



# The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

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## WELCOME NEW STAFF

New years bring new colleagues and we are pleased to welcome to Southpointe:

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| Alexis LUM B.Ed, B.H.Kin.,<br>Universities of BC and<br>Grenoble.  | Joins us to teach GYP French. Fluently bi-lingual, having been brought up in a French-speaking family and educated in both Canadian and French universities, Alexis will be introducing a new, dynamic program for our senior French students.  |
| Carola SCHAUB B.A. Rand<br>Afrikaans University,<br>Johannesburg   | Joins us to teach in the ILC. After a career in Personnel Management, Carola decided to teach and qualified in 2006. She moved to Canada and has two sons in our school. She has been a frequent volunteer and substitute teacher, so is well-known to many parents and students.   |
| Ryanne WOOLFORD B.A.,<br>M.A., M.Sc. Universities of<br>Victoria, Western Ontario<br>and Essex (UK)        | Joins us to take charge of the ILC and be the school psychologist. Ryanne has superior qualifications and considerable experience as the Educational Psychologist for Cheshire County in the UK.  |
| Jenny SLINN<br>B.A.,M.Ed.,M.Ed<br>Universities of Alabama,<br>California Lutheran and<br>Nationa—San Diego | Joins us to teach Grade 3. An experienced IB teacher with previous experience at York House School, Jenny will be a boon to us as we introduce the IB in our FYP.   |
| Kathy CHEVREAU B.A.,<br>B.Ed.,The University of B.C.   | Joins us to teach Grade 4. After starting her career as a swimming instructor with the Vancouver Parks Board and then managing a clothing store, Kathy devoted her time to raising her family and devotedly volunteering in many children’s activities. For a second career, Kathy has chosen teaching  |
| Scott UKRANITZ   | Joins us as Manager-Transportation Services. Scott has been an occasional driver for us for several years, but now we add his extensive experience of management in both transportation and industry.   |
| Greg KEAN M.F.A. Cornell<br>University   | Joins us to teach Drama after a career as a professional actor and Head of the Department of Acting at the Vancouver Institute of Media Arts. Greg has many acting credits in movies, TV shows and live theatre. These were described in a previous edition on Midpointe.   |
| Michele GREATREX<br>Certificate in Business<br>Administration  | Joins us as Executive Assistant in Mr. Baldwin’s office. Michele has extensive experience in management and administration, including positions most recently with the Coast Tsawwassen Inn and Marine Drive Golf Club.   |
| Shahin VIRJI   | Joins us as Assistant in Mr. Baldwin’s office with particular responsibility for parent event volunteers and relations with potential ‘feeder’ schools. Shahin has been almost a full-time volunteer for many years now, has a daughter in the school and a son who graduated from here and is now at McGill. She has extensive knowledge both of our school and of the many pre-schools in our area. |

## **NEW SCHOOL NEWS**

Excitement and interest is great; we have been fielding many calls and questions about progress.

We would like to deliver the good news to everyone at the same time, though, so we shall be holding an 'update meeting' on **Tuesday 14 September at 7pm** to precede our curriculum night. The evening will begin in the Sanctuary of the South Delta Baptist Church.

## **IMPORTANT EARLY EVENTS**

The beginning of a school year is phenomenally busy and there are many events and meetings to ensure a smooth start. Please do check the calendar carefully.

## **SEPTEMBER FEE INSTALMENT**

We have mailed the invoices for the September payment. Given our current obligations with new school planning, we will very much appreciate **prompt payment**.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The school calendar on our website is updated every week on Thursday, at the same time as the publication of Midpointe.

While term dates and holidays will not change, other things may. We are not in all cases in control of our own calendar –for example, athletic team schedules are made by Associations; Project Discover is subject to availability of necessary facilities which sometimes change –and so on.

If certainty is vitally important to some planning you have to do, please do check the calendar carefully on a weekly basis.

## **PREFECT RETREAT**

As we try to improve our school in every way, so we involve our senior students increasingly with a particular group, the Prefects, working ever harder to ensure a spirited, engaging school life for students.

To be ready for the new year, the Prefects spent two days this week at UBC for an intensive workshop, the better to understand their roles and to plan their major activities.

They were impressively productive and will prove to be an exceptional team of student leaders.

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

We begin each school year with a formal opening ceremony to which we welcome all parents. It is in the church Sanctuary at 9am on Tuesday September 7.

## **UNIFORM**

#1 Uniform is required on two days in our first week. Students need to wear it on Tuesday 7 September –the Opening Ceremony and Friday September 10 –the Photo Day.

## **CLASS LISTS**

Class membership will be determined during next week and parents will be informed of class placement by e-mail on Friday 3 September.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours will be as such for next week. We are open for business from 8.00am to 3pm daily.

*Graham Baldwin*

# PRESCHOOL INFORMATION



Dear Parents,

A new year in Preschool is about to begin! Welcome to back to everyone and a special welcome to new families joining Southpointe Academy Preschool for the first time. We hope you feel at home very quickly and we look forward to getting to know you.

## New Students

Students who are new to Southpointe are most welcome to drop in for a casual visit to Preschool any time **between 10 am and noon** on **Thursday September 2nd**. It is not necessary to wear school uniform and parents will remain with their children during the drop-in visit.

## All students

School begins for all students in JK3 and JK4 on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Uniform

All Preschool students should come to school in uniform beginning on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Girls wear the school golf shirt under the school dress, dark blue socks (or tights) and black shoes (preferably slip-on or velcro~not laces)

Boys wear the school golf shirt, navy blue pants (not jeans or sweat pants), dark blue socks and black shoes (preferably slip-on or Velcro~not laces)

Girls who have navy "skorts" from older sisters may wear those if they wish. Boys and girls may wear school sweaters or plain navy blue sweaters.

Hooded raincoats and rain boots are needed for inclement weather as we do try to play outside every day and we also walk to other buildings for Library and gymnastics. Please do not send umbrellas to Preschool.

Top Ten School Wear 1638 SE Marine Drive 604-322-1626 has the uniform pieces

## JK4

JK4 will attend for regular hours 12:30-3:00 pm beginning on Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring snack from the first day on.

## JK3

Students in JK3 will attend for shorter hours for the first few days.

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>- JK3 will attend from 8:30 am until 9:30 am only. No snack required. (JK3 students do not attend the Opening Assembly at 9 am. They remain in the Preschool classroom.)

Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>- JK3 will attend from 8:30 am until 10:30 only. Students should bring a snack.

Friday September 10<sup>th</sup>- Regular hours- students attend from 8:30 to 11:00. Snack required.

It is not necessary to bring any school supplies on the first day. Lists for classroom supplies and earthquake comfort kits will be given out at school on the first day.

Gymnastics will begin the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. Gymnastics for JK3 will be Tuesday mornings. Gymnastics for JK4 will be Wednesday afternoons. Information about what to wear and class times will be given out next week.

**When you are preparing any snacks for school, please remember that we have students with life-threatening allergies in Preschool. Please make sure that NOTHING you send to school contains NUTS of any kind. Many thanks for your attention.**

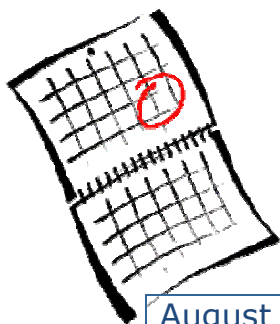
Please call the School (604-948-8826) or email ([harjinder.gill@spacademy.ca](mailto:harjinder.gill@spacademy.ca)) if you have any questions.

We look forward to a wonderful year together in Preschool.

Mrs. Harjinder Gill

**GALA – SAVE THE DATE! “The stars are aligning”**  
**Tickets go on sale - Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010**





## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

***August 30 – September 10***

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| August<br>30 –<br>Sept.<br>3<br>Monday–<br>Friday | Office Hours<br><br>8:00am – 3:00pm   |
| August<br>30<br>Monday                            | 6:00pm – Welcome Reception & Singapore Math briefing for all New Parents, at Alexander Gunn House, 6400 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Avenue, Tsawwassen.   |
| Sept.<br>2<br>Thursday                            | 10:00am – 12:00pm – New Student Day for Grades 1 – 12.<br><br>7:00pm – Kindergarten Parent Meeting  |
| Sept.<br>3<br>Friday                              | Class Lists will be emailed to Parents on their school zimbra account.  |
| Sept.<br>7<br>Tuesday                             | <b>8:05am – First Day of Fall Term</b><br><br>9:00am – Opening Ceremony at South Delta Baptist Church<br><br>6:30pm – 7:30pm, Room #209 – Project Discover Parent Briefing Meeting for all Grade 8 Parents.<br><br>7:00pm – Grad Class Parent & Student Pot Luck Dinner at Gunn House |
| Sept.<br>9<br>Thursday                            | 7:00pm – Grade 9 Pot Luck Dinner, for all Gr. 9 parents, held at Gunn House.  |
| Sept.<br>10<br>Friday                             | <b>Artona Picture Day - #1 Uniform required</b>   |