



SUNRIDGE SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 22nd:

Grades 1-3 @ 12:50pm

Grades 4-8 @ 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 22nd:

Kindergarten Parent Tea

Thursday, August 23rd:

**4th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:30pm**

Friday, August 24th:

Early Release (see above)

Wednesday, August 29th:

**1st Grade Parent Evening
6:30-7:30pm**

Monday, September 3rd:

School Closed –Labor Day

Thursday, September 27th:

Festival of Courage

Wednesday, October 3rd:

**4th Grade Play
9am**

Thursday, October 4th:

**4th Grade Play
5:30pm**

Monday, October 8th:

No School –Indigenous People's Day

Wednesday, October 10th:

**Middle School Meeting (6-8th)
6-8pm**

Wednesday, October 24th:

**Kindergarten Parent Evening
6:30-8:30pm**

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

8/22/17

Welcome Back!

1st Day Packet

Keep a lookout for the 1st day packet that will be coming home with your child today. The packet contains important information and forms that will need to be filled out and returned to the office such as:

- Emergency card
- School and Parent Agreement
- Emergency Contact Information
- School Directory Form

Vision & Mission

Vision

The vision for students and the school community that supports them is to create a safe and caring educational environment where parents, teachers, staff, children, and the land we share come together to nurture each student's intellectual, artistic, emotional, social, and physical development.

Students will graduate with a love of learning well-prepared to pursue further academic and personal goals, and motivated to make positive contributions to the world.

Mission

We progress toward our vision for our students and our school community by:

- Striving to meet the educational needs of each child at every stage of his or her growth through a curriculum based on the core principles of Public Waldorf Education.
- Supporting our students in developing capacities for independent and creative thinking, self-confidence, self-directed learning, social and environmental responsibility, and in affirming individual and cultural diversity.
- Governing our school based on the principles of participation, collaboration, cooperation, and open communication, accountability, respect for individuality and diversity, and a shared responsibility toward the life of the community.
- Attracting and supporting excellent teachers and staff.
- Cultivating and encouraging parent and school participation through education, community, and contribution.

Dress Code Policy

SunRidge has a dress code. Please review it prior to shopping for school clothing. In addition, the dress code has expectations for hair, makeup and jewelry. You can download a copy of our policy from our website by clicking here: <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/quickreference-information.html>

Falling Leaves is fast approaching, please join us!

Mark your calendars for October 27th from 10am-3pm. The beloved Falling Leaves Festival will return! Calling all event planners and Falling Leaves class reps. We will begin meeting to plan the festival starting this Monday evening August 27th from 7-9pm in the Library. Please attend if you are a PC rep, or if you have worked on the festival before OR are able and willing to lead your class booth. Booth assignments are listed below. In our meeting, we will give an overview of the festival and set up meeting times to start the making this one of our best Falling Leaves Festival yet.

Homeschool: Marketplace
 DF Kindergarten: Marketplace
 MS Kindergarten: Pocket Person
 First Grade: Drinks and Desserts
 Second Grade: Crafts to make
 Third Grade: Cookie Booth
 Fourth Grade: Marketplace
 Fifth Grade: Crafts to make
 Sixth Grade: Savory foods
 Seventh Grade: Savory foods
 Eighth Grade: Games

All SunRidge families are asked to participate. This event is our biggest larger community outreach, fundraiser and FUNraiser that we host each year. It supports each student by adding much-needed funds to our class education enrichment and field trip accounts. Please find ways that you can plug in and help! Looking forward to another amazing event!

Please email sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com with any questions.

School Start/End Times & Pick-up Windows

- REMINDER: This whole week is early release for the grades (see times below).

Please remember how important it is to get your child to school before 8:25am for the grades, and by 8:30am for kindergarten. Getting back into a consistent rhythm of bedtimes and rising times helps support your child to more easily integrate into his or her school schedule. Also, if your child arrives at school after 8:25am they must check-in at the office before going to their classroom. The daily schedule is below.

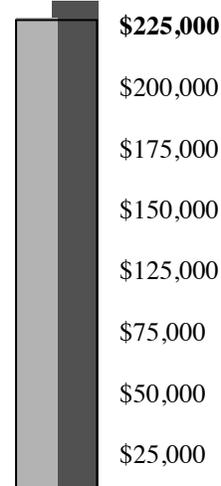
Grade	Class Starts	Pick-up Window*
Kindergarten	8:30am	12:30pm
Grades 1-8	Regular Days	1st Grade: 2:30–2:40pm 2nd Grade: 2:30–2:40pm 3rd Grade: 2:30–2:40pm 4th-8th Grade: 3:00–3:10pm
	Early Release Days	Grades 1-3: 12:50–1:00pm 4th-8th Grade: 1:00–1:15pm

2017-18 Final Pledge Report

Pledges received through June 20, 2018: **\$243,270**

Pledge Participation Rate: 90%

In the graph to the right, light grey represents the pledge revenue that was needed to be on track toward our annual goal, and the dark grey shows the final amount of pledges received for the 2017-18 school year.



*PLEASE pick up your child during the pick up window time listed as this helps reduce traffic congestion at and near the school. Staff is off duty at the end of the pick-up window times. Children must be picked up by this time.

- Grades supervision is provided before school on the side playground between 8:00-8:25am. Please, no drop-offs before 8:00am.
- For the grades, early release days are every Thursday as well as the additional days listed on the school calendar.
- All students must be supervised after school, including intervals between pick-up times. Unsupervised students are brought to the office to call home or call other on their emergency card.

Calling All Carpenters

We have several small projects around the school that need the help from a few skilled carpenters. For example, adding trim the hallway bulletin boards. If you have the time and the expertise please call and leave a message for Willie or Kalen at 824-2844.

Summer Projects

Our school continued to transform even over the summer. Some of the projects included:

- Painting classrooms, hallways, the office and the exterior of school building.
- Replacing rain gutters.
- A new roof is in progress for the woodwork area.
- Replacing a counter in the 1st and 2nd grade classrooms.
- Redesigning the Kindergarten yard.

Garden Appreciation

What a gift to come back to school and see that all the plants were happy and healthy. Thank you to all of you who tended to the garden over the summer, it looks so beautiful! Please follow this link to read an appreciation letter from

Miss Nessa with garden and kitchen updates for the new year:

<https://goo.gl/YX66TH>

Hiring Update

We are seeking wonderful people for the following positions:

- 1st Grade Aide
- After Care Coordinator and Assistant
- 6th-8th Grade Math Specialist

Job descriptions and applications are available on the Twin Hills Union School District website.

After Care Program

Are you in need of after school care for your child? You're in luck! There is room available in our After Care Program for all grades. Enroll your child today to have an engaging and fun after school experience. Hours are from 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Currently Deanna Kempthorne, who ran her own after school program for many years, is running the program.

Hot Lunch for September and October

For September and October Hot Lunch, grades 3-8 can order by filling out the September-October Hot Lunch form and attaching payment. Forms and payment can be dropped off in the Hot Lunch folder that is attached to Erin's desk in the office. Pick up your form outside the office or download it online at <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/hot-lunch-program.html>

School Calendar

Our school calendar and events calendar for this 2018-19 school year is now available. Please pick up your copy outside the main office or download it from our website and keep it handy for reference, noting holidays and breaks so you can plan your vacations accordingly.

<http://www.sunridgeschool.org/calendar-and-schedule.html>

Drop off and Parking

Students may be dropped off in the morning at either the front drop-off area or the back drop-off area no earlier than 8am. All grades students are picked up at the yellow loading zone at the rear entrance of the school. You may also park in the back parking lot if you wish to escort your child to or from your vehicle. Please leave the front parking lot spaces for Kindergarten parents who must walk their young children to their classrooms at the front of the campus. Do not park in the yellow-marked loading zones in either the front or back! As a courtesy to our residential neighbors, please park on campus in designated areas in the back parking lot if you wish to escort your child to or from your vehicle.

Email Policy

Communication is most effective person-to-person where the full range of language and meaning is expressed through eye contact, tone, pitch, and other social cues. For this reason, we request that emails be used for informational purposes and not as a forum for discussion and debate. Disputes or disagreements are best addressed in a medium other than email, such as a face-to-face meeting.

SunRidge teachers use a class email group list to communicate with parents. This email list is for the classroom teacher's use

for sharing information regarding class news, events, and other class-specific communications at the teacher's discretion.

If a parent wishes to send a group email to parents and/or teachers, it is the school's policy that a prior request is made to the respective class teacher or the director. For example, the class parent may, at the direction of the teacher, send out a group email regarding an upcoming class event. Email is a quick, convenient way to communicate and reduces paper use. To ensure that messages don't confuse or exclude others, it is important to keep in mind "best practices" for email etiquette within our community. Keep email language brief, specific, objective, and solution-oriented.

The SunRidge directory is provided to facilitate communication between members of our community for sharing information such as assignment due dates, social invitations, and arranging carpools. Please respect that our directory is for the use of SunRidge community members for school related business only and should not be used for promotional, marketing, solicitation, political purposes, or dispute resolution.

Cell Phone Reminder

SunRidge has a no-cell-phones-with-students-during-the-school-day policy. Please have them leave cell phones at home unless they really need one for important after school communication. Students with cell phones need to drop them off in the school office in the morning and can pick them up after school is out. Our students have been very responsible in following this rule and it works smoothly. We also ask that parents refrain from using their cell phones in any school building or area when students are present. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Reminder: Please label your child's clothing with their last name and don't forget to check the Lost & Found.

ATHLETICS Announcement Grades 6-8

Students participating in the athletic program observe the following schedules:

- September – mid-October
 - Mondays, Wednesdays, (practices on two first Fridays 8/24, 8/31) 3-5:30pm - Coed Volleyball
 - Tuesdays – 4pm-5:30 - Cross Country Running (5 meets, tentatively 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16).
- October-December:
 - Mondays, Wednesdays (perhaps Friday practices) 3-5:30pm - Boys' basketball
- January-early April:
 - Mondays, Wednesdays 3-5:30pm - Girls' basketball

Classified + Community Events

At the end of every week's bulletin, a section titled Community Events will appear containing happenings in the community that may be of interest to SunRidge families. The Classified section will follow containing not-for-profit ads regarding housing, items for sale, and other community needs. Please email your requests for these sections to Makena in the SunRidge office mcollin@twinhillsusd.org for review and possible placement in future bulletins. Requests should be submitted no later than the end of the day on Monday every week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**40% Off @ Sebastopol Hardware for Teachers!**

Teachers, we know you pay for a lot of classroom supplies out of your own pocket. As a way to say thank you for all you do, any needed classroom supplies are 40% off until the end of August. You must have your teacher ID and the offer only applies to classroom items not reimbursed by your school.

CYO Basketball

Registration for the St. Sebastian CYO Basketball program for 3rd through 8th graders is now open and will close on September 3rd. However, spaces for each grade level are limited and are processed on a first come, first served basis until the limits are reached. Written information about the registration process is available at the office. To register, go to www.sscyo.com and click on the Player Registration button.

CLASSIFIED

(We can list rentals; parents selling used items, free items, lost and found, or trades. With the exception of private, after-school care available for SunRidge students, we do not list for-profit business ads. After 2-3 publications, ads will automatically be dropped)

Violin For Sale

For sale: Violin - 3/4 sized Cremona with case and bow. It's in great shape. \$175 Please contact Elizabeth etsailer@sbcglobal.net or (707)-228-8102.

Tutoring Available for Your Student

I am an experienced Waldorf educator of 20 years and I am now available for summer tutoring. I have worked with students from 6 to 16 years of age, teaching all the subjects of the Waldorf curriculum. My tutoring style uses imaginative and motivating images, games and movement, as well as rigorous adherence to academic standards. I look forward to hearing from you and working with your child or student. Warmly, Adam Stopeck
astopeck@gmail.com 707- 974-5696

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