



SOUTHRIDGE

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Weekly Voice

Celebrating a Milestone

We are very happy and proud to report to our community that, as of February 2019, Southridge has officially – and finally – retired its debt. Over the past two decades, the fiscal diligence and unwavering commitment of the Board of Governors, combined with the generous support of so many current and past families, has allowed Southridge to consistently and steadfastly pay down \$1 million annually to effectively manage a peak debt of approximately \$18 million.

This is very exciting for Southridge, indeed, for it comes at a time when our community is also looking to the future and imagining the next steps we will be taking to further develop our campus and its facilities. In support of the Campus Master Plan project (CMP) that was initiated close to five years ago, Southridge is now moving forward with several campus development projects to improve our learning spaces in both the Junior and Senior Schools.

Although the student population at Southridge will not increase, there is a definite need to re-envision how we can most effectively and creatively use our current buildings. Be it through renovations and/or additions, the Board of Governors and management team share the same goal, which is to provide our students with improved and modernized learning spaces that consider the knowledge and skills they will need for the future. The growth of student programming over the past decade, current research on how students learn best and the demands of new curriculum imperatives are all driving factors in our plans for the development of our campus.

As we have moved through debt servicing obligations over the past twenty-four years we've kept our aspirations about the future relatively muted so that we could focus on our goal of debt retirement. However, we are now in the position to think more vividly about campus improvement, and our anticipation about the future, which includes a capital fundraising campaign, is exciting and energizing.

To be sure, the school is in the very early stages of investigating what our capital fundraising campaign will look like, and no finalized plans or specific costs for campus developments have been identified; however, the Board will be actively reviewing plans and recommendations this spring, and we look forward to providing a clear and definitive update about the future before the end of this school year.

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Drew Stephens
Head of School

Nick Nuraney
Chair, Board of Governors



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Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Senior School Captains' Forum	Monday, March 11	8:30 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
MYP Musical Matinee	Tuesday, March 12	1:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School Speech Day	Wednesday, March 13	All Day	Senior School
MYP Musical Evening	Wednesday, March 13	6:30 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Grade 8 World Religions Field Trip	Thursday, March 14	All Day	Senior School
Casual Day	Friday, March 15	All Day	Both Schools
Junior School Design Day	Friday, March 15	All Day	Junior School
MYP Assembly	Friday, March 15	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Senior School End of Term Assembly	Friday, March 15	8:30 am	Alan Brown Great Hall
Term 2 Report Cards	Friday, March 15		Junior School
Cambodia Service Trip	Saturday, March 16 – Wednesday, March 27		Senior School
Guatemala Service Trip	Sunday, March 17 – Tuesday, March 25		Senior School
Spring Break	Monday, March 18 – Friday, March 29		Both Schools
Late Start	Monday, April 1	10:20 am	Both Schools
Terry Small Study Skills Seminar	Monday, April 1	10:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, April 3	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Euclid Math Contest	Wednesday, April 3		Senior School
Semiahmoo Dance Performance for Grade 3 and 4	Friday, April 5	10:30 am	Junior School Great Hall
Ivey Western Business Case Competition	Saturday, April 6	8:00 am	Senior School
Junior School Assembly	Wednesday, April 10	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Good Friday Holiday	Friday, April 19	All Day	Both Schools
Easter Monday Holiday	Monday, April 22	All Day	Both Schools
Summer Uniform Begins	Tuesday, April 23		Both Schools

Junior School News

Spring Break – Saturday, March 16 - Sunday, March 31, 2019

Students will be dismissed at 3:00 pm for Spring Break on Friday, March 15. Report cards will be accessible by 3:30 pm in The Ridge on Friday, March 15. Classes resume with a late start on Monday, April 1 (no joke!) at 10:25 am. Please do not drop your child off at the school prior to 10:10 am as there is no supervision until that time. Faculty and staff are engaged in meetings.

Casual Day for Games Prizes at our Fair!

On **Friday, March 15th**, we have a **Casual Day** in the Junior School. This month, we are asking **every student to bring in a minimum \$2 donation**, which will be put towards Country Fair games prizes. These funds will be used to purchase fun and interesting prizes for the lucky winners of the indoor games during our Fair on May 4th. Proceeds from the indoor games, combined with other areas of the Fair, help us raise approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 annually for important projects around the school. We hope you'll take part!

Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Service Coordinator

Jumpin' Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Results Released

Thank you all so much for your amazing generosity in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation at the end of January. Our combined Junior and Senior schools earned \$10,635.50 for research, education, and medical equipment. Last week we had the pleasure of presenting a cheque at our assembly to Alim Dhanani from the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Special thanks to Ms. Morley and Ms. Fera for scheduling and running the Junior School event. The equivalent of 10% of our funds raised will later be donated to W.E. Kinvig Elementary School to purchase more sports equipment or fund additional programming for its students. Your continued commitment to the Heart and Stroke Foundation is wonderful, as so many people directly and indirectly benefit from your generous spirit.

Thank you again!

Jo-Ann Murchie
PYP Service Coordinator



Cheque presentation to Alim Dhanani from the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation.

“Step in Time” to see Mary Poppins Junior!

If you’ve been in the Junior School recently, you’ve probably heard some familiar, toe-tapping tunes. That’s because all Grade 5, 6, and 7 students are busy working on preparing for our supercalifragilisticexpialidocious production of the musical “Mary Poppins Junior”.

An extra-special thank you to Ms. Janzen, Ms. Redies, and the MYP Art Club for their work on the beautiful sets that will bring Cherry Tree Lane in London to life! Thank you also to our amazing costume team, led by Haisha Shahalimi, Sabrina Pawa, and Dana Watson, for the many hours they are spending on the awesome costumes!

Please mark your calendars for the 1:00 pm matinee performance on Tuesday, March 12 and/or the 6:30 pm evening performance on Wednesday, March 13. Tickets are not necessary, so please just show up with your families and friends. The students are working very hard in rehearsals and are looking forward to having full houses for both performances; the more, the merrier!

We hope that you are able to join us for our “sweeter than a spoonful of sugar” production!

Dr. Bessflug, Mrs. Winterburn, Madame Sullivan, and Mrs. de Hoog
The MYP Musical Team

Term 3 Junior School Athletics Schedules

Term three Junior Athletics will begin after Spring Break. The only sport that begins this week is the Grade 6/7 girl's soccer tryouts.

Grade 3-7 Track & Field

Practices:

Every Tuesday and Thursdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Track Meets:

- Tuesday, April 9th – Grade 5-7 Mini Meet @ South Surrey Track: 11-2pm
- Thursday, April 18th – Grade 3-4 Mini Meet @ South Surrey Track: 11-2pm
- Thursday, April 25th – Vancouver Elementary Track Meet @ UBC Track: 9-4 pm
- Saturday, May 11th – Eagle Classic @ Maple Ridge Secondary School: 9 am-5:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 21st – ISEA's Track & Field Championships @ South Surrey Track: 9-4 pm

Grade 5 Girls Soccer

Practices:

Every Wednesday and Fridays 3:15-4:15 pm

Game Schedule:

- Tuesday, April 16th – Grade 5 Girls Soccer Games @ Southridge: 3:30-5:00 pm (All Teams)
- Tuesday, April 30th – Grade 5 Girls Soccer Games @ Jericho Field- WPGA: 1:30-3 pm (All Teams)
- Tuesday, May 7th – Grade 5 Girls Soccer Games @ Southpointe: 3:30-4:30 pm (vs. Southpointe)
- Tuesday, May 14th – Grade 5 Girls Soccer Playday @ Southridge: 9 am-2:00 pm

Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer

Practices:

Every Wednesday and Fridays 3:15-4:15 pm

Game Schedule:

- Wednesday, April 10th – Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Game @ Southridge: 3:30-4:30 pm vs. WPGA
- Tuesday, April 23rd – Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Game @ Southridge: 3:30-4:30 pm vs. Collingwood
- Monday, April 29th – Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Game @ Southridge: 3:30-4:30 pm vs. Southpointe
- Tuesday, April 30th -- Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Game @ Collingwood: 2:00-3:00 pm vs. Collingwood
- Monday, May 6th -- Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Game @ Jericho Field: 2:00-3:00 pm vs. WPGA
- Tuesday, May 14th – Grade 6/7 Girls Soccer Championships @ Southridge: 9 am-2:00 pm

Grade 5-7 Ultimate

Practices:

Every Tuesday and Thursdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Added practices on Mon, Apr. 1st and Monday, April 8th with a guest Ultimate coach.

Game Schedule:

- Wednesday, April 17th – Grade 5-7 Ultimate Game @ Winona Park: 3:30-4:45 pm vs. All Teams

- Wednesday, April 24rd – Grade 5-7 Ultimate Game @ Southridge: 3:30-4:45 pm vs. All Teams
- Wednesday, May 1st – Grade 5-7 Ultimate Game @ Winona Park: 3:30-4:45 pm vs. All Teams
- Wednesday, May 8th – Grade 5-7 ISEA Ultimate Championships @ Winona Park: 9:30-3:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 15th – Grade 5-7 Ultimate Game @ Winona Park: 3:30-4:45 pm vs. All Teams

Senior School News

FAME is Famous!

Now that the curtain has closed on the Senior School's production of FAME at the Coast Capital Playhouse in White Rock, I have much to reflect on. I was a kid in the 80's, and doing this show brought back many waves of nostalgia for me, and likely for many of you who either participated in it, or experienced it as an audience member. It was a delight and a privilege to ride these waves last week on the stage of the White Rock Players Club, thanks to the talented and dedicated students, staff, parents and volunteers at Southridge School.

Nostalgia aside, I selected this play with the cast in mind, drawing on their strengths, their range, and giving them "a chance to stretch" as Mr Ferrell, the drama teacher at PA so aptly puts it. The selection of *FAME*, was also with the hope of having a true ARTS-based performance, where work could be showcased by all the ARTS disciplines in the school. I think this was achieved in paramount, and this was thanks to the collaboration of the ARTS strands within the senior school: Mr. Chris Mitchell, Mr. Chris Westendorf, Mr. Alan McInnes, Ms Janet Bailey, Ms Susy Baransky-Job and Ms Antonia Kolic, as producer, were all so supportive of the project, but also so much fun to work with! I also had the pleasure of working with Mr. Doug Barnim, Ms Yvette Livingston, Mr. Brad Smith and Ms Carmen Moser as actors, who were all so willing to come along on the ride with us.

When people would ask me about my career choice as a drama teacher and the challenges it poses, I would simply say to them, "Well, it's not rocket science, just a lot of time." I now take that back. This play has presented me, and every member of our team, with great obstacles to overcome and problems to solve -- everything from figuring out

how to become a touring show, to cancelled rehearsals thanks to snow days, to never having a full company present (we had a huge number of students involved), to coming up with Plan D for the set -- but the enthusiasm and creativity of our participants allowed the phoenix to rise from the ashes, and create something even more appropriate, and in a record period of time, to boot!

I am incredibly proud of everyone who so capably worked together to bring this (almost completely) authentic artistic achievement of the 80's to our Southridge and White Rock communities. There are so many who gave so much time, creativity and ingenuity to mounting this production: cast, crew, musicians, tech, parents --you know who you are - - and I thank you from the deepest wells of my heart. Now, as we begin to resume our post show lives, we can all "remember" that *FAME* is "gonna live forever" in our memories and in our hearts!

Sara MacGregor
Drama Teacher



The Cast and Crew of FAME

Math Challengers

On Saturday, February 23rd, ten Grade 8 and six Grade 9 students travelled to UBC to compete in the Math Challengers Lower Mainland Regional competition. The Math Challengers program is a provincial math contest that encourages enrichment in mathematics, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Our Grade 8 Team consisting of Ryan Gao, Emile Lalonde, Sherry Liu, Puja Mishra, and Emma Yao placed 2nd in their pool and have been invited to participate in the Provincial competition on April 6th at UBC. Additionally, Sherry Liu placed 3rd in the individual competition in the pool.

Congratulations to all students involved! A big thank you to the coaches, Ms. Lai, Ms. Menzies, and Mr. Monga for helping to prepare the students and to the parents for supporting the students at the competition.

Heather Morris
Math Department Curriculum Leader



Sherry Liu, 3rd Place



Grade 8 Math Challengers Team

Summer Session Math Opportunity - Foundations of Math 10

A number of students have expressed interest in attending a summer session to complete the requirements for FMP 10, which would, if successful, allow them to move into Pre-Calculus 11 in the 2019-20 school year. Students who are contemplating this degree of acceleration are advised that they should have an “A” in their current Math program or have the recommendation of their teacher. The course would also be open to students who have completed FMP 10 but who might wish to improve their understanding of the course content and potentially upgrade their marks.

This course will be delivered through a combination of at home preparation, video lessons, tutorials, and on-campus classes. Students can expect to complete 10-12 hours of work at home per week. Students must be available to be in full attendance each day of the course and any student with more than two absences might be required to withdraw.

If you are interested in this opportunity, we would need the registration form, together with a cheque for the full cost of the program, by Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The course will need a minimum of 9 students in order to run.

Dates and cost:

Tuesday, July 2 – Friday, August 2

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cost: \$1,300

A flyer with full details of this opportunity will be posted on Grade 9 Schoology and copies are available at the front desk.

Thank you for your interest.

Kierstan McCaw

Vice-Principal, Learning

Calendar Alert: Grade 10 Numeracy Exam

All Grade 10 students will write the Grade 10 Numeracy Exam on Friday June 21 at 9:00 am. The Grade 10 Numeracy Exam is a BC graduation requirement. Please record this important date in your calendar.

University Counselling and Career Education Update

Upcoming Events:

UK & Irish Universities Information Session – Wednesday, March 6th at lunch in the University Centre. Open to any Grade 10 or 11 student who would like to know more about researching direct-entry professional programs such as medicine or law. Our 2019 grads who have applied this year will be on hand to provide advice and tips about the application process.

Note – we will be running a lunch time chat for students interested in US colleges. Date to be confirmed.

Southridge University Counselling is pleased to present two evening events in April – mark your calendar for:

1. “Having the Money Talk: Raising Financially Literate Teens” Come to this special evening talk that follows along from the principles and skills that students are taught as part of the Career Education curriculum. Learn some practical tips and approaches to discussing the topic of money with your teen in order to empower them to become financially prepared and wise stewards of money.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 10th

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Senior School Alan Brown Great Hall

OPEN TO: Parents of Senior School students (Grade 11 parents are particularly encouraged to come and hear about the financial literacy workshop that is delivered as part of Career Education 11)

2. “Cracking the Code” A customized presentation of the US college/university process for international students by Peter Van Buskirk, Author and Motivational Speaker and Former Dean of Admission in the US

WHEN: Thursday, April 25th

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Junior School Great Hall

OPEN TO: All Students and Parents

Thinking About Summer Program Experiences at Universities?

This is the time to review summer program options that are offered at colleges and universities. Some examples are:

- Oxbridge Summer Programs <https://oxbridgeprograms.com/>
- McGill Summer Academy www.mcgill.ca/summeracademy

- Cornell University Summer College www.summercollege.cornell.edu
- Johns Hopkins Summer Pre-College www.summerprograms.jhu.edu
- University of Toronto Summer Youth Program <http://ysp.utoronto.ca/>
- King's College, London <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/summer>

This is a sample list – there are many universities that open their campuses in the summer for high school students to experience lectures and life in a post-secondary program.

Guest Speaker: Peter Van Buskirk



The University Counselling Centre is pleased to announce that Mr. Peter Van Buskirk is returning to Southridge to share his knowledge and expertise about the US college admission process.

Date: Thursday, April 25
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Junior School Great Hall

An industry analyst, thought leader, and student advocate, Peter cuts insightfully through conventional rhetoric and hyperbole to promote a healthy, student-centered, college-going process for families of all backgrounds.

His experiences as a recruiter and evaluator of talent, admission strategist, director of athletics, and executive officer in the office of the provost position him uniquely to share a truly holistic perspective on college planning with families. Now, an author, in-demand motivational speaker and workshop leader, Peter founded Best College Fit as a means of bringing transparency to the college admission process and helping students position themselves to achieve their educational goals. He has presented his creative programming to more than 2,000 audiences worldwide.

Peter spent more than 25 years in selective college admission including twelve as Dean of Admission at Franklin & Marshall College before joining Peterson's where he served as Vice President for College Planning Solutions. He attended Harvard's Management Development Program and is a 40-year member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling. <https://www.bestcollegefit.com/>

Dominica 2020 Science Research Expedition

We have begun planning for a two-week expedition to Dominica June 27 – July 12, 2020 to help with biodiversity surveys run by Operation Wallacea. The trip is open to students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 (in the 2019/2020 school year). If you are interested in applying for this trip, please complete the google form *Student Application for Learning Abroad Programs* linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFpqg8FrV6i9GSIQVfGXvzN-4m85PK6CX8r6ejSq3YvtxrA/viewform?fbzx=2812809798540712562>

Dominica is one of the most unspoilt islands of the Caribbean – its steep forested cliffs rise straight out of the sea, and the deep forest canyons and waterfalls have made mechanical clearance on the island impossible. Operation Wallacea is working with the Forestry Department to enhance their datasets on the forest dynamics and faunal communities, and students have the opportunity to help with this research.

In their first week, the students will be based in a rainforest research centre, sleeping in dormitories or tents. They will assist with various surveys, such as bird surveys (both early morning mist nets trapping and standard point counts), forest structure, herpetofauna surveys (including documenting the spread of an invasive anolis lizard), freshwater ecological surveys, bat surveys, and invertebrate surveys. During this week, they will also complete a course on Caribbean Island Ecology and have the chance to either take part in a half day canyoning activity or go on a day excursion to visit some of Dominica's stunning volcanic sites and learn about some of the island's exciting geothermal activity.

For the second week, the group will travel to Fort Shirley in the Cabrits National Park, where students who wish to learn how to dive to a PADI Open Water level can complete their diving qualification. Those who wish to snorkel, or who are already dive qualified will complete a Caribbean reef ecology and survey methods course. Students will also be taking part in sea mammal research using the knowledge and skills that they have gained.

It is also possible to complete an Independent Research Project while on expedition, and the expedition covers key aspects of biology, geography, and environmental science syllabuses.

The expedition will cost approximately \$5,450 inclusive of include food and accommodation while on the expedition, comprehensive medical insurance, training and participation in the research program, and dive/snorkel equipment rental. It will also include the cost of international flights, internal transfers, and hotel stays. It will not include transport to and from the airport in Vancouver, incidental expenses such as souvenirs, and meals on the international flights or at the airports.

If you missed the parent information night and would like more details about this trip, please contact **Ms. Szymczak!**



Both Schools

Volunteer News

Does the idea of sorting used uniforms spark joy? Or at least some interest?

If so, we are looking for 2-4 parents (ideally 2 Junior School and 2 Senior School) to join the Used Uniform team at Southridge. Marie Kondo has nothing on this team—come join the fun!

If you are interested, please email volunteer@southridge.bc.ca.

This Week in Southridge History... (Teaser Edition)

This week in Southridge Wednesday history (way back in 2014), a Mini We Day was held at Southridge, which included community speakers who engaged with students about social issues and how they could take action to help solve those issues. There was a guest appearance from UBC Slam poetry, and performances by the Grade 10 jazz band, as well as a hip-hop dance segment. Parents were also advised about upcoming report cards—which were sent home in PAPER form back in the day—how times have changed!!

We are looking for two people to assist with Wednesday Article Collection in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Southridge School. This position will entail pulling out tidbits from historical editions of the Wednesday over the past 25 years, which will then be shared weekly with Wednesday readership starting next September!

Please email volunteer@southridge.bc.ca to express your interest in this position!

Thank you!

The Volunteer Committee

Last Chance to Join the Southridge Sun Run Team!

The last chance to join the Southridge Vancouver Sun Run Team is this Friday, March 8th. If you would like to join us for this fun-filled community event happening on April 14th, 2019, please visit: www.vancouversunrun.com and register for team: Southridge School. Any questions, contact Ms. Morley at mmorley@southridge.bc.ca

Click the link to watch our promotional video: <https://vimeo.com/321767719>

Nominate a Remarkable Alumni Today!

Next year, Southridge will celebrate its 25th anniversary. As part of this exciting milestone, 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 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, contact Jasmine Boyes (jboyes@southridge.bc.ca) or Christiane Hodson (chodson@southridge.bc.ca).

Southridge School

Presents

CRACKING THE CODE

A customized presentation of the US college/university admission process for international students



Thursday, April 25th, 2019



at 7:00 PM (PST)



Southridge School, 2656 160th Street, Surrey, BC

Featuring



Peter Van Buskirk

Author, Motivational Speaker and Former Dean of Admission

Featured: The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Family Circle, and "Oprah and Friends" with Jean Chatzky

"Cracking the Code" puts US-bound students in a better position to prepare & compete for success as applicants. In particular, the presentation:

- Differentiates between educational options (college vs university)
- Debunks rankings (at least, put them in perspective!)
- Focuses on student-centeredness and finding "fit"
- Examines the role of ROI and the need to project "value" as an applicant
- Provides insight into contextual admission reviews (relevance of IB, AP)
- Reveals the importance of "connecting the dots" in the holistic admission
- Discusses the implications of pending (affirmative action) court actions

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