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CANADA NEWS

RRRrrroll up the RRrim to Win!



Few things say Canadian like Tim Hortons does. Tim Hortons, or more commonly called Tim's or Timmy's, is a staple in Canadian life. Check out the internet and you'll find memes of all sorts to show how much Canadians love their Timmy's.

This annual customer reward program began in 1986 and has grown in popularity since then. The reward program allows customers who purchase a hot beverage (coffee, tea, latte, cappuccino, French vanilla, or hot chocolate) a chance to win a free prize. The prizes are found on the rim, or lip, or the cup. So after enjoying your favourite Timmy's drink, you roll up the rim to find out if you win something. Prizes range from new cars to hundreds of \$500,000 visa gift card to bicycles, to \$50.00 Timmy's gift cards, to free food or drink prizes from Timmy's. If you win, you simply rip off the rim and claim your prize at your local Tim Hortons. Throughout the month-long reward event, you'll hear people asking: "Have you won anything?", "I've won 4 free coffee's so far, what about you?" It's a lot of fun and means a lot of Timmy's runs.

With 1 in 6 chances of winning some type of prize, chances are good that you will win something. Canadians love this event. Roll up the Rim to Win takes place all across Canada from February 6th until March 3rd. We hold our "r's" longer and say: "RRRroll up the RRrim to Win!"

SGIC ACTIVITY

Skating



The students had the experience of skating on the famous ice rink at Nathan Philips Square this month. We rented skates and enjoyed the view of old City Hall and new City Hall. The Nathan Philips rink is located at Nathan Philips Square, located in front of Toronto City Hall. We are lucky to only be a 5 minute walk from Nathan Philips Square.

January is the coldest month of winter in Toronto and temperatures dropped below 0 °C, and this January had lots of strong winds. Even with the unpleasantly cold weather, students adapted and were prepared for skating outside, enjoying themselves and having fun.

Our staff dressed as Santa's helpers and delivered the candy grams to each class.



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SGIC Program

IELTS Int.



SGIC's Intermediate IELTS Preparation Program is designed for students who lack advanced reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. This course is intended to help students who have trouble getting over the half way mark of a 5.0 score. The material is challenging, but broken down into easy to understand sections. In Intermediate IELTS, students learn reading comprehension and how to look and listen for key words. Extra care is provided to help students produce successful writing, which is often the most difficult part for non-native students.

SGIC ACTIVITY



Pub Night at Grace O'Malley's

In our visit to Grace O'Malley's, an Irish pub which is located a few minutes walking distance from SGIC, our students and staff were able to relax and enjoy themselves outside of class. With good food, some drinks, and live music, we all got to know one another better and share some stories and memories.

At the pub, there is a daily Happy Hour starting at 4 pm to 7pm, which allows of-age students to try a variety of Canadian beers at an affordable price. Following the taste testing, there is live music by great North American and Irish pop music bands.

SGIC TESTIMONIAL

1. What was the main reason for choosing SGIC?

I chose SGIC because I listened to many good things about the school before choosing the course. And now I have no doubt that it was a good choice.

2. What do you like about your program?

I really like my program because I can improve my English and be prepared to apply to take the IELTS and get a good score.

2. Please tell me about your teacher and the atmosphere in the class.

Teacher was very clear on his explanations and he is very patient. Also, he is really nice - always answers our questions and helps us.

AEUDSON VICTOR SILVA
FROM BRAZIL



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SGIC Program

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE PATHWAY PROGRAM (UCPP)

The University and College Pathway Program (UCPP) is a course which facilitates international students' entry to Colleges and Universities affiliated with the St. George International School. Completing UCPP means students will not need to take an official English Test like IELTS or TOEFL for entrance as they are recognized as satisfying the English language requirements.

UCPP is designed to equip the students with the academic skills required of them to be successful in their studies in college or university. Specifically, students learn and practice how to write well-rounded essays and how to read passages and articles critically. In speaking, students practice discussing and debating different topics. In addition, students learn the importance of note taking and learn how to take notes that will help them when they are listening to lectures. (Teacher: Sam Behroozian)



SGIC NEWS

SGIC WELCOMES THE NEW STUDENTS AND CONGRATULATES THE RECENT GRADUATED



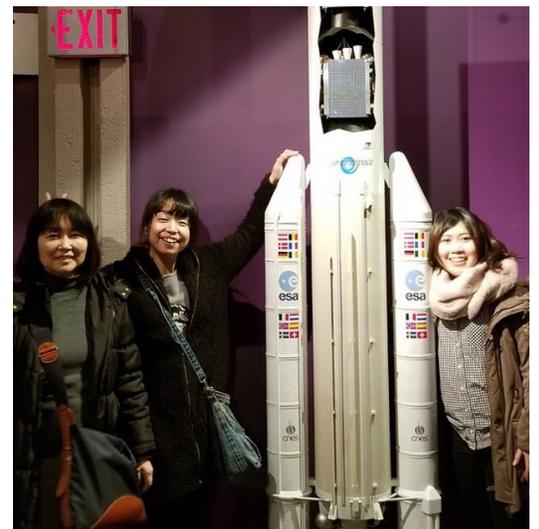
Welcome to SGIC Vancouver! We had a great time welcoming our new students and congratulating our recent graduates. It was a good time for getting to know each other. Thank you to all of those that came to make this such a good experience.

SGIC ACTIVITY

THE VANCOUVER MARITIME MUSEUM

We visited the RCMPV St. Roch this month. The RCMPV St. Roch is a Royal Canadian Mounted Police schooner. A schooner is a medium sized sailing ship that sails the ocean or lake. This particular ship was the first ship to completely go around North America! The RCMPV St. Roch was the second fastest sailing ship to sail through the Northwest Passage – the ocean that separates Canada from the North Pole.

We attended Winter Wander 2019, an event that allows people to visit local attractions at a cheaper rate: just \$5.00! We saw "The Vancouver Maritime Museum", "The Vancouver Planetarium & Space Center" and "The Museum of Vancouver". It was a fun day with really great people.



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EVENT

2019 VANCOUVER HOT CHOCOLATE

The Vancouver Hot Chocolate Festival is a local excuse for people to treat themselves to mugs of gourmet hot cocoa from some of the city's best cafes.

The 2019 Vancouver Hot Chocolate Festival runs from January 19th until February 14th (the last day of which is Valentine's Day). Close to three dozen cafes, bakeries and chocolatiers throughout the region participate in the event by offering extra gourmet cups of hot chocolate on their menus. Even a few gelato and specialty ice cream shops join in too.



LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE 2019

Chinese New Year is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of the New Year on the traditional Chinese calendar. In 2019 Vancouver celebrated Chinese New Year with the 46th annual Lunar New Year Parade in Chinatown on February 10th. It was an impressive event! 2019 is represented by the Year of the Golden Pig. This is a very special year as a golden animal comes only every 100 years.

SGIC students met at Stadium Chinatown at 10:30 a.m. on a Sunday. It wasn't a school day, but everyone was excited to see the parade that 10:30 on a Sunday didn't stop anyone. It was a great opportunity to see the Chinese New Year Parade, which represents Chinese culture and Traditions.

SGIC TESTIMONIAL

1. Why did you choose our TYCP?

I am interested in teaching English for children and also child education in Canada.

2. Tell me your experience in TYCP?

It was awesome! Negar is an amazing, skillful and experience teacher. We learned a lot of activities and songs which entertain kids in our class. Also learning philosophy and methods in English makes my thought wider, deeper and more meaningful. I really enjoyed this class.

3. What do you think about SGIC?

I think this school is good because it gives us a lot of activities which are not only inside the school but also sightseeing many touristic places and so on. Thank you so much for giving me unforgettable memory in Vancouver!

MIYUKI from JAPAN

