



Ottawa Welcomes You!

Welcome back to all returning international students and a big hello to all new students. This newsletter, *happenings*, is published near the beginning of every month during the school year to provide international students with ideas for participating in some of the many interesting things going on in the Ottawa area. There is always lots to see and do in Ottawa all year long!

Events highlighted in *happenings* include suggestions about arts, entertainment, cultural activities, and sports. Most of the suggested activities are free or of minimal cost to you. An enjoyable and important part of your learning experience in Ottawa is exploring and participating in all the city has to offer you as an international student.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

September 6-7: Afrofestival Ottawa

Celebrate African culture at Afrofestival Ottawa, a free festival at Mooney's Bay. Enjoy live music, dance, fashion, plus a vibrant marketplace and authentic food from local vendors. **Free Admission** Visit: afrofestivalottawa.ca

September 13: Open NCC

There will be walking and cycling tours, and NCC expert presentations at many sites across the region. Learn about architecture, landscape design, archaeology, sustainable farming and more for **free!** ncc-ccn.gc.ca/events/open-ncc

September 21: Ottawa Senators

Take in the electric atmosphere of an NHL game in Canada's capital and watch pro hockey players compete at the Canadian Tire Centre. **Tickets start from \$45**
Visit: www.nhl.com/senators/

September 24-28: Ottawa International

Animation Festival North America's oldest and largest animation festival. Screening events and chance to mingle with stars and characters. **Free Saturday Day Pass for High School Students** Visit: animationfestival.ca

Learn to Canoe: Canada's Iconic Watercraft

The canoe is important in Canada's history as it provided a key method of transportation for Indigenous peoples. Canoeing is now enjoyed by millions of Canadians for recreation, exercise, and exploring nature. Whether gliding across a quiet lake, paddling down winding rivers, or exploring historic waterways, the canoe offers a unique way to connect with the land and appreciate Canada's natural beauty. If you have the chance, don't miss the opportunity to experience canoeing during your stay in Canada.



VISIT the NATIONAL GALLERY of CANADA

See the extensive collections by Canadian artists and special featured art exhibitions in the spectacular architecture of the gallery building.

FREE admission every Thursday between 5-8 p.m. and \$12 for students (with student ID) at other times. Booking a time and tickets are required **IN ADVANCE** of your visit.

Visit the website:
<https://www.gallery.ca/visit/admission>



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

This day recognizes the Indigenous children who attended residential schools who never returned home, and the survivors who suffered physical, mental, and sexual abuse while students at these residential schools that had an aim of robbing Indigenous peoples of their traditional culture. Over 150,000 children attended these schools; the last of these schools closed in 1997. One way Canadians recognize the traumatic impact of the residential schools is to wear an orange T-shirt, often with the words "Every Child Matters" on the front. This day is an opportunity for all Canadians to learn the truth about residential schools and to work towards reconciliation.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



The "Every Child Matters"
memorial, Centennial Flame