



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

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WHAT HAPPENS HERE IN THE SUMMER?

The sun is now shining for, we hope, a prolonged time as summer finally sets in. No beach and ice-cream yet for our staff (as opposed to Faculty), as we work merrily away on any number of necessary tasks.

In the Front Office, Anne continues to receive calls from interested prospective new families and begins the admissions process with them –the forms, the tours, the questions, all positively time-consuming.

Meanwhile, in the Finance Office, Dan and Sharon prepare for our annual audit, order the books and supplies needed for September, chase late –payers of the June accounts, prepare monthly financial statements and answer client questions.

David, our Maintenance Manager, is fully occupied with myriad tasks that include a deep clean of our facilities with all the furniture removed from rooms, touching up paintwork as needed, creating/altering office spaces, checking records of keys, alarm calls, fire extinguishers and so on.

Linda and Rosemary are working on the administrative system to close off the past year and open the new one, while Linda is also learning our PCR system as Rosemary retires next week (more on this later).

Elaine is completing the collection and condition-checking of textbooks and tallying them with the recorded inventory.

Scott and Sophia from our transportation department are busy with our fleet checking, route planning for next year, and updating all systems.

Off-site but not out of mind, members of the Board are continuing their sterling work as we press on with the work involved in our new school –the legal work, the financial work, the building planning and budgeting work, and the bond collection work. Untold hours of professional expertise are being donated to our school by the Board as our process unfolds.

So we are busy, and happy to be so, but I thought, in view of the many questions I am asked, I'd just explain what we are all up to! And if we ever wonder whether it's all worth it, we can always read the following poem for the answer –it was passed to me by Ms. Springett, our Grade 1 teacher at the end of last term.

SOUTHPOINTE

By Sydney

My school is
SOUTHPOINTE

I love, I love
SOUTHPOINTE

Reader's Workshop
Math, Writing,
Recess!

SOUTHPOINTE

I want
To stay forever

It's a fantastic home at
SOUTHPOINTE

Thanks, Sydney –your poem makes us all feel just like you do!

MORE FINE RESULTS

Some of our Grade 12 students challenge themselves each year by writing Advanced Placement examinations. These courses are at university level, and many universities give students first year credit for scores of 3 and above in the USA, and 4 and above in Canada.

In total 45 examinations were written. Of these, 18 (40%) were scored at 5, 14 (31%) were scored at 4, 8 (18%) were scored at 3 and 5 (11%) were scored at 2.

Particularly impressive is subject terms this year were Calculus (Mr. Katich) where 8 of 11 candidates scored 5's and the other 3 scored 4's, and Chemistry (Mr. Ross) where of 12 candidates, 6 scored 5's and 5 scored 4's.

In total 89% of our papers were 3 and above, which is an excellent outcome.

MRS. ROSEMARY MANSELL

I am sorry to have to announce that Rosemary is leaving us next week to begin her retirement. We are unsure of how we shall cope without her, for she has been an administrative superstar.

You may well have met her at the Front Desk where she has been the lunchtime and late-day receptionist most recently; you will be aware of her charming manner and great efficiency, traits which have also been apparent in her 'out of view' position as our PCR administrator. PCR, our data base for school operations, needs accurate and timely entries to be useful for us all. Rosemary has excelled.

More than in her professional work, though, Rosemary has been an important member of our school, for she has attended plays, concerts, and other student events most loyally over the years.

We shall not forget her wonderful hand-crafted cards, her marvellous culinary creations and her beautifully designed certificates. Nor shall we forget her concern for her colleagues, shown in so many acts and words of kindness.

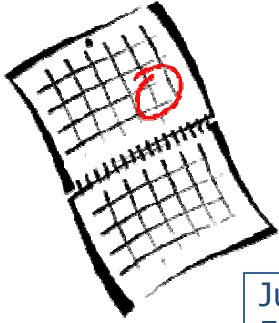
Next Wednesday at noon, we shall be bidding Rosemary farewell at Gunn House. The school will, therefore, close at 12 noon that day to enable us all to honour her service to us and wish her well for many happy future years.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT –ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Scott Ukranitz is now Transportation Manager and will be dealing with all matters concerning the operation of our vehicle fleet. He will be preparing the booking forms for the buses for the 2010-11 school year which will be sent with all the other information required for the opening of the new school year at the end of July.

Have a terrific week,

Graham Baldwin



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 8 – July 23

July 5 - 8 Monday – Thursday	Summer Hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
July 9 Friday	Summer Hours Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm *Zimbra Accounts will be closed for leaving families
July 12 Monday	Summer Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm
July 13 Tuesday	Summer Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm
July 14 Wednesday	Reception at Gunn House for Rosemary Mansell 9:00am – 12:00pm
July 15 Thursday	Summer Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm
July 16 Friday	Summer Hours Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm
July 19 - 22 Monday – Thursday	Summer Hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm
July 23 Friday	Summer Hours Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm