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SGIC Toronto News



Have you heard about the recent protests in Ontario? Are you wondering what the huge crowds are objecting to? Well here is a quick summary, the Ontario government has planned to cut teacher's hours and increase classroom sizes. This means that the students will not receive the individualized attention they should be getting in order to become successful in their studies. On Thursday April 4th, the Toronto Star stated that around 100,000 students "participated in the student-led action dubbed #Students-SayNo". This was criticized because it was thought that students just wanted to miss school but on Saturday, April 6th thousands of people across the province protested the education cuts. Queen's Park was filled with passionate residents of Ontario displaying their concerns about the education system to the government and hopefully they listened.

We, as educators believe students and teachers are the most important step to academic success. The government will work together with the union board and school boards to implement a budget that will satisfy all parties and hopefully no teachers will lose their jobs.

This story is a great example of how a community can come together for a better future. Get involved with local news to know how to participate in province-wide events.

#StudentsSayNo

SGIC ACTIVITY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



This year in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, SGIC had a contest for the class that was wearing the most green. The turnout was green-ific! We got students, teachers, and staff to dress in as much green as they could and the most students participating in wearing green won a pizza lunch. It was a great opportunity involving our students to participate in activities and celebrations that inspires learning about different cultures for an overall more enjoyable experience at SGIC Toronto.



WELCOME PARTY

This month's welcome party was located at the Fox and Fiddle where new and old students came together to socialize, get to know each other and experience Toronto. SGIC students enjoyed beers, food and dancing all while practicing and learning English. The Welcome Party is the perfect environment to meet new friends, share stories with each other and explore Toronto's popular bars!

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SGIC Program

SSP



Want to speak English more naturally? Want to learn English to better your fluency? Speaking for Success (SSP) is a course that is designed to improve English fluency and give you the confidence to speak English. Throughout an 8-week program, students learn the ins and outs of pronunciation and practice their language skills with a very good teacher who understands the communicative complexity of spoken English. SSP is fun, exciting and worthwhile if you're interested in dramatically improving your spoken English skills. Contact your counsellor for more information.

SGIC TESTIMONIAL

1. What was the main reason for choosing SGIC?

At SSP I have learned a lot of skills, such as pronunciation, vocabulary and phrases. In there we can talk about everything you want so everything is different and I learn more about different cultures, traditions, and good places to eat and listen to personal experiences.

2. What do you consider to be the most useful and valuable parts of this course?

When you improve your pronunciation and vocabulary, you feel more confident in English, therefore, you can communicate better with people.

3. Which assignment (homework, activity and etc) was the most interesting and helped you to improve your English skills the most? Why??

We have to read an article about a topic we like, then we have to make a script about the article and record it, this assignment I liked the most, because I like to read, and learn new things I did not know before, also, when I listen to the videos I can hear my mistakes and then fix them.

4. Would you recommend this course to others? Why?

Yes, I recommend it! Kevin is so cool and takes the time to explain everything and be sure everyone understands the class, you can talk with your classmate and share interesting topics.

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IELTS PREPARATION PROGRAM

IELTS Preparation Program in SGIC effectively prepares students for the IELTS examination. It includes the teaching of test practice strategies for all areas of the IELTS exam (both Academic and General). The course is comprehensive and academically rigorous and it puts equal weight on listening, reading, writing, speaking and test-taking strategies. The course also



covers sub skills such as academic vocabulary, grammar and study skills each day with step by step instructions as well as weekly mock tests to facilitate learning and good results. Learn more about the IELTS from your counselor today.

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BIKE RIDE IN STANLEY PARK



During the spring and summer months, SGIC does a lot of cycling in and around Vancouver. Vancouver is a biking city and it's quite common for residents to bike everywhere. SGIC students rode bicycles around Stanley Park and it is always fun to ride on sunny days. We rode around the seawall and stopped for photos at all of the famous tourist spots. Right now, the park is filled with cherry blossoms so it makes the ride around the park extra special. Join us on the next ride!

SGIC ACTIVITY

GELATO YALETOWN AT BELLA GELATERIA

Bella Gelateria in Yaletown is one of the most famous gelato shops in Vancouver. The gelato is made in-house with all natural ingredients and Brazilian sugar. You can find a lot of interesting flavours here that are much different than what you would find at your local grocery store or regular ice cream parlour. Popular flavours include; Maple, Venezuela 98% Cocoa and Hazelnut-Walnut Cream and many more delicious flavours. People from all over the world including residents of Vancouver frequently visit Bella Gelateria for gelato as well as their authentic Italian-style pizza.



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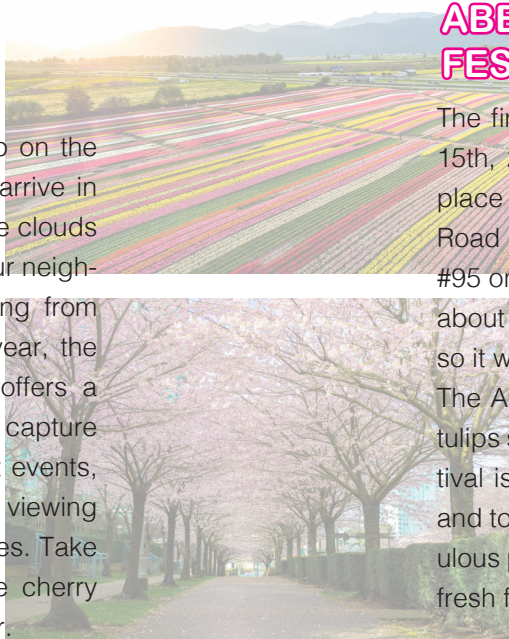
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Vancouver News

VANCOUVER CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Over 40,000 cherry trees are lined up on the streets of the city, crowds of visitors arrive in Vancouver each spring to celebrate the clouds of light pink blossoms that dominate our neighbourhoods during the season. Running from the end of March to mid-April each year, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival offers a cultural calendar full of opportunities to capture their beauty, including a line-up of art events, community bike rides, cherry blossom viewing tours and traditional Japanese festivities. Take a moment to enjoy the beauty of the cherry blossoms for it only comes once a year.



ABBOTSFORD TULIP FESTIVAL 2019

The first day of the festival this year is on April 15th, 2019. The Abbotsford Tulip Festival takes place in a field located on 36737 North Parallel Road in Abbotsford, which is not far from Exit #95 on the Trans-Canada Highway. The drive is about an hour from Vancouver (in good traffic) so it would be a great bonding trip with friends. The Abbotsford Tulip is a farm with a thousand tulips spread over a 10-acre area. The Tulip Festival is really a nice spot to go for a short stroll and to see countless gorgeous tulips. It is a fabulous place to take photos, walk around and buy fresh flowers.

SGIC TESTIMONIAL

YURIE FROM JAPAN

1. Which class were you taking?

- Full-Time intensive English program and i-TESOL

2. Why did you choose this class?

- I wanted to study how to teach English in English. Before I didn't have much confidence in speaking English so I started with full-time intensive English and then i-TESOL after.

3. Tell me your experience in the class?

- Teachers were very kind and creative. They taught us much more than textbook did. They made me think about how to live in Vancouver, how to enjoy Canada and how to live after going back to my country. They encouraged me to keep learning English!

4. What do you think about SGIC?

- SGIC is not just a language school, but it is more like a big family. The teachers try to understand student's situation and students encourage each other. I would love to recommend SGIC to my friends and I would love to come back again. Thank you!

