	10:30 am	Junior School Great Hall



Junior School News

Parking Lot Traffic This Week!

Please be aware that parking and drop off may be more challenging this week due to a number of events taking place:

- Kindergarten Observation Sessions Prospective Kindergarten Families -8:00 am – 3:00 pm Friday and Saturday
- Hosting KFACE Senior Boys and Senior Girls Basketball Tournament -Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Apex Ski Trip Senior School students will be loading up and leaving on Friday after School @ 3:15 pm

Please allow for a little extra time and a little extra care as we host guests of all ages! Thank you for your patience.

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. Please note that Clubs Care is available for those families that need on-site child care. Register early to avoid disappointment. Please contact Rita Rai for more information (rrai@southridge.bc.ca).



Professional Development Day, Family Day Holiday and Half-Term Holiday, Friday, February 15 – Tuesday, February 19, and Late Start, Wednesday, February 20

Friday, February 15 is a Professional Development Day – school will not be in session for students. School will be closed for the Family Day Holiday on Monday, February 18, and for the Half-Term Holiday on Tuesday, February 19. Classes will resume with a late start on Wednesday, February 20 at 10:25 a.m. *Please do not drop off students any earlier than 10:10 a.m.* as all faculty and staff are in meetings and no supervision is provided.

Student-Led Learning Conferences: Thursday, February 21, (11:45am dismissal)

On Thursday, February 21, students will have the opportunity host their own Student-Led Learning Conference. The purpose of Student-Led Learning Conferences is to provide each child with the opportunity to independently communicate their learning and daily classroom experiences in a developmentally appropriate manner with their parents. Another goal of the conference is to help students take responsibility for their learning. Students will not just talk about what they are learning, but also about how they are learning, which may be contextualized through the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and/or the Approaches to Learning.

In the PYP grades, your child may share work samples, items from their portfolios, reflections and goals, give demonstrations, describe routines, and may also ask you to participate in different activities in the classroom to give you a window into their learning day. In the MYP grades, your child will share a digital portfolio in which they have documented aspects of their learning through the lenses of the Approaches to Learning (ATL), as well as their yearly goals, and reflections on their progress towards meeting their goals to date.

Please be aware that there will be an 11:45 am dismissal on that day to accommodate the conferences. Please save the date and plan to be present to support your child. The students really look forward to having the opportunity to share and shine!

Open for Registration: Kindergarten Clubs Day on Friday, January 25th

Prevent boredom! Keep your kids busy and away from their electronic devices by attending the Clubs Day scheduled this coming Friday!



Clubs Day will run 8:00 am to 3:00 pm from the Southridge Café in the Senior School. The day's schedule will include, Gross Motor Play, STEM Challenge/ Science Activity, Art Activities and Cooking Activity!

To register email Rita Rai at rrai@southridge.bc.ca

Senior School News

Save The Date! It's Play Season!

February 27th, **28**th **and March 1**st, Southridge Senior School Presents...**FAME**, the play (with music) at the Coast Capitol Playhouse in White Rock! Tickets be available starting this Friday, January 25th with **specific seat selection**! Get the best seats early with regular seats at \$15 each, or upgrade to premium seats for \$20/seat. Visit www.southridge.bc.ca for the direct link, or www.whiterockplayersclub.ca and book online, or by calling the box office at 604-536-7535. There will be a limited shuttle service running from the school on performance nights.

FAME tells the tale of students attending a Performing Arts School in NYC who are all vying to make it big. Some have talent, some don't have quite as much, but with the backdrop of the 80's, they all have very typical teenage problems and ways of perceiving the world.

Teen issues are important to this piece and therefore we have partnered with the organization YOUTHINBC this year, for all drama events, and hope to make a small difference for them to help youth all over BC with mental health and wellness issues.

One of the things I am excited about with regards to this show, is that this year **all four arts disciplines** are working together to mount this production. The Media, Art and Music departments have all been integral in the shaping of this piece---along with a visit to NYC in the fall!

Come and see for yourself—recommended for ages 7 and up.

Sara MacGregor Drama Teacher



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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!

Artona Studio 353 West 7th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1M2



Both Schools

Call for Nominations - 25 Remarkable Alumni

Believe it or not, Southridge will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year. As part of this exciting milestone for our school community, there will be many events and initiatives planned in the 2019/2020 school year for our entire school community (full details to come closer to the end of the school year).

One of the initiatives we have just launched to commemorate the 25th is recognizing the remarkable achievements of our alumni. From their contributions as volunteers and community leaders, to their academic and professional successes, our alumni are making a difference in the world. To acknowledge their achievements, we are running the **25** *Remarkable Alumni* campaign.

We are currently calling for nominations, of which 25 alumni will be selected and recognized at a special Anniversary event during the 2019-2020 school year.

Individuals who received their Grade 12 diploma from Southridge School are eligible for nomination.

In evaluating nominations, a selection committee will be guided by the following considerations:

- Does the nominee live the values of Southridge School, demonstrated by their personal integrity and moral character?
- Has the nominee contributed to the greater good through extraordinary service to society?
- Has the nominee attained a high level of leadership, creativity, distinction, and/or achievement in the arts, athletics, academics, business, teaching, research, sciences, or in any other field or discipline?

Alumni, alumni families, faculty, and community members are invited to nominate Southridge graduates. If you know a grad who is making a difference in the world through extraordinary leadership, community service, academic accomplishment or achievement in the arts or athletics, then nominate them today!

Nominations may be submitted by any individual, independently or on behalf of a group or institution. The deadline for submissions is **May 31, 2019**.



Recipients and their nominator(s) will be notified by **July 30**, **2019** and will be recognized at a special commemorative event to be held in February 2020 at Southridge School.

To submit a nomination or to read more about criteria and instructions, please visit www.southridge.bc.ca/alumni/25 or email remarkable@southridge.bc.ca.

If you have any questions, feel contact Jasmine Boyes (<u>iboyes@southridge.bc.ca</u>) or Christiane Hodson (<u>chodson@southridge.bc.ca</u>).

Sincerely,

Jasmine Boyes Community & Alumni Relations Manager

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



Join the Southridge School Sun Run Team!

The Vancouver Sun Run is less than 80 days away! This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 14th. We are hoping for another large turnout of Southridge students, parents, and teachers from both the Junior and Senior School. All ages are welcome to take part in this fun and fit community event, so be sure to tell your extended family and friends about it too! Whether your goal is to walk, jog, or race the full 10K or the 2.5K Mini Sun Run, we would love to have you join us on our Southridge team!

Please note: This is not an official Southridge excursion, so families will need to arrange their own transportation and supervision.

Beat the rush and **sign up by February 8**th to enjoy an 'early bird' rate of \$22 per student and \$35 per adult. To register, go to www.vancouversunrun.com, at the top of the page select 'Register' and click 'Join an Existing Team. Search for "Southridge School". Next, choose between the 2.5K Mini Run or the 10K option, fill out the registration information, and proceed to the checkout. Please E-mail me (mmorley@southridge.bc.ca) if you have any questions about the event!

Good luck to everyone and happy running!

Ms. Morley

New and Exciting Volunteer Opportunities!

Big THANK YOU to Senior School Feast Volunteers!!!

Hello Wonderful Volunteers,

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help set up, prepare, serve, and clean up at the Senior School Holiday Feast this year.

With the storm and multiple power outages during the night of the feast an extra big thankyou is in order! We felt like all of volunteers battled the elements to make it in time for their shifts, cook, and spend the evening enjoying this great event with us all!

Your time and commitment are much appreciated! As a result, the feast was a wonderful event for our Senior School students and faculty.



Looking forward to next year's feast and wishing everyone a wonderful 2019,

Sandy Johal, Deesha Thind & Maria Hodgson Senior School Feast Leaders

COUNTRY FAIR VOLUNTEERING

Can you believe that we are already thinking about the Country Fair? Or longing for summer—or maybe both!

Department Heads are needed immediately for:

Recycled Treasures—DEPARTMENT HEAD (co-lead)

Who doesn't like to recycle? Or find treasure? Join the other Department Head in Recycled Treasures! We are looking for someone with a flexible schedule, who can assist with afternoon shifts during collection week pre-Fair.

The position is responsible for:

- Organizing and managing the Recycled Treasures area during the 7 days of collection week and Fair Day.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
- Organizing and working with volunteers during collection week and on Fair Day to set up, run, and tear down area as directed. Of note, hours of operation are earlier and longer than regular Fair hours and include setting up on Friday.
- The Department Heads must also supervise volunteers with cash.

Southridge Garden—DEPARTMENT HEAD (co-lead)

No green thumb required! Join the other Department Head at the Southridge Garden this year. This position involves coordinating and sourcing new and existing suppliers for the plants and vegetables sold at the Fair. The position also involves responsibility for:



- Organizing and managing the Southridge Garden area on Fair Day.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
- Organizing and working with volunteers on Fair Day to set up, run, and tear down area as directed. Of note, hours of operation are earlier and longer than regular Fair hours and include setting up on Friday.
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This year we are also looking to fill several "shadow" positions, which are for interested volunteers to learn the ropes in order to take over the role in 2020:

Clothing—DEPARTMENT HEAD (Shadow)

Roll up your sleeves and shadow the Clothing Department Heads this year! They are responsible for:

- Organizing and managing the Recycled Clothing area during 7 days of collection week and Fair Day.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
- Organizing and working with volunteers during collection week and on Fair Day
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Indoor Games—DEPARTMENT HEAD (Shadow)

Work Hard—Play Harder! Shadow the Indoor Games Department Heads who are responsible for:



- Planning, organizing and managing the Indoor Games for the Country Fair, including games and ride rentals.
- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Determining volunteer requirements and ensuring volunteers follow policy and procedures.
- Liaising with fellow department heads to determine logistical, equipment, supply, signage and space needs for assigned area.
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Please contact <u>volunteer@southridge.bc.ca</u> if you are interested in filling one of these essential positions!

GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERING

Golf Committee Members—1 Senior and 1 Junior School Volunteer Needed

"I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's game: It's called an eraser." – Arnold Palmer

The main function of the Golf Committee is to coordinate and oversee the annual Southridge Golf Tournament. Committee Members work with the Advancement Department to ensure the success of the tournament. Responsibilities include:

- Attending committee meetings as needed.
- Reviewing event timelines and establishing deadlines.
- Reviewing past financials and establishing a budget with an attainable projected net revenue.
- Developing strategies to market the event and monitor budget controls.

A thorough understanding of the game of golf and tournament coordination is required. Golf mastery—optional.



Please contact <u>volunteer@southridge.bc.ca</u> if you are interested in filling one of these essential positions!

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 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) 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 as soon as possible. We will be assembling a 'dream team' to help make used uniforms great again!

Thank you for all of your support!

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/southridgeschool/ 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

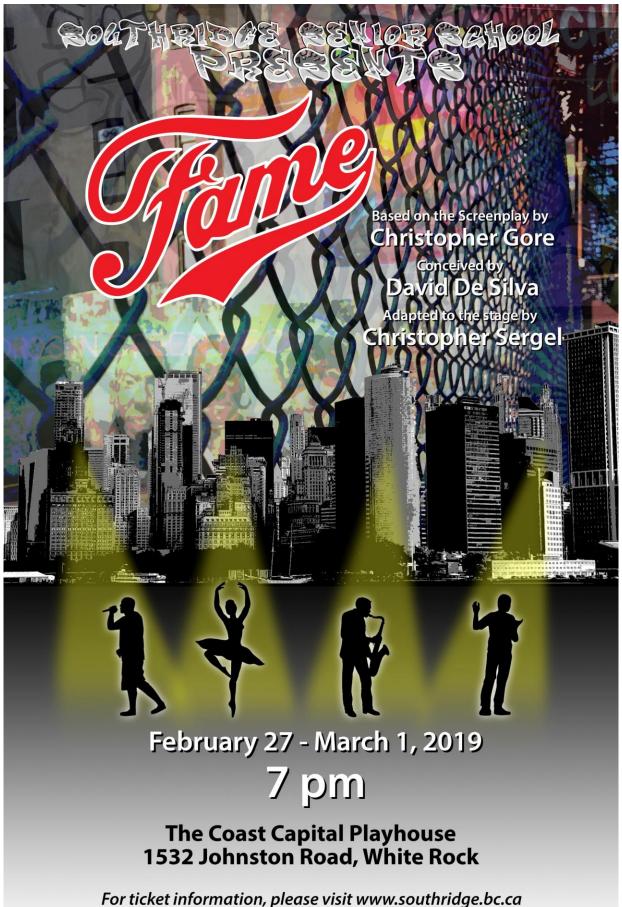


and you are welcome to come in and take a look. If interested, please place order at the shop by Thursday February 7.

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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For ticket information, please visit www.southridge.bc.ca or www.whiterockplayers.ca