



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT 42 - MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

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Our lovely host Julie with her family and her 3 students. They visited Larry Berg Flight Path Park which features a giant globe celebrating YVR's role in connecting British Columbia to the world!

REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be issued online by schools on June 24. Students can access these in MyClass while still in Canada, and our office forwards these reports digitally 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 after July 31 and can mail them to the student, their universities of choice, or our office for forwarding if requested.

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

May 9-11 - Tofino 3-Day Adventure Tour
(Optional Field Trip)

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Non-Instructional Day
(No Classes)

May 13 - Bowen Island Kayaking Tour
(Optional Field Trip)

May 18 - Victoria Day
(No Classes)

June 21 - Father's Day

June 24 - Last Day of School for Students

June 24 - Final Report Cards Issued

June 25 - Schools Close for Summer Break

June 25-28 - Student Departures
**Unless Enrolled in Summer Learning*

July 1 - Canada Day

July 4- Aug. 3 - Short-Term Group from Japan

July 7-28 - Summer Learning

July 7-28 - Summer Immersion Program

Aug. 3 - BC Day

Aug. 15 - Sept. 4 - Pre-Academic Program

Sept. 1-6 - Expected New Student Arrivals

Sept. 7 - Labour Day

Sept. 8 & 9 - New Student Orientation & First Day of Classes

**Details to Come.*

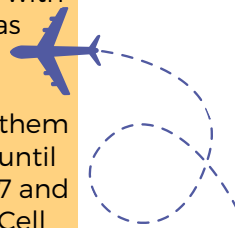


DEPARTURES

Our recommended departure dates for students ending their program are June 25-28, 2026. **We can not accommodate alternate arrangements or requests to stay beyond June 30th.** Only students enrolled in a July academic course or the Summer Immersion Program will be permitted to extend their stay over the summer.

Our office will email you the departure flight details at the end of May/beginning of June. Please respond to this email acknowledging it has been received and arrangements for drop-off have been made. If your student shares new or different departure dates with you, please email our office as soon as possible at intedtravel@sd42.ca.

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 cleared security before returning home.



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!





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

CURFEW & 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 must continue to follow all program guidelines and homestay rules, including their curfew. Students are not permitted to attend "YVR" (or similar) parties.

It is up to host parents to set reasonable curfews to ensure for the safety and wellbeing of students. Curfews should be activity dependent, and host parents should always know where their student/s is. If you are unsure if permission should be granted for an activity, please contact your Homestay Coordinator or our office for guidance.

Please consider the age of your student and keep in mind there should be a balance between peer and host family connection/time. Staying out later (with permission) a few nights per week is reasonable - staying out every night is not. We suggest the following as a starting point:

Ages 15-16: 9pm / weekends 11pm

Ages 17-18: 10pm / weekends 12am

You are welcome to discuss further with your homestay coordinator if you have questions or concerns.

FINISHING STRONG

As the school year winds down, host parents can play a key role in helping students stay focused and finish strong. With final projects, exams, and deadlines piling up, it could be helpful to sit down together and map out what's coming up. This might look like breaking big assignments into manageable steps and guiding students to build strong time-management skills. Gentle check-ins about study plans, sleep, and stress can help students stay accountable without adding pressure. Encourage them to reflect on their goals for finishing the year well, and celebrate small wins as tasks get completed. Your steady support and encouragement can make this busy season feel more manageable and empowering for students.

SEPTEMBER PLACEMENTS

Homestay Coordinators will be in touch in the coming weeks to offer student placements for September students. Some new students will arrive for our Pre-Academic program starting Aug. 17, but most will arrive Sept. 1-5. The first day of orientation and new classes will be Tuesday, September 8.



Students from our September intake enjoying the beautiful Vancouver views.

EMERGENCY LINE

Our 24 hour emergency phone number should be saved as a contact in your phone for ease of access: **604-345-9802**.

Please remember to **call** in the event you have a more serious issue that arises with your student outside of regular business hours. Note that Homestay Coordinators do not check their work phone or messages outside of their office hours. Thank you as always for your attentive care of our students - their safety and well-being while away from their parents is of utmost importance to us.



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.

EXIT PROCEDURES

Students must ensure all school exit procedures are complete prior to departure. This includes returning all textbooks, library materials, sports/club equipment, and locks as well as emptying out their lockers. Please offer a friendly reminder during their last week and encourage them to double check there is nothing at your home left to return to schools.

Students should also leave their bedroom in your home the same way it was introduced to them. Encourage them to start packing early and not the night before their flight. Show them where they can discard of unwanted items (garbage, recycling, donation) and do a final walk through so there are no surprises after their departure -- international shipping is very expensive for the student!

MEDICAL REMINDERS

Please contact our office or your Homestay

Coordinator if your student has been injured or unusually ill. It is important to communicate this, especially hospital or urgent visits, 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 can be found online [here](#).

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 sent to your home. Our office address should remain on file: 20575 Thorne Avenue, V2X 9A6.

IMPORTANT: Should you receive any invoices from your student's medical visit, please contact our office as soon as possible so we can follow up with the claim and/or insurers. Our office is here to help in these circumstances and the sooner we are aware, the less delay in resolving the claims.

If your student requires x-rays, scans, or tests of any kind please have them request their medical records before leaving the hospital to greatly simplify and speed up the insurance claim process.



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