



HOMESTAY FEE INCREASE

We are happy to announce that effective September 2021 homestay fees will increase from **\$900** per month to **\$950** per month.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS - COMPENSATION

Beginning September 2021 homestay families who host a student with a special dietary request or need (due to a medical condition) will be eligible for additional compensation of \$200 per month. The additional compensation will be paid for the following:

- Vegan
- Gluten Free/Celiac Disease
- Halal
- Kosher

Other special dietary requirements (eg. nut free, dairy free, etc.) that are not in the list above are not eligible for additional compensation.

HOMESTAY SURVEY

An email was sent to all homestay families on October 15th asking them to complete a short survey on whether or not they were able/willing to host a student with certain dietary requests or medical conditions.

We have received only a 20% response so far and we are really hoping to hear back from all of you!

Here is the link again for your convenience:

[Dietary/Medical Requests - Survey](#)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11 – Remembrance Day (schools closed)

December 18 – Last Day Prior to Winter Break

January 5 – School Re-Opens After Winter Break

February 12 – Professional Development Day (schools closed)

February 15 – Family Day (schools closed)

March 12 – Last Day Prior to Spring Break

March 29 – School Re-Opens After Spring Break

April 2 – Good Friday (schools closed)

April 5 – Easter Monday (schools closed)



HOMESTAY PROFILE UPDATES

Homestay Coordinators have been reaching out to homestay families asking for updated information for their family profile. These are the profiles we send to agents/natural parents when presenting your family.

If you have not done so already, please email your Homestay Coordinator back with any updated information. This includes recent family pictures, pet updates, tenant updates, members living in the home updates, etc.

If you would like to include a short blurb about your family's hobbies and interests as well as information about the home (ie: nearby amenities, location of student bedroom, # of bedrooms and bathrooms, pool, hot tub, piano, etc.)

INFLUENZA VACCINE (FLU SHOT)

If your student is requesting the Flu Shot, we do require their natural parent's permission.

Please contact your Homestay Coordinator and she will take care of getting the permission in writing for you.

The vaccine is available from public health clinics, some doctor's offices and most pharmacies.

If your student does not have health insurance under B.C's Medical Service Plan (MSP), they may be charged a fee to have the vaccine given at a doctor's office or pharmacy. They will not be charged this fee at their local health unit.

SKI/SNOWBOARD PERMISSION FORM

Students participating in any ski/snowboarding activities this winter must ensure they complete a high-risk form.

Please have your student request the form from their School Coordinator

The form must be signed by the student's natural parent(s).

BORDER UPDATE

As of October 20, 2020, border restrictions have lifted for students studying at an approved Designated Learning Institution (DLI). Primary and Secondary Schools in British Columbia have been approved and are included in the IRCC DLI list.

We are expecting new students to arrive in Langley for Q2 (November 19, 2020 start) or for Q3 (February 2, 2021 start).

It is expected these students will arrive in Canada two weeks before these dates to complete the self-isolation period before school begins.

BLACK FRIDAY

Please be reminded that Black Friday shopping is not considered an acceptable excused school absence.





NOVEMBER PHOTO CONTEST **WINNER** THE KENNEDY FAMILY (ACSS)

A message from the family:

It was a bittersweet move day for the Kennedy family and Ruiqi (Richard) Liu from China, their homestay child of over four years.

We are excited that Richard is attending the Richmond BCIT to become an aircraft mechanic but sad to help him move out to his own place. Even though he only moved out a few days ago, he has already returned for a "sleepover" and knows he still has a home with us when needed. We are so proud of his accomplishments and will miss his kindness, helpfulness and sense of humor in our home.



THANKSGIVING PICTURES

The Brown family (LSS) celebrated Thanksgiving with their student Hoang Minh Truong (Tommy) Nguyen from Vietnam and a really big feast! Looks delicious!



Here is the Lethbridge family (ACSS) celebrating Thanksgiving with their student, Yoshinobu (Yoshi) Shingai from Japan





HALLOWEEN & PUMPKIN CARVING

Froc Family - Vincent Chen from China had fun carving pumpkins with his host sister, Elizabeth



Wick Family – Doris Mei from China had fun carving pumpkins with her homestay sisters, Isabelle and Jessica



Gee Family - Despite school not starting until 11:45am, Julia Roma Vila, from Spain, woke up at 7:45am to see her host sister's costumes before they headed off to school





TYLER FAMILY (WGSS)

Yujia (Tara) Zhang from China shares the same birthday as her homestay sister, Danika. They had fun picking out their own birthday cakes. Tara turned 17 and Danika turned 5!



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.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Lest we forget



Here is the Tyler family again, enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner with grandparents and their student, Yujia (Tara) Zhang from China.

