



UPPER CANADA
District School Board
International Education

Program Newsletter / Fall 2022

The International Student Experience

Orientation & 1000 Islands Boat Cruise

On September 2nd over 150 new students joined us for orientation at Thousand Island Secondary School. International students from across UCDSB schools took part in a week of virtual orientation sessions before finally coming together for a day of learning, games, and lots and lots of prizes!

A few weeks later on September 18th students and their Canada Homestay Network host families, were provided with a beautiful welcome to Eastern Ontario with a 1000 Islands Boat Cruise.

It was a great welcome to a great group of new students!



Student Trips

The UCDSB International Education program enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend in Niagara Falls on October 22nd and 23rd.



Nearly 200 students journeyed to the falls and were not left disappointed! The natural wonder put on an exceptional show, and students left the boat cruise covered in water and smiles! Following the boat cruise, students were able to enjoy the famous sites of Clifton Hill and take in the incredible night views from Skylon Tower.

On Sunday, students started the day with a delicious Maple Syrup tasting experience, followed by a stop at the picturesque Niagara Falls gorge. Before departing back to Upper Canada, everyone had the chance to hit the outlets for some deals. Dinner was enjoyed at a quick stop to the Big Apple on the way home.



Next up, students will watch an NHL hockey game and see the Ottawa Senators take on the New Jersey Devils on October 19. One more experience to check off their 'Canadian bucket list'

Click on the photos or visit us on Instagram @studyuppercanada to see more of the adventure!

The UCDSB Hosting Experience

Hosting an international student is a great way to bring the world to your home and teach your children about international cultures and perspectives. Homestay families with the UCDSB international education program receive a monthly stipend to support any costs associated with hosting. Please click the host image below or visit www.whyihost.ca if you are interested in hosting and see how it might be a great fit for you and your family!

Host Testimonial

Marian Crockford

This is my first time as a host for international students and to be completely honest I was a little apprehensive a couple of months ago about what I was getting myself into! However, one month into having two students, I find that I am really enjoying the experience.



The girls are adjusting to Canadian norms and are learning to speak English so quickly that it makes me very proud to play a small part in this process. The girls are responsible, brave, fun and funny. I love to hear them laugh and sing together in the evenings. They are making my house a lively home. I tell them they are saving me lots of money because I will never have to travel to Spain or Italy given that I am "teleported" to those two countries in our many daily conversations.

The other host families that I have met are friendly and have given me great advice about how to help students adjust to Canadian life. CHN and the UCDSB have provided great community outings and support. All in all it has been a wonderful experience. In the evenings when the house is quiet I think, "Yes, I will do this again!"

International Opportunities For UCDSB Students

AFS International Exchange Program

Nous aidons les jeunes à acquérir les compétences interculturelles essentielles pour faire la différence. Encouragez-les à devenir des citoyens du monde en participant à notre programme d'échange international!

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International Student Profile

Oscar Mendoza Sanchez

Mexico - Thousand Islands Secondary School



Oscar arrived in Upper Canada from Mexico in September 2022. He was interested in coming to Canada to improve his English and experience school in a new country. He has enjoyed his experience, especially the way classes and periods at schools are run in Canada. Oscar has joined a few of the trips Upper Canada has organized, including our recent trip to Niagara Falls. He's made some new friends, both Canadian and international, and looks forward to connecting with more people over the next year. In his free time in Brockville, Oscar has joined local soccer clubs to show off his skills, have fun, and engage in his new community!

Interested in Applying?

The Upper Canada District School Board is currently accepting applications at all schools for the 2023-2024 school year. We have limited availability for February 2023 enrollment. Please click the button below for an updated list of available schools.

[February 2023 School Availability](#)



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