



# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 42 - MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

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## THANK YOU!

To all of our host families - thank you for your continuing support of our district homestay program and international students. It has been another great year and we could not do it without you!

Your efforts in making their stay in Canada the best it can be is greatly appreciated.

## DEPARTURES

Current students ending their program in June should depart between June 24 and 27. Alternate arrangements or requests to stay beyond June 30th are not permitted and will not be accommodated. Only secondary students enrolled in a July academic course will be permitted to extend their stay over the summer. If your student shares new or different departure dates with you, please contact your homestay coordinator or email our office at [intedtravel@sd42.ca](mailto:intedtravel@sd42.ca) as soon as possible.

For students 16 and under, please assist them to check in and stay with them at YVR until they are through security. For students 17 and older, we recommend parking in the "Cell Phone Waiting" lot after dropping them off at YVR. Please remain in contact with them via text/phone to confirm they have successfully made it through security before returning home.

Please follow this link to check [Covid-19 requirements for entry by country](#) prior to departure.

## CHANGES TO FEES

We are happy to announce an increase in monthly host fees effective July 2023, from \$950 per month to \$1050 per month, per student.

Should you require the support of our transportation service partners for airport pick up or drop off, this has also increased to \$120-\$130 plus tax depending on your location. We will not implement this change until July 1, 2023.



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## COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

**June 19-23** - Assessment Week (Gr. 10 & 12)

**June 23** - Last Day of Regular Classes

*(Secondary)*

**June 27-28** - Flex Days *(Secondary)*

**June 29** - Last Day of Classes *(Elementary)*

- Final Report Cards

**June 30** - Schools Closed for Summer

**July 1** - Canada Day

**July 5-26** - Summer Learning

**Sept. 1-4** - Expected 2023-2024

Student Arrivals

**Sept. 5-6** - New Student Orientation  
and First Day of Classes

*(Details to Come)*

**Sept. 10** - Vancouver Tour & Beach BBQ

*(For New Secondary Students Only)*



## HOST FAMILY REFERRALS

Our homestay family referral program is still in effect! If you have friends, relatives, neighbours, or coworkers living within our district who would make a good host family, please refer them to us through your homestay coordinator. We will be offering more short-term programs in the 2023-2024 school year. These are a great opportunity for anyone curious about hosting international students to begin on a smaller scale, or for anyone who would like to host but has limited availability. Once we successfully onboard the referred family and place a student, you will receive a \$100 PC gift certificate as a thank you!



## SUMMER LEARNING

Grade 8-9 Literacy & Numeracy courses and grade 10-12 Academic courses will begin on July 5 at Thomas Haney Secondary. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the last day being July 26. Only secondary students who are enrolled in a Summer Learning course are permitted to extend their stay in Canada past June 27. If your student is not enrolled and they have informed you they are staying beyond this date, please contact your homestay coordinator. For more Summer Learning information, please visit this [link to the SD42 site](#).

## REPORT CARDS

End of year final report cards will be issued online by schools on June 29. Our office forwards these reports to the students' agents and their natural parents. Students who have questions or concerns regarding report cards after the last day of school should contact our office via email at [ie\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:ie_reception@sd42.ca) for assistance

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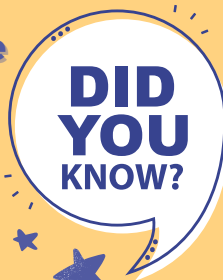
## CONTACTING YOUR HSC

Homestay Coordinators work 5 days a week, including 1 weekend day, so there is a coordinator in the office daily. Please review the coordinator contact information on this page for your HSC's work days. Coordinators also work from their assigned schools 1-2 days a week to meet with students during the school year. The best way to contact your HSC is via email for non-emergencies and to schedule a phone conversation as needed. You may also phone our office and we will connect you with your Coordinator or take a message when they are not immediately available. HSC cellphone numbers are also provided for you should you need to reach them while they are at schools, or during their weekend shift.

**Please phone our Emergency 24/7 line for any after hours urgencies: 604-345-9802. This number should be saved in your phone so you can easily contact us in emergency cases. You should call this number for any medical emergencies and/or significant concerns about student well-being. This number is different than that of our office and is reachable 24/7!**

### Top three reasons international students choose Canada:

- 1 Canada's reputation as a safe and stable country
- 2 The reputation and quality of the education system in Canada
- 3 Canada offers a society that (generally) is tolerant and not discriminatory





## SEPTEMBER PLACEMENTS

Homestay coordinators are actively working on September placements. If there have been any changes to your family and/or home, please inform your homestay coordinator so we can keep your hosting profile up to date. Changes to note include new pets, babies, family members moving in/out, significant dietary changes (ie. can accommodate gluten-free, vegetarian), and any renovations or upcoming plans to sell your home. Please also advise us if you have an extra bedroom and would like to host a second student!

We follow federal health guidelines for COVID-19 travel, testing, and borders. Please refer to this link if you are wondering about entry requirements to Canada:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>.

Regardless of vaccination status, we recommend that our students consistently follow individual public health measures.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

International students are insured with StudyInsured, which allows us to provide better service and additional support to students and host families when dealing with medical issues. More information and helpful print-outs for Study Insured can be found online [here](#).

StudyInsured's online Virtual Health service connects students with doctors via the internet and includes support in multiple languages. 24 hour multilingual support is available through their INTREPID24/7 service. For any medical needs that may arise, your first call should always be to their toll-free 24/7 medical help line: **1-866-883-9787**

Full year students are registered for MSP after they have been in Canada for 3 months. An MSP number and BC Services Card will be provided to the student. It is very important that the student and/or host family do **NOT** change the mailing address for MSP. This could happen when taking the student to the hospital or doctor and they asked to confirm the address. Changing the address will cause invoices to be delivered to your address. To avoid this do not change the address. Our office address should remain on file: 20675 Thorne Avenue, V2X 9A6.

If you have questions regarding insurance coverage, please reach out to your homestay coordinator or contact our office for assistance.



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## SHORT TERM CULTURAL PROGRAM

We are very excited to be able to run a short term cultural program again! These programs are 2-3 weeks long in the spring and summer months that are meant to showcase our schools and community with the goal of promoting more long-term academic students to choose our district. Students who participate in this program spend some of their time with us in our local high schools attending a variety of courses and getting to know our students and staff. We also bring them on a variety of trips and tours across the lower mainland.



Our first group arrived this spring from Guadalajara, Mexico for a 2 week program. They were welcomed by MRSS, SRT, and WSS for the high school experience where they joined current students in courses such as Home Economics, Science, Culinary Arts, Sewing, Wood Working, Physical Education and more! The feedback from the group was very positive and left many emotional on their last day as they had already made new connections. Tours during their second week included downtown Vancouver and Stanley Park, skiing at Grouse Mountain, Whistler, a day trip to Victoria! Both students and chaperones enjoyed exploring with our partnered tour company and took many pictures showcasing the sights seen and fun had!



Please let your homestay coordinator know if you are interested in hosting short term cultural program students in the future. Hosting these students includes daily pick-up and drop-off at varying times and locations in Maple Ridge. This is a great opportunity for anyone curious about hosting to begin on a smaller scale, or for anyone who would like to host but has limited availability.

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

*Engagement with your student is a vital part of the homestay family role. Small positive interactions go a long way when it comes to building a relationship and making them feel welcome and included in your home. Students want to experience day-to-day life with their host family. Here are some simple ways you can initiate interactions:*

- Ask about their day. Discuss their plans for the day or which class they look forward to. Avoid "yes or no" questions to get them talking. For example: "What did you do with your friends?" or "What did you learn in Science class today?"
- Do the dishes together after a meal.
- Teach them how to make your recipes, or let them teach you!
- Watch a weekly TV show together.
- Take them with you to run errands such as groceries, hardware store etc.
- Invite them to your children's sport practices/games, or have them try the sport outside together.
- Go for a walk around the neighbourhood after dinner.
- Ask them about their life, friends, or family back home. Allowing them to share this with you often brings students comfort and joy.



## HEALTHY EATING



### BLT SHRIMP ROLLS

#### **Ingredients:**

- sliced bacon
- 1 1/4 lb. large cooked shrimp, tails removed and halved
- 1/3 c. ranch dressing, plus more for dipping
- buns of your choice (hot dog buns works great!)
- Green leaf lettuce and sliced tomatoes
- Chopped chives

#### **Directions:**

- 1.) In large skillet on medium, cook bacon until crisp. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate.
- 2.) In large bowl, toss cooked shrimp with ranch dressing until well coated.
- 3.) Toast buns and line with lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and crispy bacon. Spoon in shrimp and sprinkle with chives. Serve with more ranch dressing for dipping. Salt and pepper to taste.



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