



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 42 - MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

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Photo Contest winner from the Rocky Mountain 4-Day Tour in March by Zoe T. (MRSS)

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

May 9-11 - Tofino 3-Day Tour

(Optional field Trip)

May 14 - Non-Instructional Day

(No Classes)

May 19 - Victoria day

(No Classes)

May 28 - City & Seals Tour

(Optional field Trip)

June 25 - Last day of school

June 25 - Final Report Cards Issued

June 26 - Schools close for the Summer

June 25-29 - Student Departures

**Unless Attending Summer Learning*

July 1 - Canada Day

July 2-23 - Summer Learning

July 2-23 - Summer Immersion Program

July 5-18 - Short-Term Group from China

Aug. 10-31 - Pre-Academic Program

Aug. 28-1 - Expected New Student Arrivals

Sept. 2-3 - New Student Orientation & First Day of Classes
(Details to come)



THANK YOU!

To all of our host families - thank you for your continuing support of our district homestay program and international students. Your efforts in making their stay in Canada the best it can be is greatly appreciated!

CHANGES TO FEES

We are happy to announce an upcoming increase in monthly host fees from \$1150 per month to \$1200 per month, per student! The increase will be effective starting July 1, 2025.

HOST FILE UPDATES

Please advise your Homestay Coordinator of any changes to your family or home including pets, family members moving in/out, dietary restrictions/accommodations, large renovation plans, contact information updates etc. We appreciate you disclosing any frequent visitors to the home, such as a partners who do not live in the home permanently, so there are no surprises to students and/or parents.

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. Once we successfully onboard the referred family and place a student, you will receive a \$100 PC gift certificate as a thank you!



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STUDENT SAFETY

As the weather gets warmer and the end of the school year approaches, we appreciate your help in ensuring student safety as students tend to take more risks and want to explore further at this time. Please stay informed of your student's whereabouts and planned activities and do not hesitate to ask them for more details. Adequate supervision must be provided when it comes to water activities and trips to Vancouver. Students 15 and over may visit Vancouver without adult supervision as long as they provide you with full trip details including a safe way home. Students must continue to follow all program guidelines and homestay rules, including their curfew. Students are not permitted to attend "YVR" parties. If you are unsure if permission should be granted for an activity, please contact your Homestay Coordinator or our office for guidance.

SUMMER LEARNING

Summer Learning academic courses will begin on July 2 at Thomas Haney Secondary. Classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a 30 minute lunch break. The last day of courses will be July 23. Only secondary students who are enrolled in a Summer Learning course are permitted to extend their stay in Canada past June 30. 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 25. Students can access these in MyClass while still in Canada, and 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 for assistance at ie_reception@sd42.ca.

Grade 12 students needing an Official Transcript from the Ministry of Education should pre-order online [here](#). The Ministry publishes final Transcripts on July 31 and can mail them to the student, their universities of choice, or our office for forwarding if requested.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our International Department is committed to providing support to the homestay parents and students in our program. We believe in clear, open, and consistent communication. In most cases, minor conflict between a student and host family member can be worked out with a solution that is of mutual benefit. If the issue persists despite your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact your homestay coordinator for support in a timely manner. They can act as a mediator and help build or improve the relationship and come to a resolution. You can also access our [Health & Wellness Guidelines and resources here](#) to help support your student(s) through the challenges of acculturation stress, homesickness, and other mental health concerns. We appreciate your efforts to approach conflict in a calm manner, as teens can test boundaries from time to time.

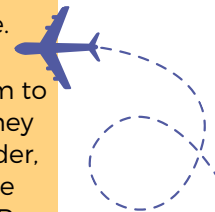


Students enjoying the Victoria field trip over Spring Break.

DEPARTURES

Students ending their program in June must depart by June 30th. Alternate arrangements or requests to stay beyond June 30th will not be accommodated. Only 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 email our office at 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.



ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Students are expected to attend all classes and finish the year off strong. This includes attending

TA and open blocks at Thomas Haney. It is important to inform the school if a student will be absent or late so they can be excused.

Students must speak with their liaison and teachers to complete all work missed while they were away.

If students are unavoidably late or absent, the following procedures apply:

- Students who arrive to school late are required to sign in at the office.
- Students who leave the school during the school day must sign out at the office. Confirmation (note or phone call) from a host parent granting permission is required.
- If illness causes a student to miss school, **the host parent needs to excuse the absence by notifying the school** (email/portal/phone call) before 8:30am. Our office can not log absences, only the school which the student attends.
- Students who participate in extra-curricular events should notify the school before the event of their absence.

Excessive unexcused absences and/or late arrivals will result in school-based intervention. If absences persist, students may be placed on an International Education Performance Contract.



Vancouver Tour for September 2024 Orientation. Hard to believe this school year is almost over!

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CREATING LASTING MEMORIES

Looking for ways to bring more joy and connection into your home? Creating fun, simple yet meaningful family traditions can go a long way! Here are a few ideas to try with your family and student:


 **Friday Movie Night** - Cozy up for a family film complete with popcorn and theatre snacks!


 **Sunday Special Breakfast** - Start the day with a family favourite meal, fun pancake shapes, waffle bar, or treat cereals. The possibilities are endless!


 **Homemade Pizza Night** - Make your own dough or buy a pizza kit and get creative with your toppings!

 **Board Game Night** - A fun way to bond and challenge each other with friendly competition.

 **Monthly Theme Dinner** - Pick a day to explore different world cuisines or fun themes!

 **Master Class Monday** - Sign up for MasterClass online or use YouTube to learn something new at home together such as a magic trick, hair style, small craft, baked good, etc.

 **Monthly Picnic** - Enjoy the outdoors together, even if it's your own back yard! Calling for rain? Living room picnics can be just as fun and cozy!

 **Birthday Person's Special Day** - Let them choose the day's activity and special meal.

Do you have a family tradition? We'd love to hear about it! Please share it with us!

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MEDICAL INSURANCE

Please contact your Homestay Coordinator if your student has been injured or unusually ill. It is important to communicate this with our office so we can assist or follow up as needed.

International students are insured through 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 who can support them online with services available in multiple languages. 24 hour multilingual support is available through their INTREPID24/7 service. **For any medical needs that may arise, such as clinic or hospital visits, your first call should always be to their toll-free 24/7 medical help line: 1-866-883-9787.**

Students can also access free professional counselling and mental health assistance by phone at **1-833-646-1524**. Calls are completely private and will not be shared with our program, schools, parents, or the insurance company.

Full year students are registered for MSP after a 90 day wait period. 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 ask to confirm the student's address. Changing the address will cause invoices to be delivered to your home. Our office address should remain on file: 20575 Thorne Avenue, V2X 9A6.

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

RECIPE FEATURE

This month's featured recipe is a classic from Japan -- Chicken Yakisoba!



This recipe serves 4.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons Asian-style chile paste
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- ½ medium head cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, cut into matchsticks
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 pounds cooked yakisoba noodles
- 2 tablespoons pickled ginger (Optional)

Directions:

1. Heat 2 tablespoons canola oil and sesame oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir chicken and garlic in hot oil until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir chile paste into chicken mixture; cook and stir until chicken is completely browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Add soy sauce and simmer for 2 minutes. Pour chicken and sauce into a bowl.
2. Heat 1 tablespoon canola oil in the skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir cabbage, onion, carrots, and salt in hot oil until cabbage is wilted, 3 to 4 minutes.
3. Stir the chicken mixture into the cabbage mixture. Add noodles; cook and stir until noodles are hot and chicken is no longer pink inside, 3 to 4 minutes. Garnish with pickled ginger.



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