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EIYP BUZZ

ENGAGED IMMIGRANT YOUTH PROGRAM



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EIYP TEAM!

ALONG WITH DISTRICT WIDE PROGRAMS, THE ENGAGED IMMIGRANT YOUTH PROGRAM OFFERS SCHOOL SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AT VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOL SITES.

THESE PROGRAMS ARE OFTEN RUN IN COLLABORATION WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER SUPPORT AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES TO NEWLY ARRIVED YOUTH.

THE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO RUN THESE PROGRAMS ARE:

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School-based Programs

ENGAGED IMMIGRANTS YOUTH PROGRAM

COOL THURSDAY GROUP FOR STUDENTS OF VAN TECH & GLADSTONE

JOIN US TO:

MAKE FRIENDS, SHARE & LEARN ABOUT CULTURES,
DEVELOP PERSONAL AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS,
BE PART OF YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROJECTS AND
GET VOLUNTEER HOURS

WHEN: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

TIME : 4:00 -5:00 PM

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAM PLATFORM

CONTACT US :

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ENGAGED IMMIGRANT YOUTH PROGRAM

TURN UP THURSDAYS!

— @Killarney

Tired of staring at your screens?
Looking to meet new friends? Join
us at lunch for games, music, crafts
and so much more!

EVERY THURSDAYS STARTING OCT 14
11:30 TO 12:15
ROOM A301

GOT QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JANINE AT 778 229 9719 OR AT
JBINANITAN@VSB.BC.CA

School-based Programs



ENGAGED IMMIGRANT YOUTH PROGRAM

WINDERMERE WEDNESDAYS!

From 3:15 to 4:30 at Room 202. Scan the QR Code to sign up!

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| Oct 13 | Welcome Party! |
| Oct 20 | Group Guidelines and Activity Planning |
| Oct 27 | Halloween Extravaganza! |
| Nov 3 | Community Connections |
| Nov 10 | Self-Care and YOU |
| Nov 17 | Art Session |

This program is for newcomer students. Students are expected to follow all COVID-19 Health and Safety measures.

Sign up now to discover new opportunities, talk about topics that are important to you, and have fun!
For more information email/text Janine at jbinanitanevsb.bc.ca / 778 229 9719

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YOUTH PROGRAM

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HANGOUT TUESDAY

FUN GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS
WORKSHOPS

EVERY OTHER
TUESDAY
3:15- 4:15PM @
TUPPER
ROOM 310

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Sitting With Seniors



ENGAGED IMMIGRANT YOUTH PROGRAM

Sitting with Seniors!

whether it's writing letters, making art, visiting them in person or
through video call,
the possibilities of sharing joy is endless!

Join us in this unique project to bring smiles and cheers to seniors
living in a long-term care facility.

Scan to Sign Up



Open to all newcomer youth from Gr 8 - 12
For more info call/ message Janine at
jbinanitan@vsb.bc.ca
778-229-9719

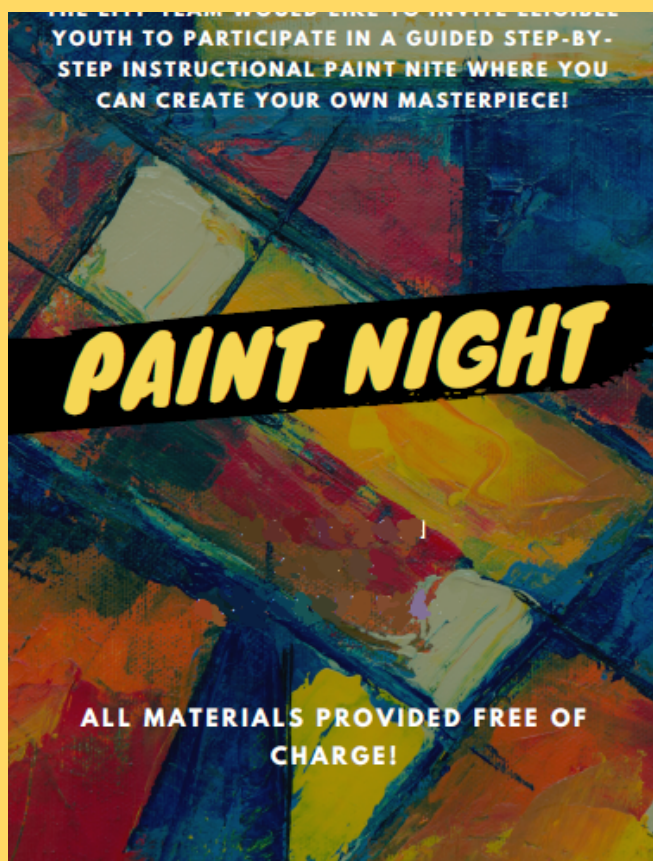
WHETHER IT'S WRITING LETTERS,
SHOWING OFF YOUR DANCE MOVES,
SINGING YOUR HEART OUT,
READING A STORY, SHARING YOUR
CRAFT, OR JUST SIMPLY
SHARING A VIRTUAL PACE, THE
POSSIBILITIES OF SHARING JOY IS
ENDLESS!

JOIN US IN THIS ONLINE VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY TO BRING SMILES
AND CHEER TO SENIORS LIVING IN A
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.

IF YOU HAVE STUDENTS WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM,
PLEASE CONTACT JANINE
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**"BEING A PART OF THE
PROGRAM MADE ME
FEEL REALLY GOOD,
BECAUSE IT REMINDED
ME OF MY
GRANDPARENTS BACK
HOME"
- PARTICIPANTS**



PAINT NIGHT

IT'S A PERFECT OUTLET FOR STRESS AND ISOLATION, AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE ART AND BE TOGETHER WITH OTHERS.

PLEASE CONTACT MARCIA MEJIA-BLANCO TO ENROLL STUDENTS INTO THE PROGRAM.

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ALL SUPPLIES ARE INCLUDED.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

COMING SOON!



TEEN 2 CHEF

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JOIN TODAY!

Participate in a 10 week program filled with exciting field trips and learn about policing in Canada alongside VPD members!





Who: Hosted by EIYP at the Vancouver Police Department
 When: Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. Beginning October 5th
 Where: VPD Headquarters 2120 Cambie

Contact Marcia at mmejiablanco@vsb.bc.ca to apply!
BUS TICKETS AND SNACKS PROVIDED!

NEW KIDS WITH VPD

THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD AND THE SETTLEMENT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM (SWIS).

IT SUPPORTS NEWCOMER IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH IN DEVELOPING A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND BELONGING IN THEIR NEW HOME OF VANCOUVER.

THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON INSTILLING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH PEER AND POLICE MENTORSHIP, TO AVERT THE RISK OF CRIMINAL OR GANG INVOLVEMENT.

THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES, THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDING NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE YOUTH A CHANCE TO FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE POLICE AND INSTILL CIVIC PRIDE AND A SENSE OF BELONGING TO VANCOUVER.



ROAD TO GRADUATION & INDIVIDUAL TRANSITION SUPPORT

WE WELCOME ANY INVITATIONS FROM OUR SWIS PARTNERS OR SCHOOL TEAMS TO FACILITATE A SHORT WORKSHOP ON THE ROAD TO GRADUATION.

PLEASE ALSO REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY STUDENTS IN NEED OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WITH PREPARING FOR THEIR NEXT TRANSITION. WE CAN SUPPORT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, INCLUDING APPLYING FOR POST SECONDARY, OR OTHER FORMS OF ADULT EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SECURING WORK OR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

PLEASE CONTACT NOLI COLE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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