



SOUTHRIDGE

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## Weekly Voice

### Welcome to Summer and Campus Plan Update

As we enter the final few days of the school year, I would like to encourage all our parents to support Southridge by attending our year-end Closing and Commencement Ceremonies. Your support at these special assemblies helps us celebrate the conclusion of the school year as we reflect on our students' successes.

Our Senior School Commencement Ceremony is taking place on Friday, June 21 at 7:00 pm and our Junior School Closing Celebration is also this Friday at 9:00 am. Incidentally, summer solstice officially occurs at 8:54 am on Friday morning, meaning that the arrival of summer coincides almost exactly with our Junior School Closing Celebration. Senior School Commencement and Junior School Closing Celebrations will take place in the Senior School gymnasium. We would love to have our parents, grandparents, and friends here with us to help bring our school year to a joyful conclusion and to welcome the beginning of summer.

As we welcome the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date about our campus development plans. You may recall from a *Southridge Wednesday* article earlier in the year, our community reached a significant milestone in February when we retired our debt. In support of the Campus Master Plan that was initiated close to five years ago, Southridge is now moving forward with several development projects to improve our learning spaces in both the Junior and Senior Schools. I am excited to announce that we will be launching a capital fundraising campaign during our school's 25<sup>th</sup> year, with the goal of raising the necessary funds to move forward with the first phase of campus development.

Phase one of campus development focuses on an expansion and extensive renovations of the Junior School, as well as significant renovations to the Senior School. The Centre Building, which was originally identified as the first phase of campus development, will now be included in future phases. For the foreseeable future, however, our focus will be on improving learning spaces for students, ensuring that we will continue to provide the facilities and resources needed to deliver exceptional academic and co-curricular programs.

Pending successful building permit issuance from the City of Surrey, you will see construction taking place on campus over the summer and into the new school year. The projects associated with this stage of campus development, which includes the construction of an administrative annex and subsequent renovations to parts of the Senior School, fall outside of the capital fundraising campaign and will be completed by summer 2020.

Drawing the school year to a close as summer solstice begins presents a wonderful opportunity for all of us to recognize how our children have grown over the past ten months, or, for our Grade 12 graduates, the past 13 years. I hope you will be able to honour this growth with us on Friday as we assemble to celebrate our students.

Have a wonderful summer!

Drew Stephens  
Head of School

## Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Grade 5,6, and 7 Early Dismissal	Thursday, June 20	11:50 am	
MYP Certificate Ceremony	Thursday, June 20	8:10 am	Junior School Great Hall
Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony and Dance	Thursday, June 20	5:00 pm	Junior School Great Hall
Junior School Closing Ceremony	Friday, June 21	9:00 am	Junior School
Senior School Commencement	Friday, June 21	7:00 pm	Senior School Gym
Summer Camp Week 1 Starts	Tuesday, July 2		Southridge School
Summer Camp Week 2 Starts	Monday, July 8		Southridge School
Summer Camp Week 3 Starts	Monday, July 15		Southridge School
Summer Camp Week 3 Starts	Monday, July 22		Southridge School

## Feature News

### Southridge French Study Abroad Opportunity Montreux, Switzerland July 2020

Southridge French Study Abroad Opportunity – Montreux, Switzerland July 2020. We are offering a French study tour next summer from July 5 to 19th, 2020. Current Grade 7 to 11 students are welcome to join us. The students will attend French language classes in the morning and explore Switzerland in the afternoons. Please contact Madame Lew for more information. (mlew@southridge.bc.ca). The cost of the trip including tuition, full room, board, and activities is \$5100.00. To hold a spot on this trip, please submit an application form and deposit of \$1000.00 to Southridge School by September 30, 2019. Get ready for some learning and adventure!



Please fill in the application below:

[Student Application for Learning Abroad Programs](#)

## Thank You to All! Advancement Year in Review

At this time, we would like to thank the Southridge Community for their generous support over the year. Our three major events, two fundraising campaigns, and the many other events and initiatives within Advancement were all great successes!

First of all, the “Heart of Us Gala”, was organized by an amazing new committee of parents and was an enormous success, raising \$340,000 for a number of projects around the school including:

- Grade 4 Classroom Furniture
- Alan Brown Great Hall Furniture
- Café Renovations and Equipment
- PYP Furniture
- Senior School Weight Room Equipment



The committee is already planning next year's gala – our 25<sup>th</sup>! Save the date – November 16, 2019. This gala will definitely be the hottest ticket in town so be ready to purchase when tickets become available this fall!

The 2019 Country Fair was also a great success! As always, friends and guests were greeted by our warm and welcoming volunteers. Expenses are still being tallied, but we'll net approximately \$60,000! This year's revenue was earmarked for three projects:

- 3D Printer for our Senior School Design Lab
- Laser-Cutter for our Senior School Design Lab
- Set of Chromebooks for Grade 3 & 4 students



Raising \$60,000 at the Fair (which makes it one of our most successful) might seem surprising since the crowd seemed a little smaller this year. However, in our experience, large crowds don't always mean a better bottom line. Often bigger crowds just mean longer line-ups! We also experimented this year with a larger social media budget for marketing the Country Fair instead of getting new lawn signs printed (which aren't great for the environment and

are expensive to produce). We'll take all of this into consideration for next year's Fair, which will be our 25<sup>th</sup>!

We're also excited to announce that the revenue for next year's Country Fair will be donated back to our community through a grant application process. In celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to thank our greater community for all their support of Southridge over the last 25 years, local charities will be eligible to apply for a grant. Additional details will be available in September so stay tuned if you have a charity in mind.

The Golf Tournament, our third major event of the year, was held only a few short weeks ago. We are still finalizing expenses, but we are able to report that approximately \$65,000 was raised from our parents and community! Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors and dinner guests for your participation in this fun community tournament! What a fun day! The money we raised from this event will be used to purchase the following:

- Volleyball net system for the Senior School gym
- Athletics uniforms for our Junior and Senior school athletes

Our Legacy Giving Campaign was also a great success. Once again, the vast majority of our new families made multi-year pledges totaling over \$700,000. Thank you to all our canvassers and our very gracious new families who welcomed their visits! This was a significant year for this campaign and for our school community because this spring we made our **final debt payment!** This means that for the first time in our school's history, we are debt free. This is possible because of the generosity of all the families who have continued the legacy of giving back to this campaign. Thank you to everyone who pledged this year or made a pledge payment. How exciting to be able to plan for our next phases of campus development!

Thanks to annual donations from our families, staff, friends, alumni and alumni parents, we raised over \$80,000 and donations are still coming in. This will allow us to purchase nearly all the items on our wish list, including new soccer nets, a bass amp and additional funds for student bursaries. We are still short of our goal for our Academics fund which will allow us to purchase four complete sets of Phonic Reader Series to further enrich our Levelled Literacy Intervention Program in the Junior School. Please consider giving to our Academics fund to make this purchase possible! Thank you again to all our families who gave so generously this year!

Finally, a huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers. From our hot lunch and uniform shop volunteers to those of you who help out with our events or behind the scenes, a special thank you for ensuring that Southridge continues to be such an amazing community. We know that launching yet another volunteer software program was met with some reservation, but we appreciate everyone getting on board and using the program to sign-up and manage their shifts. A special thank you to the Volunteer Committee, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that hundreds of volunteers are in place for the year!

As you can probably tell, we are very excited about next year and celebrating '25 years of Southridge!' Stay tuned for important event information and volunteer opportunities related to the 25<sup>th</sup> over the summer. Have a wonderful summer and see you in the Fall!

The Advancement Team  
Christiane Hodson  
Rebecca James  
Kate Lucas  
Erin McDonald  
Lisa Glandt

PS – It's not too late to [make a donation](#) this year! Gifts can be made [online](#) any time.

## Junior School News

### Junior School Year End Events Planning Guide for June 2019

Junior School year end special events, celebrations, and ceremonies are upcoming up. We would like to ensure all parents are well aware in advance of all events so that you can ensure that your child is prepared, and so that families can plan accordingly to can join us.

Date	Event Details	Time and Location
Thursday, June 20 (Day 2)	<b>MYP Certificate Ceremony</b> (for Grades 5-7 students; parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognitions and certificates presented for Gr. 7 S.P.I.R.I.T., Gr. 5-7 academic honour roll, and writing.</li> </ul>	8:15 am - 9:00 a.m. in the Junior School Great Hall
	<b>Grade 7 vs. Teachers Soccer Game</b>	11:00-11:50 am on the Turf Field
	<b>Early Dismissal for Grade 5-7 students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 5 and 6 students dismissed for their class parties.</li> <li>Gr. 7 students dismissed for Grad prep.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Regular 3:00 pm dismissal for K-Gr. 4 students</i>	12:00 pm
	<b>Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner</b> (for Grade 7 students and parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception, and Grad and Family Photos for yearbook start at 5:00 pm.</li> <li>Dinner is served at 6:00 pm.</li> <li>First Dance with parents at 8:15 pm.</li> </ul>	5:00-8:30 pm in the Junior School Great Hall
	<b>Grade 7 Graduation Dance</b> (for Gr. 7 students only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please ensure your child is picked up at 10:00 pm sharp.</li> </ul>	8:30-10:00 pm in the JS Gym

Friday, June 21	<p><b>Junior School Closing Ceremonies</b> (for Kindergarten - Gr 7 students, parents, and guests)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:45 am late start for all K-Gr. 7 students.</li> <li>• Closing Ceremonies begin at 9:00 am.</li> <li>• Students must wear Full Dress Winter uniform.</li> <li>• Special rites of passage for Kindergarten and Gr. 3 students.</li> <li>• Although Kindergarten students return to their classrooms right after their part of the program, we request that Kindergarten parents remain in their seats for the duration of the program to minimize disruption to the proceedings.</li> <li>• All K-Gr. 7 students return to their classrooms prior to being dismissed following the Closing Ceremony.</li> <li>• If you are not attending the Closing Ceremonies, please ensure that someone is on-site by 10:00 am to pick up your child.</li> <li>• K-4 Final Report Cards go live on The Ridge at 12:00 pm</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Gr. 5-7 Final Report Cards go live on The Ridge at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 28. Final IB MYP Grades mailed home June 28.</i></p>	8:45 - 10:15 am in the Senior School Gym
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## Locker Dimensions for Students entering Grade 4

Our current Grade 3 students will be moving on up the stairs in September, where they will have their own lockers. Locker dimensions are 32 cm (depth) by 21 cm (width). If you are planning to purchase a backpack or other school bag for your child entering Grade 4, please keep locker dimensions in mind. Bags must be able to fit completely into lockers for safety reasons. It is difficult to find a backpack with wheels that fit into the lockers, so please take a measuring tape with you when shopping.



## Black Uniform Shoe Purchasing Guidelines

For those parents purchasing new black uniform shoes for their child over the summer, please be reminded that uniform shoes must have a smooth leather upper and be polishable. Both the upper and the outsole must be completely black. An athletic style shoe is appropriate provided that it is entirely black (upper and outsole), is made of smooth leather, can be polished, and does not have obvious logos or designs on the upper or outsole. Suede, patent leather, nubuck, or synthetics are not suitable choices for uniform footwear. Please see the updated *Family Handbook* now available on the Parent Portal for full details regarding uniform expectations for all students for the coming school year to help you make informed purchases.

## September Save-the-Date! For Returning Families

### Wednesday, September 4, 2019

9:00 am: New student orientation for all new students entering Grades 1 through 7 with their Southridge student buddy (hosted by Mrs. de Hoog)

10:30 am or 6:30 pm Technology Information Sessions for **all Grade 5 students and parents**, as well as all new families to Grades 5-7 - each student, along with a parent, must attend one of the offered sessions (hosted by Mr. Anderson and Mrs. de Hoog)

### Thursday, September 5, 2019 (Day 1) First Day of School (8am-3pm)

Summer uniform (please ensure your child has their green sweater or vest for assembly)  
10:15 am - Junior School Welcome Back Assembly in the Junior School Great Hall

### Thursday, September 12

Photo Day (all day) - Students need to wear Regulation Winter Dress Uniform to school for their individual and class photos.

### Thursday, September 19

6:00 pm Outdoor Education Information Sessions for Gr. 5-7 Parents

7:00 pm K-7 Meet the Faculty/Curriculum Night - Please note - an information session to share our revised report card and updates to other aspects of our communication of learning system will take place at 8:00 pm, following the classroom presentations. Please plan to attend this important evening.

## Summer Reading

Reading is a lifelong habit and skill, which we all wish to foster. The public libraries have fun and motivating clubs to join. I encourage all students to register. The number of students who participate are reported to our school; it is encouraging to know that we have many active readers at the library.

### Students entering Grades 1 through 4 please bring:

1. List of books you read in the summer (may use public library recording card)
2. Short summary of **one** book you want to recommend others to read and/or a copy of the book.

Children **entering Grade 1** in September 2019 may have parents read **to** them and scribe for them.

**Note:** Students need to spend a minimum of 30 minutes a day to maintain (60 minutes to increase) their current reading level. Happy Reading!

Have a fun, exciting, and adventurous summer!

Mrs. Rowena Raber  
PYP Division Leader

## A Love Letter to Rowena

As Grade 1 teacher Mrs. Raber's retirement nears a few of us teachers wanted to pay tribute to her. We are each writing a part of this letter to let you know how much you will be missed by the Southridge community- the parents, your colleagues, and especially the many students you have impacted for almost 25 years here. You have been a key contributor to why so many of us call "Southridge- a home". You have loved and cared for the school...and for this Southridge will always have your (check) mark on it.



Dear Rowena,

I am writing you this letter as my fellow “lifer”. You are affectionately known to many who care for you as Row....“Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream”....

Wait, I have been teaching with you for almost 25 years and while you were our captain on that small dingy that was Southridge in the beginning, there was nothing “gentle” about the way you rowed. You guided us with such tremendous energy, enthusiasm, and gusto that our little boat churned through the water with great force. You have always been there to support your team and be the spokesperson with the “little ones” who Alan Brown, our first head, was the first to admit they were not his “forte!”. When I think about our motto that Southridge is “a light-hearted place with a serious purpose”, I think of you. Your infectious laughter and obsession with talking, and debating, and talking some more will be fondly remembered. You certainly have been known to follow people into the bathroom, into their classroom, and out to their cars at the end of the day with conversations that just couldn’t quite end. Your friendship has been one of support and inspiration and I have become a more creative teacher because of you. As you know, I don’t savour a cup of coffee as you do, but I will always make time for a tea date with you!

Love Samara Ridley-Thomas

Dear Rowena,

I am writing this letter to you to say thank you for being an amazing teaching partner. You are a terrific mentor and a great source of inspiration.....truly a most valuable resource. You are a treasure chest full of new strategies and ideas. You are an engineer of great learning experiences inspired by your mountain of knowledge.

I am writing this letter to you to say thank you for igniting sparks and lighting flames. I will always admire you for having a brave heart and a crazy imagination that helped to plant new seeds that blossomed new perspectives and new possibilities..... like putting students in the driver's seat, following their lead, and letting learning and teaching get messy.

I am writing this letter to you to say thank you for sharing your enthusiasm, love, and passion for teaching and learning. You are an amazing road map that can go in so many different directions and test drive many ideas.... all at the same time....and let's just say it can make for one crazy ride trying to keep up with you! Nevertheless, I always appreciated how you gently guided me to see the possibilities but never telling me what to see, encouraged me to take risks and create my own personal road map, follow my own paths, run with the ideas that worked for me and to go at my own pace.

Thank you for sharing all your gifts and making these last 4 years a memorable journey. In the fall, I may have a new teacher partner, but in my heart, you are simply irreplaceable.

Love Ravi Kooner

Dear Rowena,

I am writing you this letter to let you know that you have always inspired me with your dedication to teaching and your tireless energy! Both my kids believe you are younger than me, because through the years as my energy depletes, yours just keeps accelerating. I thought it was your coffee drinking that kept you energized, so I even took up coffee...but no luck! Your energy was driven by your passion to educate.

Twenty years ago, both of us much younger, you hired me and took me in your arms and raised me to be the best teacher I could be. You did all this with a mother's touch- with trust, patience, and some very, very long conversations. I sure became an expert at how to escape conversations so I could make it home in time for dinner! Through the years I have enjoyed many relationships with you.... as my mentor- I valued your wisdom and guidance ....as my teaching partner- I valued your knowledge and expertise and as the teacher of my children - I valued for your protection and nurturing nature, and as my friend ....I valued your raw honesty and your loving care. Rowena....I want you to know you have truly enriched my life in more ways than I can count. I will miss you!

Love Cindy Khangura

Our Dearest Rowena,

We are not saying goodbye, but saying thank you for the difference you have made in all our lives- with your wise advice, your love for teaching, and your endless passion to change and grow. Your love and care for the past 25 years have been truly inspiring. You are very special to Southridge and we know how special Southridge is to you. Southridge will always be your family.

Cheers to your retirement!

Cindy, Ravi, Samara



## Senior School News

### 2019 End of Year Events

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, June 20	No School (Grades 8 – 11)	
Thursday, June 20	Senior School Closing Rehearsal (all grads)	12:00pm – 1:30pm
Thursday, June 20	Incoming Heads and House Captains Rehearsal	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday, June 21	Numeracy Assessment for Grade 10s	9:00am – 12:00pm
Friday, June 21	Senior School Closing and Commencement Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mandatory attendance for all students in Grades 8 – 12. Families are encouraged to attend in support</b></li> <li>• <b>Located in the Senior School Gymnasium</b></li> <li>• <b>Graduation Reception follows ceremony in Junior School Great Hall</b></li> </ul>	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Monday, June 24	English 12 Provincial Exam Re-write	9:00am – 11:00am
Friday, June 28	Graduation Dinner and Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grads and families with tickets purchased in advance</b></li> <li>• <b>Vancouver Convention Centre</b></li> </ul>	5:30pm – 11:30pm
Early July	Final Reports posted on The Ridge	

### Book Return Process for the Senior School Library

Please note that charges will be incurred for any library books and textbooks not returned by Wednesday, June 26th at which point replacement orders will be processed.

Thank you,  
Carmen Moser  
Senior School Teacher-Librarian

## Both Schools

### Southridge Wednesday

As we publish the last Southridge Wednesday of this 2018-2019 school year today, we would love to receive feedback from parents, staff, and students. Please take this [quick survey](#) to let us know how we can improve the Wednesday for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your participation!  
Communications & Marketing Department

### 2019-2020 School Calendars

The Full School Calendar, Senior School Calendar, and Junior School Calendar will be made available on June 12th through The Ridge. It will include all important school dates from July 1, 2019 to June 30th, 2020. As we move forward with using more features in The Ridge, such as report cards, forms, admissions, re-enrollment and calendar items, we have created instructional documentation to support some of the new features for your ease of use. Please see below on how to view or subscribe to calendars in The Ridge and how to add a weblink to your mobile device. These documents will also be available for future viewing in the Parent Portal.

If you have any problems logging into The Ridge please contact Andrew Wong, [awong@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:awong@southridge.bc.ca)

If you need assistance after you have logged in to The Ridge please contact:  
Senior School, Heather Mosher, [hmosher@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:hmosher@southridge.bc.ca)  
Junior School, Steve Anderson, [sanderson@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:sanderson@southridge.bc.ca)

### Annual Golf Classic – Photos Posted!

Thanks again to everyone who supported the annual **Southridge Golf Classic**, which took place on **Friday, June 7th** at **Hazelmere Golf Club**. It was a truly wonderful day of fun and fundraising!

Our professional photographer captured some great moments and we are pleased to share them with you. The photos from the tournament have been uploaded to Vidigami and you can view them by [clicking here](#).

Thanks again for all your support. It really was an amazing day!

Ms. Rebecca James  
Events Manager



## **The Alumni Association 2019/2020 Board Executive Announcement**

The affairs of the Alumni Association are managed by the Alumni Executive Board; volunteer representatives elected at the Annual General Meeting each year in April. The Alumni Executive Board members are alumni from various grad classes who attend meetings throughout the year serving as the voice of alumni. They aim to create opportunities for alumni to connect with Southridge and each other, with the ultimate goal of fostering lifetime relationships with one another.

The Alumni Executive Board is thrilled to announce the appointment of three new members:

- Ian Tang, Class of 2003
- Cory To, Class of 2016
- Ravi Mann, Class of 2006

In addition, there are three current directors renewing their terms on the Alumni Executive Board:

- Kristin Hazzard, Class of 2000
- Alexandra Pintea, Class of 2006
- Tayla Westgard, Class of 2009

Meet your 2019-2020 Alumni Executive Board Members:

- Kristin Hazzard (Chair) – Class of 2000
- Tayla Westgard (Vice Chair) – Class of 2009
- Thalia Otamendi – Class of 2007
- Alexandra Pinteá – Class of 2006
- Sonny Samra - Class of 1999
- Matthew Grimm - Class of 2009
- Kolby Solinsky – Class of 2005
- Erin Salh – Class of 2016
- Ian Tang – Class of 2003
- Ravi Mann – Class of 2006
- Cory To – Class of 2016

## Keeping You Up to Date – Changes and Movements

As the 2018 – 2019 school year comes to a close, we find our school saying goodbye to the following employees who are moving on. We wish to thank them for their commitment and dedication to Southridge over the past year(s) and we look forward to recognizing them at our Junior School Closing Ceremonies and Senior School Commencement.

### Teachers Retiring

- Sharon Newman
- Rowena Raber

### Teachers pursuing new opportunities

- Brenda Becker
- Aaron Johnstone
- Elma Lai
- Sian Milan

### Teachers completing temporary contracts, as of June 30th

- Chantelle Desharnais
- Linda Feldhaus
- Karen Gaitens
- Harjit Khera
- Yasaman Madanikia
- Shyam Monga

### Administration

- Christina Simpson



## World Partnership Walk

On Sunday, June 16th the World Partnership Community Walk took place at Stanley Park. This walk is Canada's largest movement dedicated to raising funds and increasing awareness to fight global poverty. The walk has raised over 120 million dollars since it began in 1985! This year, we are proud to say that our school team raised over \$6,000. All of it will go towards helping eliminate poverty worldwide and creating solutions to help people lead better, healthier, and happier lives.



We hope that you will consider joining the Southridge team for next year's walk! Raeya Somani, Mizan Hemani, and Dr. Bspflug

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now closed and will re-open in late August. Please see the following table for details. Thank you for your patronage over the year and wish you have a great summer.

Wednesday Aug 28	10:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday Aug 29	10:00am – 2:00pm
Friday Aug 30	10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday Sep 3	10:00am – 2:00pm
Wednesday Sep 4	10:00am – 2:00pm

Starting Thursday Sep 5, regular opening hours will resume:  
Monday to Thursday: 7:45-9:00am and 2:00-4:00pm. Closed on Friday.

## Cafeteria Balances

Thank you for supporting the Southridge Café over the past school year. We hope that you have enjoyed the food freshly and nutritiously made by Sage every day. Before we head into the summer break, please be advised that any negative balances in the café accounts will be charged to the student tuition accounts at the end of the school year. Positive balances will remain in your child's café accounts for use next school year. If you would like to make other arrangements, you can email Phala Tan at [ptan@southridge.bc.ca](mailto:ptan@southridge.bc.ca). For graduating students and students leaving Southridge School at the end of the school year, your café balances will be transferred to your tuition accounts.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to serving you again next school year.

## There Ain't No Party Like a House Party! Join us September 13<sup>th</sup> to Bring Down the House!

On **September 13th, 2019**, we will officially launch the 25th Year of Southridge with a House Party you will NOT want to miss! For the first time in Southridge history, Thunder, Lightning, Hurricane, and Blizzard will storm the back field in full spirit to compete for House Points in an afternoon filled with house challenges, interactive games, root beer floats, food and more!

We encourage Parents to come to the back field in their house colours at **12:30pm** ready to enjoy a live DJ and BBQ. The event will run until **5:00pm**, *but all Junior School students must have parent supervision from 3:00pm to 5:00pm*. At the party, stop by the Southridge 25th Anniversary Pop-Up Shop to purchase some very cool, limited edition Southridge swag! *Cash only*. A unique volunteering opportunity awaits you! Co-chairs Suzanne & Graham Robins would love to have you involved in making this once-in-Southridge-School-history event memorable. Please look for volunteer opportunities on Galaxy in July.



*Formal invitation to follow in August.*

## **25th Anniversary Gala – Call for Live and Marquis Donations**

As the school year comes to a close, the Gala Committee is winding up preparations to make our 25th Anniversary Gala in November, a very special evening. One way we are hoping to make this year's Gala more significant is to provide some unique Live Auction items and Marquis silent auction items for us to bid on! If anyone has any great connections or is able to donate a truly exceptional experience or other auction item, please contact Tammy Hart at [thuculak@bkslaw.com](mailto:thuculak@bkslaw.com) or 604 617-9279.

We are also hoping to put a great trip together for our raffle, so are looking for donations of airline flights, a cruise and/or hotel nights. We would like to finalize our auction items (especially the live and marquis items and our raffle prize) before the end of the summer, so appreciate you reaching out to your connections and brainstorming some great donations!

Thanks in advance,  
Your 2020 Gala Committee  
(Sandeep Bhatha, Brenda Eichhorst, Anneka Gill, Tammy Hart, Jen Martin, Stephanie Schmidt)

## Junior School Year End Events Planning Guide for June 2019

As May is now in full swing, we wish to ensure that all Junior School families are aware well in advance of our year end special events, celebrations, and ceremonies so that you can ensure that your child is prepared, and so that families can plan accordingly to can join us.

Date	Event Details	Time and Location
Monday, June 17 (Day 5)	<p><b>K-Grade 7 Junior School Sports Fun Day</b> (for students only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students dress in house colours for the day.</li> <li>Students are organized into their houses with a Grade 6 leader who guides their group through each activity.</li> <li>Activities are run by Grade 7 leaders.</li> </ul> <p>This is a fun day for students, rain or shine, so please dress your child accordingly. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning and send some along for reapplication throughout the day.</p>	All day; Junior and Turf Fields
Tuesday, June 18 (Day 6)	<p><b>PYP Speech Celebration</b> (for Gr. 1-3 students, parents, and guests)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short, entertaining speeches presented by Gr. 1-3 students.</li> <li>Kindergarten students will watch these presentations in anticipation of next year, when they are Grade 1s and will give their first speech.</li> </ul>	<p>8:15 a.m. start. for 1RK, 2TW, 3MY            10:15 a.m. start for 1RR, 2DA, 3CK            Both sets of presentations in the Junior School Great Hall.</p>
	<p><b>MYP Speech Celebration</b> (for Gr. 5-7 students, parents, and guests)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Gr. 5-7 students present speeches in their English classes the week prior to this event.</li> <li>The top two speeches from each English class are selected to present at the afternoon speech celebration in front of a panel of judges.</li> <li>One speech per grade will be awarded the Mandy Richmond Public Speaking Trophy.</li> </ul>	1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Junior School Great Hall.
Wednesday, June 19 (Day 1)	<p><b>PYP Picnic</b> (for Kindergarten - Gr. 4 students, parents, and siblings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students, K-4, meet at Centennial Beach at 9:00 am for a great day of fun on the beach with hot dot roasts and treats. (K-4 students do not come to school in the morning before going to the beach. Parents drive students to and from the beach.</li> <li>Please bring your beach chair, sunscreen and a hat, and plan for an engaging day of connection and conversation with our faculty and other families.</li> </ul>	9 am onwards at Centennial Beach Beach in Tsawwassen



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress for the weather.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Grade 7 Greek Feast and Festival</b> (for students only)	8:10 am - 3 pm in the JS gym and Commons.
	<b>Gr. 5 and 6 Special Activities Day</b> (for students only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific details will be communicated closer to the date.</li> </ul>	
Thursday, June 20 (Day 2)	<b>MYP Certificate Ceremony</b> (for Grades 5-7 students; parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognitions and certificates presented for Gr. 7 S.P.I.R.I.T., Gr. 5-7 academic honour roll, and writing.</li> </ul>	8:15 am - 9:00 a.m. in the Junior School Great Hall
	<b>Gr. 7 vs. Teachers Soccer Game</b>	11:00-11:50 am on the Turf Field
	<b>Early Dismissal for Gr. 5-7 students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 5 and 6 students dismissed for their class parties.</li> <li>Gr. 7 students dismissed for Grad prep.</li> </ul> <i>Note: Regular 3:00 pm dismissal for K-Gr. 4 students</i>	12:00 pm
	<b>Grade 7 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner</b> (for Grade 7 students and parents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception, and Grad and Family Photos for yearbook start at 5:00 pm.</li> <li>Dinner is served at 6:00 pm.</li> <li>First Dance with parents at 8:15 pm.</li> </ul>	5:00-8:30 pm in the Junior School Great Hall
	<b>Grade 7 Graduation Dance</b> (for Gr. 7 students only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please ensure your child is picked up at 10:00 pm sharp.</li> </ul>	8:30-10:00 pm in the JS Gym
Friday, June 21	<b>Junior School Closing Ceremonies</b> (for Kindergarten - Gr 7 students, parents, and guests) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:45 am late start for all K-Gr. 7 students.</li> <li>Closing Ceremonies begin at 9:00 am.</li> <li>Students must wear Full Dress Winter uniform.</li> <li>Special rites of passage for Kindergarten and Gr. 3 students.</li> <li>Although Kindergarten students return to their classrooms right after their part of the program, we request that Kindergarten parents remain in their</li> </ul>	8:45 - 10:15 am in the Senior School Gym

	<p>seats for the duration of the program to minimize disruption to the proceedings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All K-Gr. 7 students return to their classrooms prior to being dismissed following the Closing Ceremony.</li> <li>• If you are not attending the Closing Ceremonies, please ensure that someone is on-site by 10:00 am to pick up your child.</li> <li>• K-4 Final Report Cards go live on The Ridge at 12:00 pm</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Gr. 5-7 Final Report Cards go live on The Ridge at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 28. Final IB MYP Grades mailed home June 28.</i></p>	
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# 2019 End of Year Events

(Senior School)

Date	Event	Time
Friday, June 7 – Thursday, June 13	Senior School Exam Week	
Friday, June 14	NO CLASSES (Marking Day)	
Monday, June 17	NO CLASSES (Marking Day)	
Tuesday, June 18	Exam Return Day (Half Day)	8:30am – 12:30pm
Wednesday, June 19	MMR Immunization Clinic (Gr. 8 – 12)	9:00am – 12:00pm
Wednesday, June 19	Senior School Awards Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year-end awards presented to students in Grades 8 – 11</li> <li>• Mandatory attendance for students in Grade 8 – 12</li> </ul>	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday, June 20	No School (Grades 8 – 11)	
Thursday, June 20	Senior School Closing Rehearsal (all grads)	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Thursday, June 20	Incoming Heads and House Captains Rehearsal	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Friday, June 21	Numeracy Assessment for Grade 10s	9:00am – 12:00pm
Friday, June 21	Senior School Closing and Commencement Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory attendance for all students in Grades 8 – 12</li> <li>• Families are encouraged to attend in support</li> <li>• Located in the Senior School Gymnasium</li> <li>• Graduation Reception follows ceremony in Junior School Great Hall</li> </ul>	7:00pm – 10:00pm
Monday, June 24	English 12 Provincial Exam Re-write	9:00am – 11:00am
Thursday, June 27	Senior School Final Reports Posted to The Ridge	4:00pm
Saturday, June 28	Graduation Dinner and Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grads and families with tickets purchased in advance</li> <li>• Vancouver Convention Centre</li> </ul>	7:00pm – 11:30pm (Grads arrive 5:30pm)

## The Ridge - Calendar View & Subscribe

1. Sign into the **Parent Portal** at [www.southridge.bc.ca](http://www.southridge.bc.ca) by selecting **Parents** from the top menu bar and signing in with your email and password on the following page.



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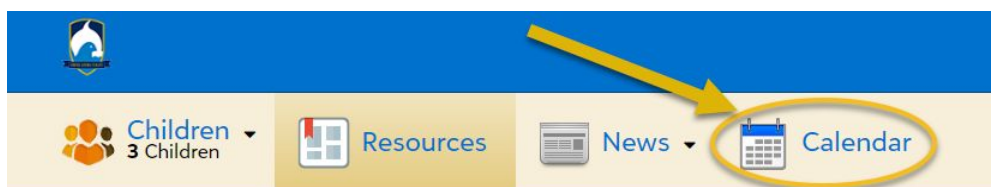
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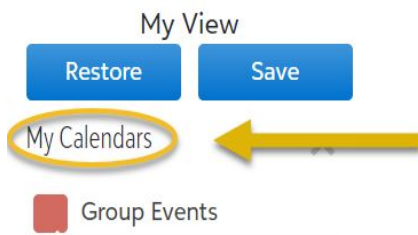
2. Inside the **Parent Portal**, click on the button on the right hand side labeled: **The Ridge**



3. Once inside **The Ridge**, select **Calendar** from the top menu:



4. The Calendar can be viewed in either a daily, weekly or monthly view while navigating on **The Ridge**. You can optimize the calendars you are viewing using the Viewing Navigation Tool on the left hand side by selecting **Save** after refining your viewing preferences..





My calendars are for any groups that you as a parent are involved in.

Your child's calendar has 4 options that you can turn on or off for viewing inside of **The Ridge**

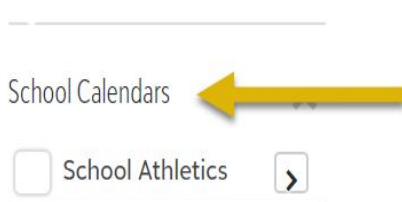
**Schedule** - course time table

**Games/Practices** - sport specific schedule

**Class Events** - course activities

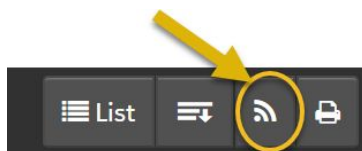
**Group Events** - group/club activities

At the bottom of all your childrens calendars, there is a section for **School Calendars** which allow you to see all School Athletics regardless of whether your child is



participating in the sport. You can customize this section as to which sports, home games or away games you wish to follow.

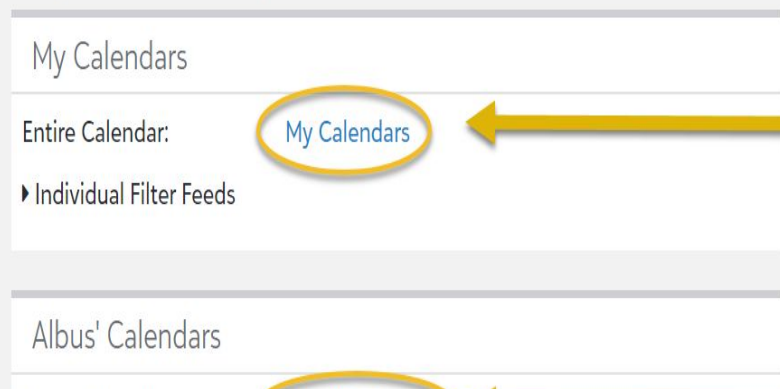
5. To **Subscribe** to calendars to view in another Calendar tool (iCal, Google Calendar, etc.) click on the **WebCal Feed** icon in the top right of the calendar. It will open up a dialogue box that allows you to determine which calendars you would like to subscribe to:



#### WebCal Feed for External Calendar



To subscribe to the feeds below, right click the link for the desired feed and click the **Copy Link Address** option. Events for the past 2 months and the upcoming 12 months will be included in the feed. It may take up to an hour for any setting changes to be reflected in your external calendars.



The **My Calendars** is only the subscription to your calendars as a

parent (for the groups that you are part of).

Your child's calendar (**Entire Calendar**) is a complete snapshot of their timetable and athletic extra-curricular activities that they have signed up for.

You can choose to follow only specific aspects of your child's calendar. Some calendar feeds have filters available by using the gear icon on the right hand side.

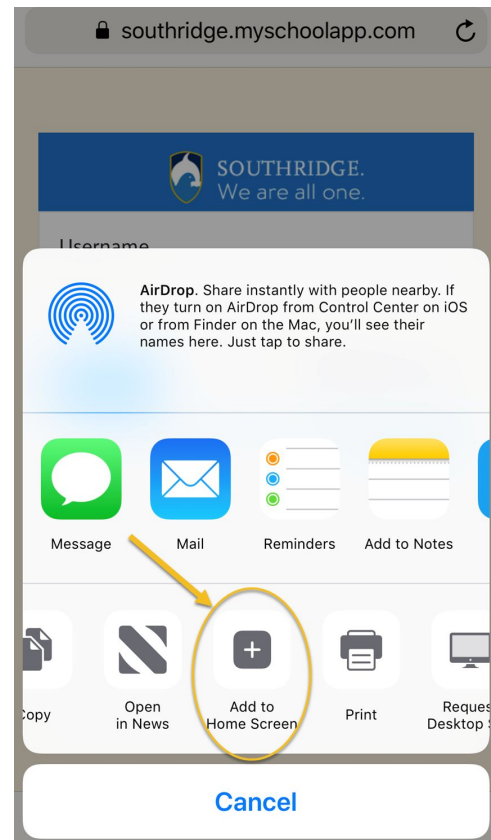
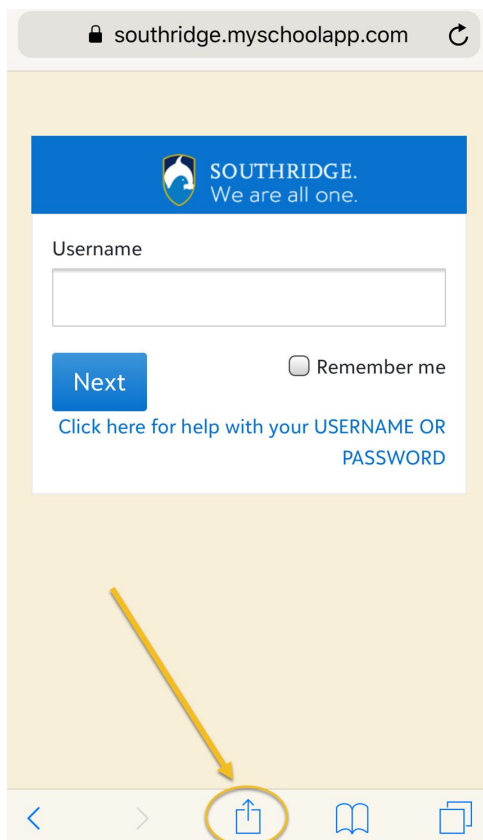
# The Ridge - Parent Support - Mobile Shortcut Instructions

*Please use the blurb below with appropriate colour/formatting for upcoming Wednesdays or Website documentation.*

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## The Ridge - Creating a Mobile Shortcut on iOS devices using Safari

1. On your iPhone/iPad open **Safari** and navigate to [southridge.myschoolapp.com](https://southridge.myschoolapp.com).
2. Select the **Bookmark Icon** on the bottom toolbar of Safari. Scroll through the options on the bottom menu to get to **Add to Home Screen**. You can name the Home Screen shortcut to The Ridge.



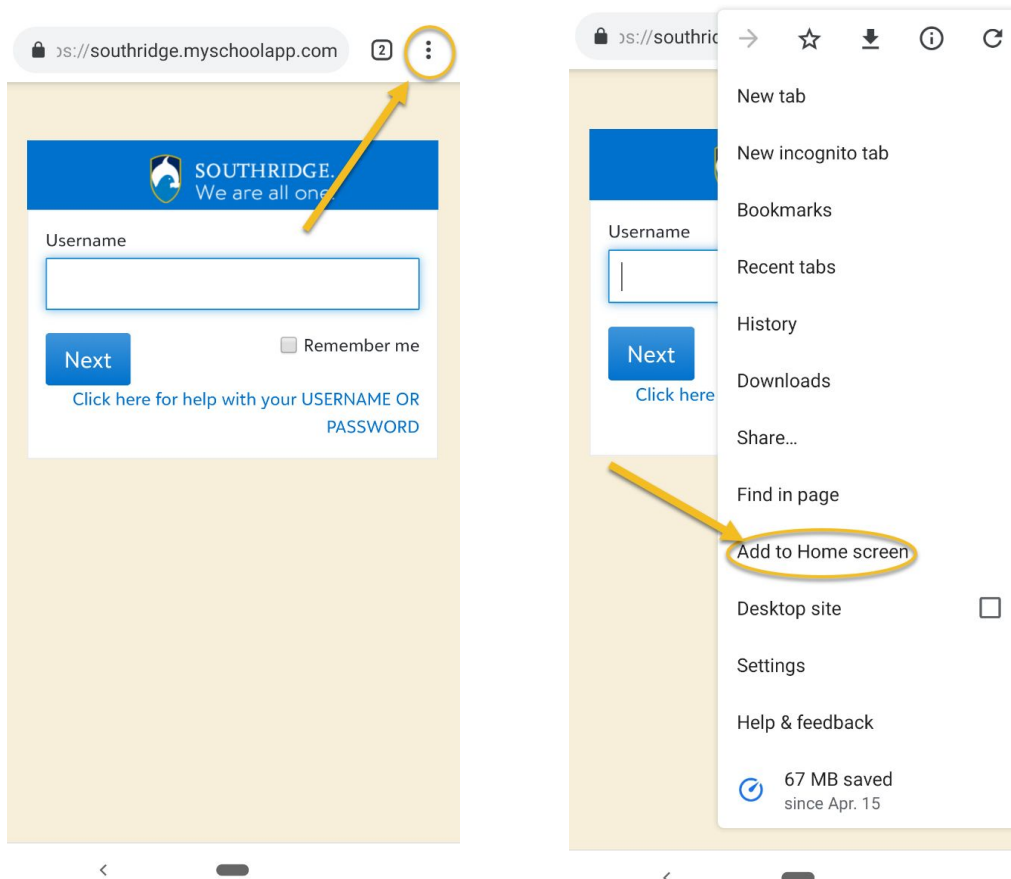
3. You will now have a link to The Ridge for quick access. This is not an app that will have push notification, it is a quick link to a mobile version of The Ridge.





## The Ridge - Creating a Mobile Shortcut on Android & Google phones using Chrome

1. On your Android open **Chrome** and navigate to [southridge.myschoolapp.com](https://southridge.myschoolapp.com)
2. Tap the **Menu** button in Chrome, scroll down to **Add to Home Screen**. You can name the Home Screen shortcut to The Ridge and place the icon automatically or manually.



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Thank you, Heather Mosher