



Holiday Coverage

If you are going away during the holidays and your student needs to be relocated to a temporary homestay please remember the following:

- Inform your Homestay Coordinator of your student’s temporary District Homestay arrangements
- Contact the temporary District homestay family directly to set up the drop off/pick up details
- Payment will be \$30 per night and you will need to pay the homestay family directly at drop off
- If you are planning to give your student a Christmas gift, please give the present to the homestay on the day of drop off
- If you are away when your student is travelling to and from the airport, you will need to book Beaton’s Meet and Greet so they can drive your student to the airport and back. You are responsible for making this booking and paying for it:

<https://www.beatonsmg.com/>

December and January Homestay Fees

The homestay fee for both December and January is \$900 (regardless of whether your student goes home for Christmas break or not).

Sleepovers

Students may only sleepover at the homes of other Langley School District homestays and suitable notice must be given.

Homestay parents must communicate with each other to ensure that all parties are aware of the arrangements. We prefer that you phone the family, not text.

Students MAY NOT sleepover at the homes of non-Langley School District Homestay families or Canadian student families.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7: Vancouver Hockey Game District Day Trip.

December 12: Deadline to submit Travel Forms for Christmas break

December 21 – January 5: Winter Break

January 12 -14: Sun Peaks Ski Resort District Trip (2 nights) - SOLD OUT

March 16 - 27: Spring Break

April: Wildplay & Canoeing District Day Trip

May 22 - 25: Rocky Mountain Tour District Trip (3 nights)



Travel Forms – Christmas Holidays

Students will need to complete a Travel Form if:

- Student is travelling overnight, flying out of BC with their homestay family
- Student's natural parents will be taking care of their child during the holidays
- Student is travelling out of the country to meet with natural parents at another location other than their home country
- Student is travelling overnight, flying out of BC with a relative or close family friend

Please remind your student that that deadline to submit Travel Forms is Thursday, December 12.

No travel forms will be approved once the holidays start.

If you hear of New Year's plans or concerts coming up, please let your Homestay Coordinator know so arrangements can be made in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ski/Snowboard Permission Form

Students participating in any ski/snowboarding activities this winter must make sure they get a high-risk form from their International School Coordinator. The form must be signed by the student's natural parent(s).

If skiing/snowboarding is happening over the holidays, make sure your student gets this done before December 12.

Rules and Expectations pertaining to weekend and special event parties

District Homestay families and students must ensure the following:

1. Students must make prior arrangements with homestay parents and the International School Coordinator.
2. Homestay families must make sure there is adult (25 years and older) supervision in the home, please call to confirm.
3. Please remind your student that participation in the use of alcohol and drugs is in direct violation of their program rules and may result in dismissal from the program.
4. Please ensure that the student has a safe travel plan to return home – pick up by you or another District homestay parent (Please confirm this plan with the District homestay parent).
5. The student must return by curfew – 11 pm on Friday or Saturday * If there are specific activities it could be extended at the discretion of the homestay family **and/or** the International Student Coordinator.

Communication is Important

Homestay families must know of their student's whereabouts at all times.

When your student is going out, they should tell you where they are going, whom they are going with, and what time they will be home.

If the student changes locations or plans, your student should notify you.

On weekends if your student is gone for the day, please check in with them periodically to keep in touch.



After Hours Emergency Phone

Contact the on-call line for emergencies only. For all non-emergencies, please contact your Homestay Coordinator directly during business hours.

Homestay Emergency Number (604) 764-8815

EMERGENCY

- Student is hospitalized and/or seriously injured
- Additional care or overnight stay is needed, possibly surgery
- Student has broken the program rules – drinking, drugs, police involvement
- Student did not come home, you don't know where they are and cannot make contact with them
- Student moves without prior ISP permission
- Student is in danger or has been threatened

NON-EMERGENCY

- Student is at emergency department, discharged and has spoken to natural parents. No additional care is needed (e.g. sprain, toothache, minor cut with stitches)
- Student has broken a homestay rule
- Student is late for curfew
- Student lost their wallet, passport, visa



Christmas with your student

This could be the first time for your student to experience Christmas in Canada. Please make sure that your student is aware of any plans you may have during the holiday season.

We expect that all students will be included in your family traditions.



Looking for Pictures

Keep sending us your pictures and stories of your current hosting experience.

A random draw will be held monthly and the winner will receive a \$10 coffee card. The winning story will be in the next month's newsletter! Please email your picture/story to your Homestay Coordinator.





Twiss Family (D.W. Poppy Secondary)

November Winner

The Twiss family had a large Thanksgiving family dinner. Their student Daniel Temin, from Brazil, enjoyed being part of it.



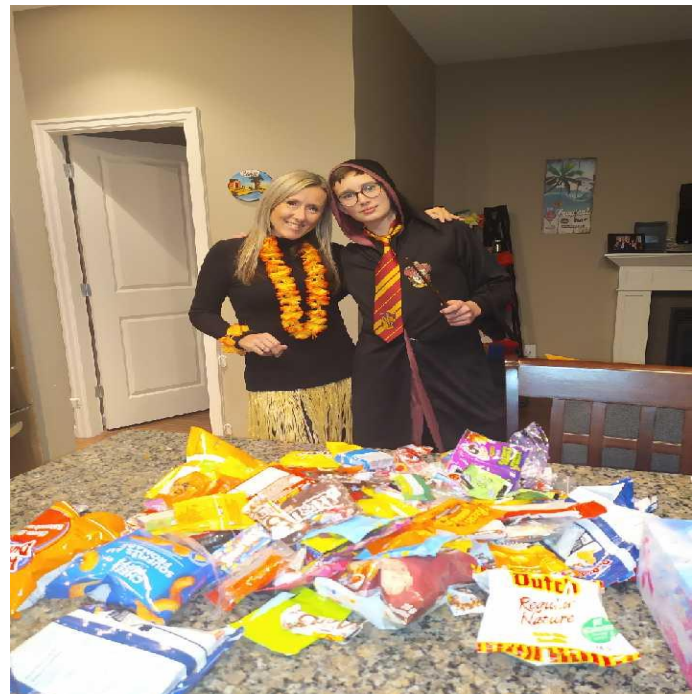
Ibarra Family (Langley Secondary School)

The Ibarra family had a lot of fun with their student Joan Rossell from Spain who was here until the end of November.



Feunekes Family (Aldergrove Community Secondary)

The Feuneke family took their student Karen Kurokawa, from Japan, to a basketball game at Trinity Western University.





Kimber Family (Brookwood Secondary)



The Kimber family celebrated their Brazilian student Leticia Costa Diel's 17th birthday with a family outing to lunch and Luzia by Cirque de Soleil.

Docherty Family (Aldergrove Community Secondary)

The Docherty celebrated their Japanese student Haruto Kita's birthday. He turned 18th years old!



**Thank you for all
you do for our
students!
Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year!
From the ISP
program**

