

# HOMESTAY NEWSLETTER - NOV 2024



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## STUDENT DEPARTURES

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



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## GIFT CARD WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

We're thrilled to announce the lucky winners of our recent gift card giveaway!

Congratulations to:

1. **Fernandes family**
2. **Pavel family**
3. **De Jesus family**

Thank you to everyone who participated!

## 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

## THOUGHTFUL HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR STUDENT

- Communicate gift expectations: Let the students know what Christmas and gift-giving look like in your family and be specific about appropriate gift budgets.
- Personalize Your Gifts: Choose items that reflect your student's interests—consider books, favorite snacks, or hobby supplies
- Handwritten Notes/Greeting Cards: Add a heartfelt touch with a personal note or greeting card to show you care
- Consider Experiences: Gift vouchers for local attractions or activities, like Christmas markets, holiday lights, bowling, or movies, can create lasting memories together
- Send Photos! [ispphotos@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:ispphotos@sd35.bc.ca): Capture special moments by taking photos at local markets and holiday events with your students
- Enjoy Holiday Treats Together: Share warm moments by visiting local bakeries, or making hot chocolate
- Be Their Family Here: Remember that your student may miss their family during the holidays. Your presence and support can be a meaningful gift in their time away from home.



## WINTER GEAR ASSISTANCE AND TEMPERATURE CHECK-IN

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

## Local Events & Activities

1. [GLOW Langley Nov 21-Dec 28](#)
2. [ECHO Cirque Du Soleil Oct 9-Dec 15](#)
3. [Capilano Canyon Lights Nov 22-Jan 19](#)
4. [Lights at Lafarge From Nov 22](#)
5. [VanDusen Festival of Lights Nov 29-Jan 5](#)
6. [Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Nov 9](#)
7. [Disney On Ice - Magic in the stars Nov 27-Dec 1](#)
8. [Vancouver Christmas Market Nov 13-Dec 24](#)
9. [Harrison Lights by the Lake Nov 23-Jan 12](#)
10. [Lumière Festival Nov 7-10](#)





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Wergeland family



Osborn family



Klarenbeek family



Singh family



Grove family



Driedger family



Lalande family



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Wergeland family



Fernandes family



Lai family



Renville family



Withrow family



Pavel family



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Henderson family



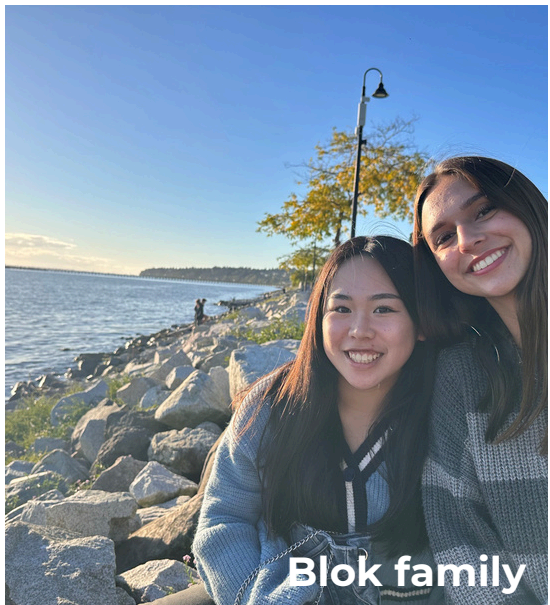
Viaje family



Docherty family



Zeng/Wang family



Blok family



Sirtoudis family



McKenzie family