Figuring out February

February can be a tough month.

Projects and papers start being due one after the other but not to fear: At the end of this month, there’s a break!

**Reading Week 2023** is right around the corner, from February 27th to March 3rd. Follow [Healthier McGill](#) for tips and tricks to help you take care of yourself.

In this month’s newsletter, you will find programming about:

- ISS’ next winter social
- Post-Graduation Work Permit
- Permanent Residence with IRCC
- Free Winter Gifts!

Finally, are you a [Work Study eligible student](#)? Would you like to join our ISS Team? We are hiring a Communications Assistant to join us for the 2023-2024 year. View the job posting in [MyFuture](#).

Best wishes,
The International Student Services Team

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**PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES**

**Working in Canada**

Are you currently working in Canada or plan on finding a job at some point during your studies? Before starting, it’s important to make sure you’re authorized to do so! Read our [website](#) to find out when you can and when you cannot work in Canada as a student.
ISS News: PR, PGWP, Prizes and... We're Hiring!

Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Workshop

- Attend this webinar to find out how to apply for your Post-Graduation Work Permit.

Details
Thursday, February 9th, 10am - 11:30am
Register Here

Permanent Residence in Canada

- Learn all the steps to apply for PR in Canada with IRCC.
- Ask any questions you may have about the process of applying for Permanent Residence to the hosting Immigration Official. ISS does not advise on Permanent Residence.

Details
Thursday, February 9th, 1pm - 2:30pm
Register Here

Student-Parent Support Group

Are you a student and a parent? Do you find it challenging to balance family and academic obligations? Do you feel disconnected from your peers? Join our group and connect with other student-parents to receive support, ideas, and encouragement. Registrants may attend any or all sessions, which will take place remotely every other Friday. View the full schedule for more details and to register. Please register at least 24 hours prior to the start of a session in order to receive the access link.

How I Learn Best

How I Learn Best is a living library of curated study tips and strategies from McGill students, for McGill students. From maintaining balance, to improving focus, to creating study guides, and much more, How I Learn Best has strategies on a variety of topics to support your academic success. Check out the growing list of tips here.

Academic Skills Workshops

Calling all undergrads! Would you like to learn about how to improve your academic skills? The upcoming workshops for students from Teaching and Learning Services on topics like effective reading, group work, and exam prep can help support your success. See the schedule
Brighten up your winter with a free Macbook Air!

With the new year, comes a back-to-school contest! Montréal International, through its I choose Montréal initiative, offers you the chance to start the session with a bang! Whether it’s your first session or your last, here’s a great way to kick-off 2023.

With this new contest, you could win a MacBook Air and a pair of AirPods (total value of +$2,000) and start your school year off in high gear!

Enter the Contest HERE

Hurry! The contest ends on February 24, 2023.

This contest is only open to international students residing in Québec, holding a valid study permit and enrolled full time at a Greater Montréal educational institution. For more details, read the contest rules.

Good luck!

Looking to maximize your skills and gain real-world experience?

Join the CAPS Micro-EXP program. Get the chance to be matched with a company to work on micro-projects (remote, 12 hours max) or placements (in-person, 15 hours max) during reading week.

This program is a valuable opportunity for international students to familiarize themselves with Canadian work culture and practices. Boost your resume and take advantage of this opportunity today!

For more information, please contact the program coordinator.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

February 2: Feast of Candelaria
February 2: Candlemas
February 5: Lantern Festival

February 8: Prešeren Day
February 16: Hizir fast
February 16: Feast of St. Vartan’s day
February 5: Magha Purnima
February 5: Navam Full Moon Poya Day
February 22: Feast of the Chair of St Peter
February 24: Dragobete

**If we missed a celebration in your country or region, send us more information at events.iss@mcgill.ca!**