



SunRidge School Bulletin

October 7th, 2026



7th Grade Artwork

I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.
—Lucy Maud Montgomery, Ann of Green Gables

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3rd Grade Painting

Calendar

To view the calendar on the school website, [click here](#):

To view the 26-27 calendar click this pdf: [2026-27 SunRidge School Year Calendar](#)

Please [click here](#) for directions on exporting the SunRidge School Calendar.

Thursday, October 8th, 4:30 PM
Twin Hills District Board Mtg.

Friday, October 9th, after drop off
CommuniTea - Topic is Funding

Monday, October 12th
Indigenous Peoples Day

Tuesday, October 13th, 8:45 am - 12:45 pm
TK / K Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, October 14th
7th Grade Play

Thursday, October 15th
7th Grade Play

Friday, October 16th
Teacher Professional Development Day
No School for Students

Tuesday, October 20th, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Prospective Parent Tour

Monday, October 26th - Thursday, October 29th
Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Release Days

Friday, October 30th
Teacher Work Day / Conferences
No School



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LGBTQIA+ History Month: Nurturing Belonging at SunRidge

October is LGBTQIA+ History Month, an opportunity to recognize the lives, contributions, and history of LGBTQIA+ people and their efforts toward equal rights. Observed in the United States since 1994, the month invites us to broaden our understanding of the people who have shaped our communities.

At SunRidge, this recognition connects with our commitment to educating the whole child. Through the lens of Waldorf education, we can approach this work with warmth and attention to children's developmental needs. For younger children, belonging begins with everyday experiences: stories that reflect different families, welcoming everyone into play, and understanding that interests, clothing, and abilities need not be limited by gender stereotypes. A simple message can guide these conversations: families may look different, and every family deserves kindness and respect.

As children grow, biographies, literature, history, and thoughtful discussion can open opportunities to explore courage, fairness, and the contributions of LGBTQIA+ people. Older students can consider whose stories have been included in our understanding of history, whose have been overlooked, and how individuals have worked to create a more just society.

This October, we invite our community to consider how our everyday words and actions help others feel welcome. In the classroom, on the playground, and around the family table, we can give children a steady experience of belonging: you are valued here, and so are others



More on Attendance

Dear Community,

In the spirit of knowledge and clarity, please find additional information regarding attendance oversight. SunRidge School's ADA Funding and budget projection is based on a 94% attendance rate. In the first two attendance months we have reached 96% and 93.61%. This is not a trend we wish to continue!

Our efforts to share this information is intended to support bridging the gap between expectations and current realities. We ask for your help to materialize reaching the projected goal so that we can continue to provide the rich education that SunRidge School offers! Below please find a list of Attendance Definitions so that you can understand any information that you may receive. Thank you for supporting this part of our funding reality.

Attendance Definitions

- Truant - a student missing more than 30 minutes of instruction without an excuse three times during the school year.
- Habitual Truants - a student who is absent without a legitimate excuse for three or more consecutive school days, seven or more school days in one month or twelve or more school days in a school year.
- Chronic Truants - *EC* Section 48263.6: Any pupil who is absent from school without a valid excuse for ten percent or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is deemed a chronic truant.
- Chronic Absence - is missing an extended amount of school for any reason, and includes both excused and unexcused absences. Although no standard definition exists, it is recommended that a chronic absence is missing 10 percent or more of school in an academic year.

Student Attendance Review Team - SART

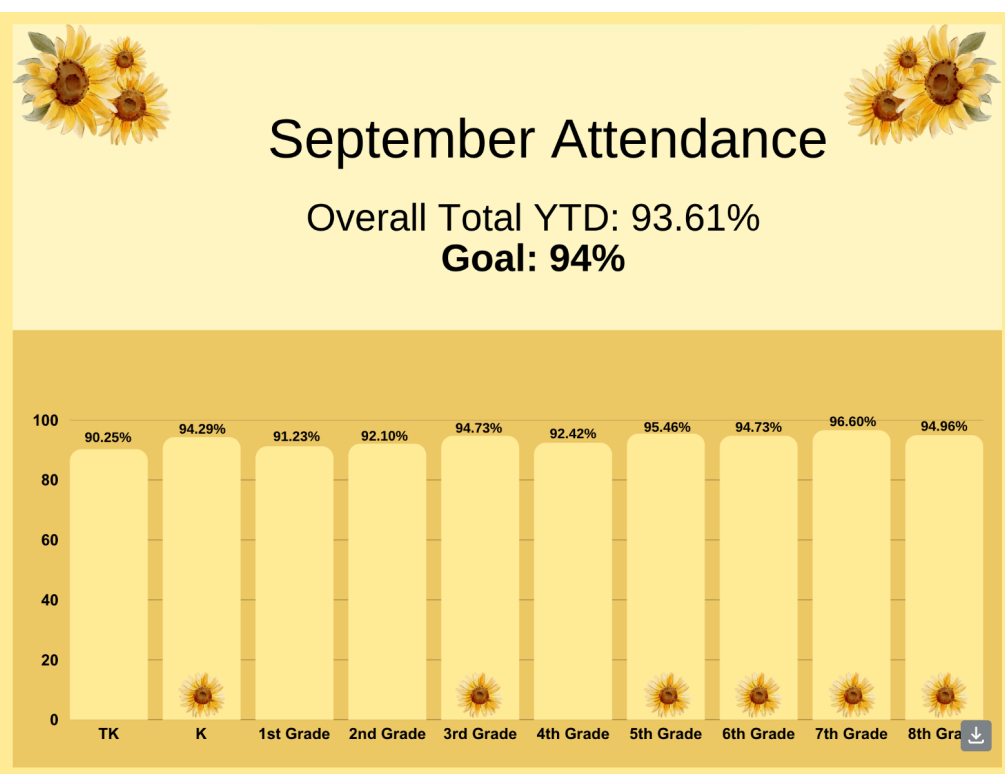
- Once the student is considered excessively truant or has an excessive number of absences for illness, the student will be referred to the Director who will arrange for a Student Attendance Review Team (SART) Meeting.
 - Team members may consist of administrator, student, parent, school counselor, teacher, and/or school psychologist.
 - A corrective action plan will be developed with parental input.
 - The student will again be directed to attend all classes unless excused for legal reasons.
 - The parents or guardians and students will be informed that failure to follow this directive will be considered "defiance of authority" and the next incident may lead to loss of extracurricular and co-curricular eligibility as well as a referral to law enforcement.
 - Alternative programs, including the need for additional counseling will be discussed.

Interventions before SARB referral - It is not expected that school sites must try all of the listed interventions but should logically try incentives that may work for the student depending on their issues in not attending school. Professionals from the above agencies make additional resources and services available to families at the SARB meeting.

- ___ Home Visit(s)
- ___ Referral to Mental Health Counselor
- ___ Adult or Student Mentoring
- ___ Student Attendance Review Team (SART)
- ___ Referral to School Nurse
- ___ Class Schedule Change
- ___ Modified Day
- ___ Parent Conference
- ___ Student Study Team (SST)
- ___ Parent Attending Classes
- ___ Wrap Around Services
- ___ Attendance Incentives



3rd Grade Paintings



Aeries Parent Data Confirmation Needed

Please note that Data Confirmation must be completed for each student. This digital "First Day" packet replaces the paper packets families received in previous years and ensures that we have current and accurate information for your child.

By now all parents have received an email from Ms Theresa with the letter and their child's portal codes. Please take a few moments to log in to Aeries and complete the Data Confirmation process as soon as possible. These permissions and forms are essential to your student's full participation in school life—from being able to join a Walking Field Trip to ensuring that we have accurate emergency contact and health information when your child needs us.

Important note regarding the Media Opt-Out Form: The wording in Aeries can be confusing. If you select "Denied" for the Media Opt-Out, you are denying the opt-out, which means you are allowing your student's image to be used for school-related media purposes.

The deadline for completion of these authorizations is October 30th.



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Crossing Guards Needed!

Dear Community,

Decades ago, Pine Crest—the former name of our school—served a neighborhood where children walked to school. The back lot was a playground, and car traffic was light enough that the front entrance accommodated the few families who drove their children.

Today, as a charter school, SunRidge welcomes families from across Sonoma County. Morning drop-off and afternoon pickup are busy times, and our main priority is keeping students safe. Our neighbors have shared concerns about cars traveling too quickly, including several near accidents. Please slow down, stay attentive, and take extra care around children and pedestrians.

We are putting out a call for parents and community members who can volunteer regularly as crossing guards during either of these times:

- Morning: 8:15–8:35 a.m.
- Afternoon: 2:50–3:10 p.m.

If you can lend 20 minutes of your time on a regular basis, please complete the survey below to share your availability.

Thank you for helping us care for our students and be thoughtful neighbors.

<https://forms.gle/nwnvaSeX3yrVtyft6>

Aftercare During Parent Teacher Conference Days & Friday, Oct. 30th

The YMCA will have aftercare available during the parent teacher conference early release days, October 26th - 29th. They will also offer care on Friday, October 30th for students who are signed up with the program.



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Falling Leaves - Call for Submissions

SunRidge Charter's Annual "Falling Leaves Festival" is November 7th, 2026

This beloved school tradition, open to the public, is an important fundraiser for our class field trips. We need your help to make this a continued and endearing success!

Please consider donating handmade items for the Festival's "Handmade Marketplace"

Examples of items and themes that historically sell well:

- Accessories, candles, ceramics, gifts, home goods, woodwork, jewelry, soap, toys; nature, natural materials, holiday decorating, gnomes, dragons, fairies, mushrooms
- Crafters and makers of all skill levels welcome! [Here's a link to our Pinterest page with craft tutorials for inspiration](#)

To honor all of our efforts, **we must receive donated items by November 3 with a donation form**

- Donation forms can be [downloaded and printed at home](#). Hard copies are available in the office.
- Deliver donations with forms between October 12th and November 3 to the labeled space at the SunRidge school office.

Thank you in advance for your heartfelt contributions to this true community effort. Please contact us with any questions about the "Falling Leaves Handmade Marketplace".

See you at the festival,

Tanessa (tanessa27@gmail.com) and Amy (Amy.cagulada@gmail.com) on behalf of SunRidge Parent Council



Yearbook Photos

Parents and Teachers, if you take any photos that are yearbook quality, please upload them to this Google file. The file has a folder for each grade and each Specialty class. Thank you for your help with this project!

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z2XyC24JcAqcKjbCb6heyXB---6CcyID>

If you are unable to upload your photos to the Google file, please email me at dbecchetti@twinhillsusd.org and I will upload them for you. Thanks again for all of your help!



1st Grade Study of
Yellow

Classifieds

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Want To Contribute To The SunRidge Bulletin?

If you would like to add or contribute something to our school bulletin, please submit your request to all of the following staff:

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Ms. Haedo at khaedo@twinhillsusd.org

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