



November 2016 Homestay Newsletter

Looking for families that are available for holiday coverage in December. Please contact your homestay coordinator directly.



Group

We'll be receiving 70 students from Thailand in April 2017. We are looking for families that can host these students (keeping in mind only two students per home regulation).

Please refer your friends and family to us for hosting opportunities.

We are looking for families for Aldergrove Secondary, Brookwood, DW Poppy, Langley Fundamental, and Langley Secondary.

Contact your homestay coordinator directly.

EMERGENCY PHONE GUIDELINES

When to call the ISP emergency cellphone:

- Medical emergency. Call 911 first, then the ISP cell phone
- Homestay student moves out without prior ISP permission
- Student does not return home by curfew and has not contacted you:
 1. Call student's cellphone, if not successful then
 2. Call student's friends' cell phones and other homestay parents, if not successful then
 3. Call RCMP
 4. Call ISP Emergency cell phone
- Student uses alcohol and/or drugs

Any other issues should be dealt directly with your homestay coordinator during regular working hours.



ISP Emergency phone
604-764-8815

We are always looking for pictures of our homestay students and their families. If you would like to share any of your pictures from Halloween, or any recent activities please feel free to forward them to us to share in our Facebook page.



Christmas Break

Please ensure that you are aware about your student's holiday plans. As you know some students are going back to their home countries, and some students are staying during the holidays. **Talk to your student about booking their flights home.** Please remember it is the responsibility of the homestay family to take students to the airport and to pick them up when they return.

If families are unable to do so, families should contact Beaton's Meet and Greet and arrange for these services (at the homestay's expense) directly with them. <http://www.beatonsmeetandgreet.com/> **Homestay families are expected to follow the homestay guidelines and rules during the holidays.** This includes curfew hours, weekends and special event parties (New Year's celebrations) rules and expectations.

We rely on our homestay families to ensure that our students follow homestay guidelines: rules and expectations.

Student Travel Students may not travel independently (unless they are returning to their home countries). If students plan to travel, they must be accompanied by a responsible adult (25 years or older) and have permission from the natural parent(s).

This travel arrangement must be approved by the ISP team. Students must request a travel form from their International Student Coordinators at their school. If the student is planning to travel during the holidays, this procedure must be taken care of before school is out at least one week prior.



If your student would like to get a flu shot, we need to get a letter from the natural parents giving consent. Students are responsible for paying for it.



Whistler Ski Trip (1 night)

January 12 - 13

First field trip of the New Year! Students will have the opportunity to go skiing, snowboarding, tubing, sightseeing, shopping and exploring Whistler Village.



Case Study:

Question: My student asked if he/she could go skiing this weekend. Is this allowed, and if so, are there any special forms that need to be completed?

Answer: The student must see their International Coordinator at their school. He/She will provide the student with a Ski Trip Permission form which must be signed by the natural parent(s), homestay parent and School Coordinator. Please have your student check with their Coordinator, prior to Christmas break, to find out the permission form deadline. If your student has not confirmed these plans prior to Christmas break please have them complete the form, even if they are not sure of the dates.

Contact your School Coordinator if you have any questions.

