



## Vancouver Sightseeing Tours

82 students travelled to Vancouver on Nov. 4-6<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 11-13<sup>th</sup> and were fortunate to experience all that the wonderful West Coast has to offer! Highlights included exploring Capilano Suspension Bridge and the Fly Over Canada attraction at Canada Place. There were incredible sights to see and famous Vancouver landmarks to visit. Scenic Stanley Park was a memorable stop, strolling around Gastown and Robson Street was so much fun for everyone. Shopping in the big city also didn't disappoint, with Canadian souvenirs and keepsakes purchased to remember the trip. There were some incredible photo opportunities as well, with a stunning double rainbow over the city and a bald eagle spotted at Queen Elizabeth Park. We look forward to more adventures this school year!



## Vancouver Sightseeing Highlights...





As the first term comes to an end, the students report cards have been made



available to them through their MyEducation website.

We will also be sending copies to the agents shortly.

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#### Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Dec 4 Holiday Family Movie

Dec 4 Downtown Light Up 11-6pm

Dec 3-5 [Craft Culture Holiday Market](#)

Dec 20 - Jan 3 Winter Holidays  
Schools Closed

Jan 4 First day of classes after  
the break



Safe Travels to our European students who are heading home. We hope you enjoyed your Okanagan Valley experience!



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## Canadian Christmas Traditions...

Although Christmas traditions will differ among the various ethnicities that call Canada home, many celebrate the same way you've seen in movies. We put up Christmas lights around the house, decorate a tree, have family over for dinner, and open Christmas presents on the morning of December 25th. Kids believe in "Santa Claus" and he visits the night of the 24th to drop off gifts. There are lots of sweets, including cookies, candy canes, and hot chocolate.

However, even the "traditional Christmas" is not celebrated the same by everyone. Some open gifts on Christmas eve. Others open one gift on Christmas eve and open the rest on Christmas day. We're such a diverse country that people celebrate the holidays in a variety of different ways. Many of the traditions and celebrations you may see will have come from French, English, Irish, Scottish, Norwegian, Ukrainian, and German influence.

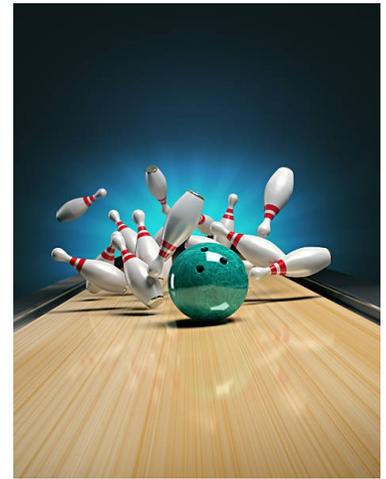
Many people also hang Christmas stockings, which usually become home to smaller gifts and trinkets on Christmas morning. These are overly large socks that you'll likely see hung above a fireplace in the movies. Not everyone has a fireplace though. It's also popular to listen to Christmas music and lounge around in pajamas on Christmas morning, although most people dress up for Christmas dinner later that night.





## Family Bowling & Pizza Night

Students and families had the opportunity to STRIKE up some fun together at Capri Bowling Lanes! During the month of November, some students were able to bowl for the very first time and others refined their skills in hopes of a perfect game. Laser bowling provided some extra excitement and family fun for all ages! Our program also supported some local businesses, purchasing gift cards for families to enjoy locally handcrafted pizzas in the comfort of their own home. We hope everyone enjoyed their bowling and pizza night!



## Public Skating

[Capital News Centre \(CNC\)](#): Lower Mission

[Rutland Arena](#): Rutland

[Memorial Arena](#): Downtown Kelowna

[Jim Lind Arena](#): West Kelowna

[Stuart Park Ice Rink](#): Downtown Kelowna



## DOWNTOWN KELOWNA LIGHT UP & WINTER STREET MARKET

The annual Downtown Kelowna Light Up is a free community event held on Dec 4th 11-6pm, to welcome the holiday season. At Stuart Park you will find live entertainment, skating, food, and Santa! You can also take in some great shopping at the [Winter Street Market](#). Indulge in some festive sweets and treats, munch on some delicious street food, or sip your hot chocolate by a cozy fire. Once you've taken all that excitement in, finish the evening off by enjoying the lighting of the giant tree.