

HOMESTAY NEWSLETTER – DEC 2023



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Please send us pictures with your students. We love to see birthday celebrations, trips, & selfies!



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After Hours Emergency Phone
(For EMERGENCIES only)



(604) 764-8815

CURFEW DURING HOLIDAYS

All district homestay families must ensure their students follow curfew even during the holidays

Mon to Thurs

8 PM for younger than 16 years

9 PM for 16 years and older

Fri & Sat

11 PM for everyone

HOMESTAY HOLIDAYS/COVERAGE

We are looking for homestay families who could accommodate for holiday coverage. Please email your respective Homestay Coordinators if you're available.

- International students cannot be left unsupervised overnight
- If you are travelling without your student(s) there are two options available:

Option 1. Arrange for an adult age 25 or older, preferably a close friend or family member who already knows your student, to stay in your home and look after the student while you are away. This person must provide a current Police Record Check

Option 2. Your student may be looked after by another Langley School District Homestay family. You must inform your Homestay Coordinator of temporary homestay arrangements

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL VISITS: Documents to carry

When student is on Guard.me, follow the following steps:

1) Students must pay upfront for their visits using cash, debit or credit card

2) Use the following billing address for the invoice:

Langley School District #35
4875 222 St., Langley
BC V3A 3Z7

3. Student to submit the invoice online for reimbursement
<https://www.guard.me/minorclaimsubmission/>

When student is on MSP - digital copy of study permit required

SLEEPOVERS DURING HOLIDAYS

- Students may ONLY sleepover at other Langley School District Homestay families
- Students involved in the sleepover must have permission from both homestays
- Students must be of the same gender
- Suitable notice must be given
- Homestay parents must communicate with each other to ensure that all parties are aware of the arrangement

STUDENT DEPARTURES

Dec 2023 & Jan 2024

Homestay families must discuss their student's departure plans with their respective students.

It is the homestay's responsibility to drive the students to the airport

Please ensure you have their flight date and time noted down in your calendar

Please refer to *page 29* of the Homestay Handbook for further details

SAVE THE DATE

MANDATORY HOMESTAY MEETING

**Mon, Jan 15, 2024
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

An email with a meeting link will be sent to you in early January



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Your student's first Canadian winter guide

A warm, relaxing student bedroom

- It is a good idea to check-in with your student regarding temperature settings
- Please be mindful that some students have a difficult time adjusting to the cold as they come from warmer countries



Science of layering

- Offer help if your student needs to buy winter gear such as jackets, gloves or winter boots
- Some students borrow winter gear from their host families as they are here for short term



Check-in with your student(s)

- Spending quality time with your student is important
- It can be as simple as making them a warm cup of hot chocolate, taking them to a local Christmas tree farm or watching a classic Christmas movie
- They miss their family during the holiday season. You are their family here in Canada. Hence, it's important to offer them your presence as a gift



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LOCAL EVENTS

1. Christmas in Williams Park Dec 1 to Dec 20, 2023 (free)
2. Fort Langley Community Hall Christmas Market Nov 18, 26, Dec 3, 10, 2023
3. Glow Langley Nov 23, 2023, to Dec 30, 2024
4. First Christmas Experience Dec 8 to Dec 10, 2023 (free)
5. Aldergrove Christmas Light Up Parade Dec 16, 2023
6. Christmas Store at Potter's Nov 1, 2023, to Dec 24, 2023 (free)
7. Bright Nights in Stanley Park (free)
8. Christmas at Canada Place Dec 1, 2023, to Jan 2, 2024
9. Soar with Santa at FlyOver Canada (from Nov 16, 2023)
10. Canyon lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Nov 17, 2023, to Jan 21, 2024
11. Vancouver Christmas Market Nov 16, 2023, to Dec 24, 2023
12. VanDusen Botanical Garden Festival of Lights Nov 24, 2023, to Jan 7, 2024
13. PNE Winter Fair Dec 8, 2023 to Dec 23, 2023
14. Goh Ballet Nutcracker Dec 14, 2023 to Dec 17, 2023
15. Northpole Express



ISP Homestay Family Discount (50%)
William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at
the Fort Langley Hall

Use coupon code ISPTHURSDAYS50

<https://bardinthevalley.com/tickets>

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