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Toronto News

Jump on our IELTS BANDwagon!

SGIC is proud of each of our students. We know studying English is not easy and takes a lot of courage. All of our classes help students to learn how to use English for a variety of different purposes. While each person makes improvements, how you measure those improvements is different. One standard way of assessing your English level is by taking the International English Language Testing System or IELTS. When you take our Advanced IELTS course, you will see big improvements in your language skills and your IELTS results.

We are pleased to announce that another one of our previous students has achieved a high score on her IELTS. She improved her overall IELTS result by 2 full bands from 6.0 to 8.0 overall. This young lady took 2 months of IELTS at SGIC then took her test three weeks later. She received an 8.5 in Listening and a 9.0 in Reading. Clearly, she worked hard and was dedicated to her studies, but she had something else too. She had a phenomenal IELTS teacher who pushed her and taught her the nuances of IELTS and the English language.

While this is just one student, many students experience a similar result when studying Advanced IELTS at SGIC. Another student, Mr. Miyamoto took IELTS for 2 months. He started out with an overall score of 6.0 with scores in Listening of 5.5 Reading 6.5, Writing 5.5, and Speaking 5.5. He retook the IELTS exam one week after finishing Adv. IELTS and received a 7.0 overall with scores in Listening of 7.0, Reading 8.0, Writing 6.0, and Speaking 6.5.

These overall jumps are common for students who study IELTS with us.

Congratulations to Ms. Kim on her score! We wish you all the best and are so happy you choose to study with us at SGIC Toronto!

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| Test Results | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Listening | 8.5 | Reading | 9.0 | Writing | 7.5 | Speaking | 7.5 | Overall Band Score | 8.0 | CEFR Level | C1 |
| Administrator Comments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Centre stamp</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Validation stamp</p> </div> </div> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Administrator's Signature: <i>P. Bonifant</i></p> <p>Date: 10/10/2019</p> <p>Test Report Form Number: [REDACTED]</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |

SGIC Toronto Events

Self-Defense Lesson



This past month, some of the students at SGIC had the opportunity to enjoy a free self-defense lesson taught by one of SGIC's teachers. Many of the students who attended the session have never trained in Martial Arts before, and were very eager to learn something new while practicing their English.

The students really enjoyed learning martial arts, the benefits of which not only include the benefits of exercise, but also knowing, if the occasion arises how to defend yourself. Sometimes, to learn English, you just need to get up and move!

Halloween at SGIC



On Halloween, each class competed for who carved the best pumpkin. We had both traditionally spooky pumpkins and pumpkins that exceeded expectations in terms of creativity. We also held a costume competition where all students participated for a chance to win one of 3 prizes. Our best dressed winners were: A Zombie in 3rd place, an unusual Skelletor in 2nd, and our beloved Sporky in 1st.



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SGIC Program



[Dara, IELTS Teacher]

IELTS

SGIC IELTS Preparation Program is designed for students to learn and master the techniques of each part of the IELTS exam: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking. Understanding the challenging questions and vocabulary is half the battle of succeeding on the IELTS test. Beyond basic skill knowledge and progression, SGIC's program also concentrates on the vocabulary and comprehension needed to increase test results for students.

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MINJI KIM from KOREA

1. What do you consider to be the most useful and valuable parts of IELTS?

The most useful part is that I can learn practical English while preparing for the test. This test is unlike other academic English test. A lot of homework helped me improve both my skills for IELTS and overall English skills

2. Any thoughts about the school itself?

I love SGIC because it is spacious outside the classroom and, most of all, this school provides very helpful classes.

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

Of course, I highly recommend this class to others because students can learn various skills to approach IELTS and can get detailed feedback, which is very important in preparing for IELTS. Also, the classroom environment is friendly and the teacher tries to give students one on one attention and to help whenever needs help.



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Halloween Costumes at SGIC VANCOUVER



Students, teachers and staff all wore costumes at school on October 31st to celebrate Halloween 2019 together after writing the school tests. We had super-heroes, angels, witches, police and more. Students from all over the world were able to enjoy this great event that is so famous in North America. The best costume prize was a free trip to Whistler.

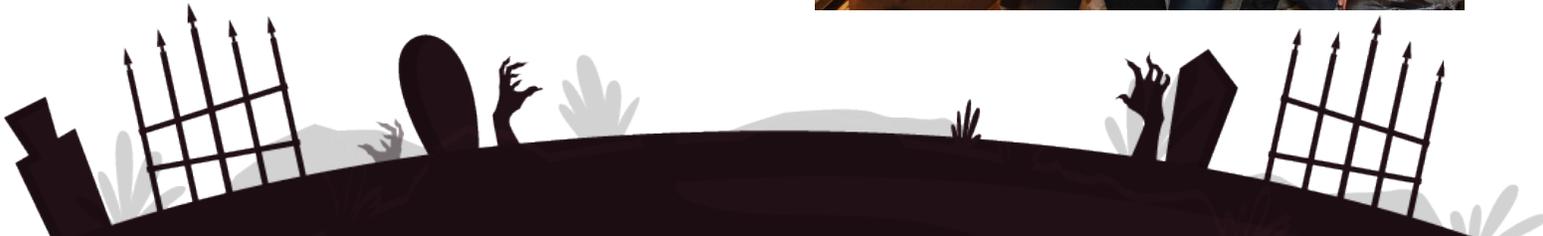


SGIC Activity

The 2019 Halloween SPOOKTACULAR at The Loft Lounge

Not only was Halloween 2019 a great time at SGIC Vancouver, it was also our graduation date. SGIC students went to The Loft Lounge at English Bay to celebrate both together. English Bay is one of the most beautiful spots in the downtown core and that's where we held our graduation party. Students danced all night long while having the time of their lives.

Gabriella from Brazil won the Best Costume Prize. She won a free trip to The Rocky Mountains with Club ESL & Discover Canada Tours. DJ Randy played all the big hits including Top 40, Hip Hop, Electronic and Pop. Halloween was a very special time for all of our students.



SGIC Program



[Rodrigo, ESL Teacher]

General English - ESL (English as a Second Language)

Learning grammar is an essential part of the ESL program at SGIC. You will start your day by learning, practicing and consolidating your grammar knowledge. Our friendly and experienced teachers will walk you through the world of grammar with written exercises, role-play and fun games. At SGIC we know that speaking English confidently can be challenging. We also offer a daily Conversation Club after school as well as activities so that students have even more opportunities to practice their English outside of the classroom.

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AXEL ROMAN from MEXICO

1. What do you like about SGIC?

I visited the website and I liked the programs and how classes are taught. Also I heard good things about the school. I studied for 6 months (Full-Time Intensive English and IELTS). For Full-Time Intensive English, the teachers are very kind and they gave me a lot of examples and I could practice a lot of grammar. For IELTS, the thing that I really liked is I could practice all skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) which I can use for the real IELTS exam. Generally, I liked the examples, exercises and activities in the class.

2. Tell me about the teacher.

The school has very good teachers who can give good examples and different ways of teaching and explaining the topics. If someone doesn't understand the teachers still give more examples until the students get it.

