



# The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy families

## March 25, 2010

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## **SCOTT STANGER**

### **TSAWWASSEN SCHOLAR**

Our Grade 12 student and prefect Scott Stanger has enjoyed an exciting time recently.

First, he learned that he had been awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship (value \$56000) to his chosen university, the University of Calgary. This is the highest possible award and results not only from his transcript and resume, but also from a personal interview.

Next, Scott met royalty when HRH The Prince Edward, Duke of Wessex, presented him with the Gold (the highest) Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program. This program, which challenges young people to excel in four areas of life: Community Service, Personal Skill Development, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. For the Gold Award, there is also a residential component. So impressed has Scott been with his experiences in the Award Program that he has recently pioneered its re-introduction here.

Scott was awarded our first Tsawwassen Scholarship for study here and has, by his diligence and contribution to our school, proved a worthy recipient. We all congratulate him on his successes.



## **NEW SCHOOL UPDATE**

On the one hand we continue through the Municipal process and on the other we continue to move strongly towards our financial targets. I know we can hardly wait to get the golden shovels in the ground and see our new home taking shape, but we must be patient just a while longer.

We are not, of course, building only a new facility, but we are also building our people and programs, for a school is far more than buildings. It is a community of purpose; we continue to build this community in accordance with our published values, mission and goals. As we begin the final term of our year, it may be helpful for us all to take a few moments to re-read what these are and to re-commit to them. After all, when we move into our new facilities, we need to be ready as community to use them in a way that honours and respects all those who are working so hard to provide them for us.

## **PRIORITY ENROLMENT FOR 2010-11**

Enrolment packages were mailed on March 12 and are due for return on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make every effort to meet this deadline, for many decisions are based on enrolment numbers. The ones regarding class size are fully explained in the material sent to you. Please help us to help you by meeting our deadlines. Thank you.

## **NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE SCHOLARS**

Two students from Darfield High School will join us on Monday next for our final term. They are Mikayla Pengelly and Henry Oliver, both aged 15. Please give them a warm welcome.

Our exchange program with Darfield High School enables two of our students to spend up to three months in New Zealand hosted by a Darfield family; our students then reciprocate. This program is next available for our students in the 2010/11 year and is suitable for Grades 10 and 11. Please let me know if you are interested.

## **FINAL TERM**

The Spring Term always seems misnamed in March but grows into its billing as May and June rush by. And rush they do! This term is characterized by the final surge to the line and the celebrations of success. Yes-success, for by diligence and determination, every student can enjoy success by June, whatever the current standing. My hope and wish for every student is a term of honest effort that leads to that success. For our Graduating Class, a different world awaits in September with new faces in new places. Given that, I hope our grads will savour their last months together, and help each other to reach the end happily.

With my best wishes to all,

*Graham Baldwin*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



March 2<sup>th</sup> was Jump Rope for Heart Day at the gym and it was packed with young skippers. Grade 8RF created some fun little stations which included jumping through hoops, hopscotch, paddleball, and just skipping rope the old-fashioned way. Grade 8RF did a fantastic job of creating and running the stations and the Prefects did a great job helping us organize the event and keeping us all excited, but I think the donuts helped a bit too. Big thanks to Mrs. Kozlowski, Mr. Levitt, and Mr. Tuke for helping with the event. You all helped make it a day to remember.

Congratulations to the island teams with their skipping:

1. **Mayne- 750 points**
2. Quadra- 740 points
3. Denman- 715 points
4. Pender - 650 points

Our goal this year was to fundraise \$20,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. **This year we raised \$12,966.49!**

The top fundraising class:

**\*Grade 8 Roberto Florencio's Class\***

The top 3 individual fundraisers:

1. **Morgan Leung \$3,584.52**
2. Adelia Bailey \$ 402.88
3. Mason Rai \$ 355.00

This year, we let the kids have the choice of either donating their prizes back or keeping them. We saw a lot of kids check off the box to donate their prizes back which makes us proud.

I know that I had a great time watching the pre-schoolers' and kindergarteners' roll over, and also listening to Mr. Tuke sing in the microphone. One thing that everyone had in common that day was that everyone had a huge smile on his or her face and they all had spirit. It was really great to see that. Congratulations and thank you to all of the students for participating and fundraising. We couldn't have done it without you!

Submitted by Morgan Leung, Class 8RF

## MULTICULTURAL "WORLD FUSION NIGHT"

Start your Holiday Weekend in style with family & friends at

### **Southpointe Academy's "World Fusion Night."**

The students have been practicing and are pumped.....all we need is you!!

Come enjoy an evening of:

- Delicious appetizers
- Full Course Indian Buffet
- Painting & Henna Booths for the children
- Raffle Prizes
- Limbo Dancing with King Fish and much, much more.....

Tickets are available daily at reception. (children who are performing get in free!)

*Southpointe Academy presents*

# WORLD FUSION NIGHT

April 1, 2010 6:00pm



*FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

## **Fabulous Food!!**

**ACTS INCLUDE:**  
Filipino Dancers  
Chinese Dragon Dance  
Bhangra Dancing  
Fashion Show  
Southpointe Bands

Back due to popular demand "Kingfish Limbo"  
Your chance to learn how to Limbo!!!

Pearl Banquet Hall  
201-13030 76th Avenue  
Surrey B.C. V3W 2U6

Tickets on sale in the front office:  
• Adults \$35.00, Children \$20.00.  
• All performers free of charge.



## INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES CONCERT

Please join us on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Tsawwassen Art Center. Performers are selected students from Grades 5-12, and the Junior & Senior Jazz Bands.

## GYP NEWS

### GRADE 10 NEWS:

Susie Yoo and Jashamail Gill were accepted to the University of Waterloo CEMC Seminar in Computer Science for Young Women. They received over 200 applications from every part of Canada and accepted 96. Jashamail's seminar will be held at the University of Waterloo while Susie will participate at the one held at the University of Calgary.



Submitted by Susan Kirkwood

### GRADE 11 NEWS:

The Grade 11s have recently been exploring the development of voice in their narrative writing. They were given the assignment to write a story that involved a decision and had a shift of tone in it. Their challenge was to create their shift in tone simply through sentence structure, rhythm and word choice.

The following story was written by Benia Nowak.

#### Glances

Written By: Benia Nowak

Gentle smiles.

Brief glances quickly retracted.

Among the masses within such a lowly place, so vast yet so serene.

Music drowning out the darkness, left another sight shot connecting  
their gazes

Stepping closer as the beginning of their lives together did;

First inches – Then steps – Then feet – for the days to pass and the years to

come.

Clothes lined up, folded and pressed, sitting stale on the mattress. One last thing remained as the closet emptied into the abyss of possessions.

Yet left on the shelf was one image, of one lifestyle they once cherished together. As the sun beamed through on that black and white day. How far those days felt from what they had now. Doing the final scour, checking left to right for anything left behind.

Nothing.

Clocked out. Scurrying to the street taking if even but an instant to tie her scarf and slip each arm within each sleeve. With first steps into her palace, sashaying side to side with each crack upon each crease of the fallen leaves. Autumn was upon her, crushing gold, burgundy, and amber as the lone green leaf rocked swiftly from the highest peak. Between each arc, each tree, the leaves whistled as they sank onto the bountiful path. The leaves drifting off behind her, one final glance to passion as she left, hands slouched in her pockets.

It had been long years past since they allowed days to wander.

Spending hours upon end together, eyes fixed upon each other's glance.

The faint glimmer of those days left in neither pair of eyes.

Scattered thoughts.

Scattered steps.

One scattered decision.

One crucial moment to chose.

Stay – Go – Stay – Gone

As he made his way to his vast new life.

Last looks upon that life he knew.

And so he grabbed each bag and walked through that familiar door never turning back again.

She eased the door open with the click of the lock, but the muggy aroma rendered her uneasy. While dusk set through the low bay window, an empty seat stood with the impression of his time spent deep into the cushion. She called his name – no response. Staggering her way through the building until upon her glance, a solitary white envelope lay on the counter.

One single tear slid down her rosy cheek, how instantly her eyes filled with sorrow and their history closed the very door he shut. Placing the letter upon her bedside table, she wept while crawling beneath the covers. Only to roll over to the place where he had lay, where he no longer slept, where his glance would not be cast once more.

More stories to come next week.

Submitted by Pamela McMartin

**MYP AP WEEK**

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MYP AP Week forms have been distributed to all MYP students on Wednesday. Forms and money for each course must be returned by this **Friday, March 26th** to allow for bookings, payments for course supplies, materials, location, transportation, instructors etc. We look forward to an exciting April 6th-9th MYP AP Week!



## **GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION**

Health and Careers Education (HCE) is a fantastic curriculum put together by the BC Ministry of Education for students to learn more about interacting safely with the world around them. This year, our Grade 8 students will be covering the HCE curriculum while on Project Discover activities (last October and upcoming in May), and during PE lessons next week (March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>).

Students have been, and will be, involved in workshops, webquests, group activities and research tasks where they learn about: personal interest and aptitude for career options; strategies to achieve personal goals; social influences on decision making; sources of accurate information; care and respect for others; and living, working and socializing safely, with a focus on contemporary media (i.e. Facebook).

Students will be graded on their participation, cooperation and on work submitted during Project Discover and classroom lessons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Monica Tice or Ms. Amanda Huber at the school.

Submitted by Monica Tice

## The Music Man Junior



# 2010 POSTER CONTEST

**Every great show needs a catchy and convincing logo and poster. This is your opportunity to be the designer of this years MYP musical poster and logo.**

The chosen design will be used:

- to advertise for the show around the school and community on posters
- for the front cover of the show program
- for advertisements in the Midpointe
- for cast and crew T-Shirts
- for show letterhead on all future production paperwork
- Raffle items for each performance

For your time and effort you will receive:

- A free official musical T-Shirt featuring your design
- An opportunity to showcase your artistic talents!

### **The Specifics:**

- In accordance with the Dramatic Performing Rights License, all advertising must include the following text somewhere on the poster:
  - Southpointe Academy's production of The Music Man Junior
  - Music and Lyrics by Meredith Willson
  - Book by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey
- It must also include:
  - Performances May 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:30pm
  - Tsawwassen Arts Centre
  - Tickets available through Southpointe Academy (604)-948-8826
  - \$10.00 per ticket
- And...
  - An original graphic, hand drawn picture or design that does not include photographs or downloaded images from other Music Man or Music Man Junior materials

Your submission can be created on the computer or drawn by hand in felt pen or lead pencil. It can be only one colour.

Submissions due to Ms. Huber by Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

"This is one sample of a poster"

Southpointe Academy's Production of

# The Music Man Junior

Graphic

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Book by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey

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## A Night to Remember at the Massey Theatre!

Our recent trip to see The Music Man at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo was a great learning experience... and, it was also lots of fun! We will be attending the April 16<sup>th</sup> performance of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at 8:00pm at the Massey Theatre, 735 Eighth Ave., New Westminster. This event is open to all Southpointe students (FYP students only when accompanied by a parent).

If your family and/or your child would like to join us, please read the below details carefully. Have them return the attached permission form, plus the ticket price in exact cash, to **Ms. Huber before Thursday, April 1st**, to reserve a seat. **Your seats will not be reserved without full payment.** This will allow us time to reserve the seats in a timely manner.

### **What to Wear:**

Because we are going to this show as representatives of Southpointe Academy, we need to look sharp! Please wear a white collared shirt, your blue Southpointe sweater, blue jeans and your school dress shoes.

### **What to Bring:**

- A water bottle filled with water (to refill and drink in the theatre if thirsty)
- Your parents!
- Excitement

### **Transportation:**

***There will be no school organized transportation to or from this event so please arrange to carpool with other families.***

- **Arriving:** Ms. Kothlow will be giving out the tickets at 7:15pm at the front doors of the Massey Theatre. Please park and walk your children to the theatre, to make sure they arrive safely.
- **Departing:** Please park and come inside to pick up your child(ren) from us. Please arrive promptly at 10:15. The show ends at 10:00 and we will wait until the crowds disperse before exiting the theatre.

The chaperones for this trip are Ms. Alysha Kothlow, Mr. Roberto Flo.  
The emergency contact number is (604)-842-3343.

Sincerely,

Alysha Kothlow



## Location/Map

### Massey Theatre

735 Eighth Avenue (corner of Eighth Street), New Westminster, BC



**See you there!**

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**Return this form to Ms. Kothlow or Ms. Huber before April 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your seat!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the theatre excursion to Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Massey Theatre in New Westminster on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

I have enclosed exact cash for the following tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Tickets (\$20.00 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets (\$32.00 each)

I understand that I need to arrange transportation independently.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPORTS NEWS

## **SPORTS TEAMS/CLUBS INFORMATION:**

The following is information regarding Spring School teams/clubs;

- 1. Sr. Girls Soccer** – Coaches: Mr. Levitt, Mr. Lupton, and Mr. Ross
  - 2 practices and 1 game per week
  - season ends on May 12th (GVISAA League Championship)
  
- 2. Sr. Boys Floor Hockey** – Coach: Mr. O'Halloran
  - 1 or 2 practices a week (yet to be determined) and possible exhibition game(s)
  - season ends on May 25th (GVISAA Tournament)
  
- 3. Sr. Badminton** – Coaches/Sponsor Teachers: Dr. Kwan and Mrs. McMartin (Jin Choo, Grade 12 Student, organizing student)
  - 1 or 2 practices a week (Tues. & Thurs.)
  - season ends on May 6th (GVISAA Tournament)
  
- 4. Elementary (and some High School) Track & Field**
  - Coaches: Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Locke, Mrs. Kozlowski & Ms. Cook
  - 2 practices per week (Mon. & Thurs.) and approx. 4 meets
  - season ends at the end of May

If you are able to help with track & field, please speak to Mr. Simpson. If you are interested in helping with floor hockey, please see Mr. McCall.

## **TRACK & FIELD**

Track and Field practices will be held Mondays and Thursdays (Not Wednesdays). Monday practices will consist of running (speed training, sprints, exchanges, conditioning and endurance) while the Thursday practice will consist of Track and Field event practice including different stations such as relay/sprint/middle distance events etc. There will be 4 Teachers assisting in this program.



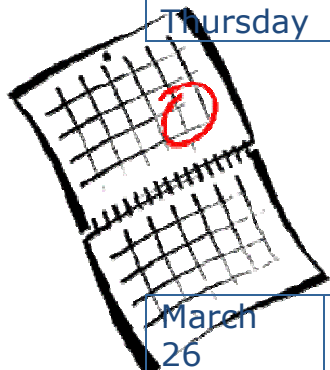
If there is anyone interested in helping Mr. Simpson at the Monday practice it would be greatly appreciated.

\*Please also note that the Wednesday Running Club is officially over for this year.

## **SPORTS CALENDAR**

***March 25 – April 8***

March 31 Wednesday	4:30pm - Sr. Girls Soccer Game, @ Meadowridge School
March 8 Thursday	3:30pm - Sr. Girls Soccer Game, vs. Waldorf @ Holly Turf, Ladner



## **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

***March 25 – April 8***

March 26 Friday	1:15 – 3:15 Quest University Professors on site for Grade 11 & 12 Lectures
March 28 Sunday	Graduation Photos-taken at Artona Studios in Vancouver by Appointment only
March 29 Monday	<b>Full School Assembly - #1 Uniform required</b>
March 29 – April 1	Grade 6 Project Discover – Meet and return to school
April 1 Thursday	<b>“World Fusion Night”</b> - 6:00pm - Pearl Banquet Hall, Surrey
April 2 Friday	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY</b>
April 5 Monday	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY</b>
April 6 Tuesday	MYP Alternate Program Week – Tuesday - Friday 5:30pm – 6:30pm – Grad Centre 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, - Gr. 9 Project Discover - Parent Briefing 7:00pm – Tsa. Arts Ctr. - Instrumental Ensembles Concert
April 8 Thursday	MYP & GYP Parent Teacher Interviews

**THE NEXT PAGE ARE THE UPDATED CALENDAR FOR 2010-2011**

**\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN RED\***



## SOUTHPOINTE ACADEMY MAJOR DATES 2010-11

THESE ARE THE DATES OF TERMS AND HOLIDAYS. A COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR INCLUDING MEETINGS, EVENTS ETC. WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MAY

DAY/DATE	EVENT	NOTES
August 31 Tuesday, September 1 Wednesday	Singapore Math Induction for students new to MYP	New students will be helped by attending this course that will introduce them to the Singapore Math course. For students entering Grades 6-9. Daily from 10am-12 noon.
September 2 Thursday	10am-12 noon New Student Orientation	New students and parents come to the school for an orientation to their classrooms, lockers, schedules etc., so that they feel 'at home' when school begins.
September 7 Tuesday	Fall Term begins	The school year begins today. Bus service begins. #1 Uniform is required. Classes start at 0805. The Opening Ceremony is at 9 am.
October 11 Monday	School Closed –Thanksgiving Holiday	
October 22 Friday	Faculty Professional Day –no student attendance	This is the Provincial professional day when teachers have access to national and international expertise.
November 11 Thursday	School Closed-Remembrance Day	
December 10-16 Friday-Thursday	GYP Examinations	Examinations are important. They may not be taken in advance, nor later than the appointed time. Please ensure no arrangements are made that will prevent student participation.
December 16 Thursday	7pm Christmas Concert	This is a mandatory event for students from K-12.
December 17 Friday to January 7 Friday	Christmas Vacation	
January 10 Monday	Winter Term begins	
March 11 Friday	Winter Term ends	
March 21 Monday- April 1 Friday	Spring Break	
April 4 Monday	Spring Term begins	
April 22 Friday	School Closed –Good Friday	
April 25 Monday	School Closed- Easter Monday	
May 20 Friday	School Closed-Victoria Day Long Weekend	
May 23 Monday	School Closed –Victoria Day	
June 10 Friday-June 17 Friday	MYP and GYP Final Examinations	
June 17 Friday	1.30pm Closing Ceremony and Major Awards	
June 17 Friday	3.00pm The school year ends.	Please note that Provincial examinations continue beyond this date. Please see the comprehensive calendar (published in May) for exact dates and times.