



The Midpointe

News and opinion for Southpointe Academy Families

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EXAMS: REVISION AND PREPARATION

The very word 'exams' elicits extraordinary responses in both parents and students. Despite many years of it not being remotely the case, parents and students still seem to feel that examinations are so much more important than 'regular' work and assignments.

They are not.

They are, however, another opportunity for students to show what they know and understand, and a very particular way. Being so particular, they can be prepared for in a way that will enhance the results. Again, though, the preparation is so often flawed.

Before I go on, let me emphasize that the views I express here are not simply my own. There has been a mountain of research into exam preparation and what I am about to write is a synthesis of the key findings:

- a) In order to perform at their best in examinations, students need to be physically and emotionally healthy. They should exercise regularly, sleep at least eight hours a night and significantly reduce their use of social media –a huge cause of unnecessary anxiety. It is a major error to stop participation in athletics, non-academic programs etc. to 'concentrate on revision'.
- b) Revision needs to be active and, therefore, preferably shared. Revising with a friend is good – sitting alone in a silent room is not. Friends can set each other mini-tests and teach each other segments of curriculum; they can revise by topic, by important names, by using text book contents' pages and indices etc. By such means as these, they learn twice as much as they would on their own. There is a great deal of information readily available on-line about the best ways to prepare for exams.
- c) Enter the exam room in a positive, fresh state of mind. Be present early; make sure you have all you need for the exam; focus – do not engage in idle chatter with friends; what they say and feel can make you nervous.
- d) Read the whole exam paper first before you answer any questions: the questions are full of 'trigger' words, and such a word in question 37 may help you to answer question 6!
- e) Look at the mark value of each question. Answer the questions with the highest mark values first.
- f) When you answer a question, make sure you answer all of it. Many times questions ask more than one thing!
- g) Work neatly. Although neatness and good, easy-to-read writing are not supposed to make any difference, research shows they do make a huge difference.
- h) After the exam, forget it! Do not worry about it at all –it is now history. Focus on the next one!
- i) Remember –the teachers want you to do well. Exams are your chance to show them what you know and understand so that they feel confident in rewarding you with excellent marks.

Graham Baldwin

POSTPONEMENT NOTICE

THE PARENT ACADEMY ARRANGED FOR 31ST MAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED. THE DATE PROVED VERY INCONVENIENT FOR MANY, SO IT WILL RUN IN THE EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM NIGHT.

Grads Celebrate!



GYP NEWS

GRADE 9 FRENCH

For the past two months, the Grade 9 French class was taken back to the 60's, 70's and 80's. From the peace-loving 60's, the afro-obsessed 70's and of course the crazy bright 80's we soon came back to reality. In order to do our final project, we were divided into groups, and given a decade to study and present. Woah! What a ride it was, the events, the cars, music, dances, and of course the FASHION! Can anyone even think of wearing an afro today, or lime-green tights with a matching band on their forehead, nor did I, until we had to present. Group by group, we went down the ramp, and modelled our decades clothing, with the music of the decade blasted behind us; each member of the group describing either an AMC pacer, lime-green tights, the Beatles, the bus stop dance, and of course advertising disposable razors. Whatever effort we put in the project, didn't go in vain, because each of us had an amazing time, including Mr. Lum. Overall, the two hours we spent to present our projects were the most amazing.

Submitted by Manmeet Grade 9



"French in the 60's 70's & 80's!"



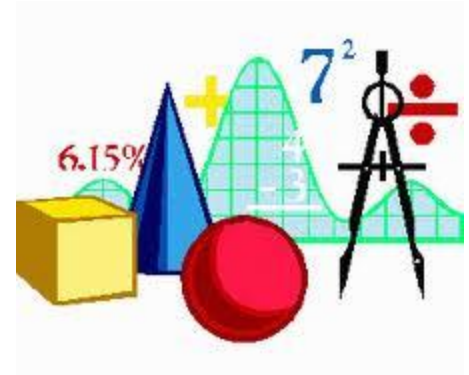
MYP NEWS

MYP EXAMS	JUNE 2011		
DATE (Times / specifics of each day will be communicated next week)	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Thursday June 9 Morning	SCIENCE	FRENCH	SOCIALS
Afternoon	P.E. + Review session for Friday exam	CHOIR + Review session for Friday exam	BAND + Review session for Friday exam
Friday June 10 Morning	FRENCH	ENGLISH	MATH
Afternoon	ART + Review session for Monday exam	P.E. + Review session for Monday exam	CHOIR + Review session for Monday exam
Monday June 13 Morning	ENGLISH	SOCIALS	SCIENCE
Afternoon	BAND + Review session for Tuesday exam	ART + Review session for Tuesday exam	P.E. + Review session for Tuesday exam
Tuesday June 14 Morning	SOCIALS	MATH	ENGLISH
Afternoon	CHOIR + Review session for Wednesday exam	BAND + Review session for Wednesday exam	ART + Review session for Wednesday exam
Wednesday June 15 Morning	MATH	SCIENCE	FRENCH
Afternoon	HR / HACE	HR / HACE	HR / HACE
Thursday June 16th Last Day of School	-MYP Assembly -MYP Beach Party -Closing Ceremonies		

Southpointe's Fourth Annual Math Wasp Contest

For Grade 6, 7 and 8 Students

All students who placed in the "Top Ten" on the external mathematical competitions, in which our school participated this year (i.e. Canadian National Math League for Grade 6, and the Gauss Math Contest in Grades 7 and 8), will have yet another chance to compete against each other in a series of mathematical duels at Southpointe Academy's Fourth Annual Mathematical Wasp Contest. This contest was named by Mr. Baldwin to parallel the Spelling Bee.



This year, the contest will be held at all the MYP grade levels simultaneously first thing in the morning on Tuesday, June 7th. Details regarding the rooms and the exact time will follow, so please stay tuned. As usual, parents and/or guardians of the contestants are cordially invited.

The Math Wasp is modelled after the Countdown Round of the Elementary Math Contest (ELMACON), held annually at UBC, and organized by the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS). This contest is a fun-filled and intense event, which is intended to allow students to experience mathematics as an exciting sport. This year again, PIMS is providing us with the contest questions, judging, and prizes for the top three places in each grade.

Here are the lists of our contestants by grade.

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Angus Hodgins	Saei Khamseh	Declan Hodgins
Trevor Yu	Jody Mielcarski	Anmol Sangha
Cole Hendy	Rajan Kalia	Gurkeerat Boughan
Jaydeep Sandhu	Dalton Huey	Taryn Jessop
Mattew Valastiak	Brenna Krause	Alicia Nagra
Alina Husain	Sumeet Saini	Shannon Gill
James Marsden	Tanraj Saran	Savreen Toor
Liam Koller	Jeevan Saran	Melissa Lau
Shiv Vij	Anna Cran	Parnam Boparai
Ashley Dhanda	Tanner Carnegie	Prabhjot Dhillon
Franklin Landry	Riley Brennan	

Please note that there is a correction in the Grade 7 list from our last week's publication in the Midpointe Newsletter, where we accidentally omitted Jeevan Saran. Jeevan has in fact earned 100 points on the recent Gauss Math Contest, and with this result he shares the Eight Place with Anna Cran.

We are looking forward to this final stage of mathematical competitions for this year.

Submitted by Mrs. Sirotic

SOCIALS 6 AS GLOBAL CITIZENS

On Tuesday, May 24 both Grade 6 Classes joined together to embark on a journey to the Museum of Vancouver. After our long bus ride we were finally there! When we got inside we met one of the volunteers. She moved us to a separate room where we met another volunteer. In our first activity we broke up into groups of five or six. There were six tables that represented a continent. Each group was given \$150 of play money. With our money we had to buy an item from each table that represents that continent. In exchange we got a receipt that gave us info about that item we purchased. After everyone had visited each table we sat with our groups and chose which was the best item we bought, and which one was the worst. We did this by looking at our receipts. We learned that a lot of our purchases were made by people who work so hard and only get paid about 5 cents a day. Most of the items were made out of non-renewable resources. We learned that we should always take a second look at what we buy. In our next activity, we got back into our groups, and got a bag of toys. A lot of the toys though were not the ones we had at home. There was a Disney action figure, but if some of us had one when we were younger I don't think we looked as it was a part of American culture. In the bag was also a puzzle, dradle, worry dolls, a Japanese samurai toy and little wooden carved animals. We realized the toys that are not on display at the toy store are equally as fun. Yes, our field trip wasn't the longest, but the activities were original, plus we learned, discovered new toys and games which made this trip fun and memorable.

Many thanks to Belinda Dhanda and Inderpreet Gill for helping out.

Submitted by Ashley Dhanda 6AH



FYP NEWS

A VERY BUSY DAY.....

At Kwantlen University, we had our Kiwanis Music Festival. First, we heard the MYP band play and they were amazing. They won the gold certificate for best band group at their age level. Next, it was our turn, it was the entire grade fives and some grade six and seven students. We played two Chinese Folk songs, Boogie Blues and Minor Rock. Our practice was okay and our playing was pretty good. We also won gold for our division.



LANGLEY CENTENNIAL MUSEUM



The Langley Centennial Museum visit was a lot of fun. We saw really great artwork and saw different artifacts that were from the olden days. My favourite art piece was "Future Playground" because you could see that if we aren't environmentally friendly, people will have to wear gas masks to breathe, they will have no place to play and will probably have no place to live. After that, we went to the other side of the museum. We saw a post office from the olden days, which had candies and stamps. Some people saw the rules list from an old school from the early 1900's. It was neat to see what a classroom looked like then compared to today. There were really strict rules for students to follow. While at the museum we participated in a scavenger hunt. There were different

questions listed and we needed to search through the museum to find the answers. The Langley Centennial Museum was a lot of fun and it was great to see so many different things from the past that we are learning about today.

Submitted by Harjap Johal



SPA GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 3, 2011

A GREAT EVENT FOR GRANDPARENTS !!

- 1) Pick up your complimentary golf shirt at check in. Buy some mulligans.
- 2) Get into your cart and drive to your starting hole.
- 3) See your cool sponsor sign on the green.
- 4) Mr. Hilton takes your foursome photo.
- 5) You tee it off the fairway when no one is looking.
- 6) Head back to the clubhouse for cocktails and mingling.
- 7) Line up for your steak and fish cooked on the outdoor patio grill. Go back for seconds.
- 8) Participate in the auction
- 9) Make a connection with other parents & find out what the kids are up to.
- 10) See your foursome photo on the projector screen (and get seen).
- 11) Leave knowing your money was well spent in support of children who need it and the betterment of your child's educational experience.



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PARENT REMINDERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE BUS



1. Late Bus Service ends on **Wednesday, June 8th**
2. Regular 3:30pm Bus Service until **Thursday, June 16th**
3. * Early Bus Service for GYP Students only; follows the late bus route, leaves school @12:00pm daily during Exam Period, June 9th - 15th
***sign up procedure is the same as late bus**



Just a friendly reminder that a tuition payment is due for June 1st.

WORK COMPLETION CENTRAL CONTINUES FOR MYP STUDENTS

Continuing from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in Ms. Huber's room, Teachers will be running the WORK COMPLETION CENTRAL program for students who have 'incomplete assignments'. These sessions are mandatory for students who have not completed their course work.

Parent's will receive a call home to advise that their child is required to attend. These sessions will include training on time/workload management, and study skills.

The Teachers will be discussing this initiative with their students. We all want our students, your children, to succeed and we hope that you will be able to find the time to encourage your child in finishing this academic year strongly.

Ms. Huber - Middle Years Program Team Leader



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SPORTS NEWS

ISEA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday, May 19th, twenty-five students from Gr.'s 4 – 7 took part in the ISEA Track and Field Championship Meet at UBC. Our athletes competed against other ISABC member schools from across the Lower Mainland. All of the students participated to the best of their ability and should be commended for their effort. This was a very competitive meet and a number of our athletes were able to achieve "personal best" results in their respective events!

Many thanks to the following parent volunteers who came out to support our team:
Mr. Gookstetter, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Marsden, Mrs. Almrud, Mrs. Clisby and Mrs. Carnegie.

Congratulations to all 25 athletes:

Adam Yu, Arjun Mangat, Sophia Strang, Adelia Bailey, Cassidy Clisby, Sartaj Grewal, Riley Gookstetter, Gauri Gadey, Harrison Almrud, Chloe Cuthbert, Henry McPhie, Kenny Ross, Brent Morrison, Jaydeep Sandhu, Natasha Sharma, Meaghan MacKenzie, Chris Pope, Jim Marsden, Thorsten Schaub, Angus Hodgins, Chandon Dhillon, Trevor Yu, Alina Husain, Tanner Carnegie and Max Kirshenblatt.

The following students achieved "top 10" results:

Sophia Strang, Adelia Bailey, Adam Yu, Arjun Mangat, Henry McPhie, Kenny Ross, Max Kirshenblatt, Cassidy Clisby, Harrison Almrud, Natasha Sharma, Thorsten Schaub, Jaydeep Sandhu, Tanner Carnegie, Brent Morrison, Meaghan MacKenzie, Chris Pope, Jim Marsden, Matt Valastiak, Chloe Cuthbert, Riley Gookstetter, Tanner Carnegie and Trevor Yu.

Well done Titans!

Submitted by Mr. Simpson



SPORTS DAY 2011



Who: Pre K- Grade 7,
Grade 8's student organizers

When: Friday June 3rd, 10am-2pm

Where: Winskill Artificial Turf Field, Tsawwassen



Important Reminders:

- Students are to arrive at school at 8:05am for regular school programming. The bus will be transporting the students to and from Winskill Field. At the end of Sports Day, students may leave directly from the field if they are accompanied by a parent and have let their homeroom teacher know that they will not be on the bus returning to school.
- Students who leave with their parents, but would normally take the school bus home must notify the front office.
- Students must arrive at school in their Southpointe PE uniform (Island t-shirt, shorts, runners, white socks). Sunscreen and hats are highly recommended.
- Students are required to bring a bagged lunch and water bottle.
- Any parents wishing to volunteer can contact the PE office.

SPORTS CALENDAR

May 26 – June 9

May 27-29 Fri. – Sun.	BC Elementary Track Meet held at Minuru Park in Richmond
June 2 Thursday	Athletic Awards Ceremony



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 26 – June 9

May 26 Thursday	4:30pm – Art Reception in the Courtyard at the school
May 27 - 29 Friday Sunday	Grade 12 Project Discover camping & rafting trip to Boston Bar
May 27 Friday	12:30pm – 3:00pm – Grade 4 Field Trip to Riefel Bird Sanctuary on Westham Island 3:15pm - Grade 9 Project Discover Girls return
May 30-Jun 3 Mon. – Fri.	Spirit Week
May 31–Jun 3 Tues.-Fri.	Grade 9 Boys Project Discover cycling trip from Cultus Lake to Harrison Hot Springs
May 31 Tuesday	1:30pm – Kindergarten – Grade 3 Musical at the Church
June 1 Wednesday	Grade 2 Field Trip to Lynn Valley Ecology Centre in North Vancouver Grade 5 Field Trip to Britannia Mining Museum in Britannia Beach
June 2 Thursday	2:00pm – Athletic Awards Assembly at the Church
June 3 Friday	FYP & MYP Sports Day & Island Theme Day GYP Island Olympics in the afternoon 12:00pm Golf Tournament at Beach Grove Golf Club
June 4 Saturday	Grade 7 & 8 Honour Band – “Music in the Park” trip to Seattle
June 6 Monday	12:30pm – Alumni visit to the Grade 12 Students in Room #209 6:30pm – 9:00pm - Summer Concert at the Church
June 7 Tuesday	8:15am – 9:30am - MYP Math Wasp 10:00am MYP Awards Ceremony at the Church 2:00pm GYP Awards Ceremony at the Church 6:30pm – Volunteer Soiree at Gunn House
June 8 Wednesday	New Zealand Exchange Students leave today
June 9 Thursday	9:00am - GYP & MYP Exams begin