

HOMESTAY NEWSLETTER – DEC 2024



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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)

NO TEXTING



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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

HOLIDAY PLANS WITH YOUR STUDENT

- 1. Communicate Early:** Discuss your holiday plans (Christmas, New Year's Eve) with your student(s) in advance. Share details about events, dinners, or trips, and invite them to join in
- 2. Be Flexible:** Holidays can be unpredictable, so be open to adjusting plans to accommodate everyone
- 3. Create Memorable Experiences:** Involve your student in enjoyable activities to help them feel connected and create lasting memories

GIFT EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Discuss Gift-Giving Preferences:** Have a conversation about how gifts are traditionally exchanged in your family
- 2. Clarify Budget and Scope:** Make sure both you and the student understand what is appropriate in terms of budget. You can discuss whether gifts are expected, or if a more personal gesture or shared experience is preferable
- 3. Make them feel included:** If you plan to distribute gifts, make sure to include them in the process. Whether by offering a gift or involving them in the celebration, it's important to make them feel valued and part of the experience
- 4. For students staying with a temporary host family during Christmas:** Please remember to send a gift or a card for your student to express your appreciation and warm wishes



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

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

STUDENT DEPARTURES Dec 2024 & Jan 2025

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

CONNECT WITH FEB 2025 STUDENTS

Prepare to hear from your next group of students in February 2025. Make sure to check all your inboxes, including your spam and junk folders, as they have already started contacting you!

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Wakeling family



Hoffard family



Ladefoged family

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Zeng/Wang family



Lai family



Withrow family



Henderson family



Balfour family



Viaje family

LOCAL EVENT IDEAS FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS



1. [GLOW Langley Nov 21-Dec 28](#)
2. [Merry & Bright at Martini Town Dec 4-Jan 5](#)
3. [Christmas in the Country Dec 5-29](#)
4. [Taylor Swift Eras Tour Party Dec 6](#)
5. [Holiday Lights Williams Park Dec 9-29](#)
6. [ECHO Cirque Du Soleil Oct 9-Dec 15](#)
7. [Capilano Canyon Lights Nov 22-Jan 19](#)
8. [Lights at Lafarge From Nov 22](#)
9. [VanDusen Festival of Lights Nov 29-Jan 5](#)
10. [Vancouver Christmas Market Nov 13-Dec 24](#)
11. [Harrison Lights by the Lake Nov 23-Jan 12](#)
12. [North Pole Express Dec 1, 7-8, 14-15 21](#)
13. [Christmas in Steveston Village Nov 21-Dec 31](#)
14. [FlyOver Canada \(Soar with Santa\) Nov 21-Jan 1](#)
15. [Shipyards Christmas Market Nov 30-Dec 24](#)

