



Boo... It's October already!

This month, ISS is hosting webinars on [permanent residence](#), [post-graduation work permit](#), and a [pumpkin carving contest](#) to help you stay informed and connected. And, our partner, Montreal International, is hosting a back-to-school [contest where you could win a MacBook Air](#) (total value of +\$1000). Contest ends October 16th.

Note: We've received multiple messages from students and staff across campus about scammers targeting international students. Please watch out. Find out more about avoiding scams on [our website](#).

In this month's issue, make sure to check out our sections on:

- [Immigration](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Programming](#)

The ISS office will be closed Monday, October 9th for Canadian Thanksgiving.

Yours Truly,
[International Student Services](#)



Immigration Updates

Proof of Completion of Studies

If Summer 2023 was your final term of studies, the degree granted remark will appear on your transcript on [October 19, 2023](#). You are **no longer authorized to work** as of this date.

If you receive a [PGWP Letter](#) confirming program completion from Service Point before October 19, 2023, you are **not authorized to work** in Canada from the date the letter was issued.

In both cases, you may resume working only:



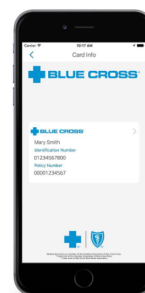
- After you obtain your [Post-Graduation Work Permit \(PGWP\)](#); **or**
- After you submit an online PGWP application from inside Canada **and** if you [meet certain conditions](#)

Want to find out more? See our [PGWP guide](#), our [Work in Canada - FAQs](#), and attend a [PGWP info session](#).

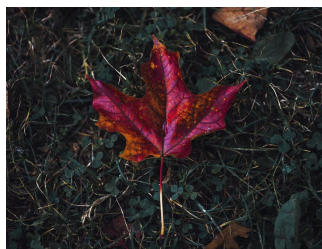
HEALTH UPDATES

Medavie Blue Cross Drug Card

As of September 1st, 2023, you may use your [Medavie Blue Cross Drug eCard](#) to purchase prescription medication. The Drug Card allows the pharmacy to bill Medavie Blue Cross on the spot for drugs that do not need pre-authorization and you pay the 20% that is not covered. Just present your Drug eCard found on the [Medavie Blue Cross app or portal](#) at a pharmacy where you want to obtain your prescription medication. Prescription drug coverage details are found on Page 12 of the [IHI handbook](#).



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Post-Graduation Work Permit Session

Attend this webinar to find out how to apply for your post-graduation work permit (PGWP).

Details

Thursday, October 19th, 10am - 11:30am

[Register Here](#)

Permanent Residence with IRCC

Attend this live Q&A hosted by a representative from IRCC. A link to a PR recording will be shared with registrants prior to the Q&A.

Details

Thursday, October 26th at 12pm

[Register Here](#)



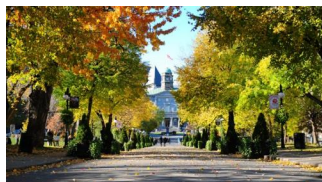
Pumpkin Carving Contest

Join us for a night of pumpkin carving - No skills required!
Prizes to be won!

Details:

Friday, Oct. 20th at 5pm

[Register Here](#)



Coping with Culture Shock

This workshop will allow you to share your experiences with culture shock and learn new tips and tricks to deal with it. We will hold space for conversations surrounding new environments, cultures, and the best ways to cope. This event is a safe space to connect with others in the community.

Details

Thursday, October 26 at 4pm, Brown Building, Room 5001

[Register Here](#)



Parent Info Session: Finding Schools and Daycares

October 10th, 2023
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Brown 3001

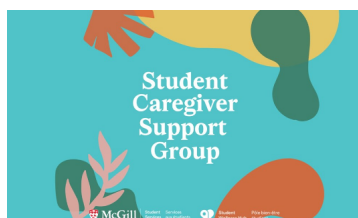
Parent Info Session: Finding Schools and Daycares

Learn about school and daycare options in Montreal at this information session.

Details

Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 12pm

[Register Here](#)



Student Caregiver Support Group

Are you a student parent or caregiver? Check out the [Student Caregiver Support Group](#).

Details:

Fridays, bi-weekly at 11am

[Register Here](#)



Winter 101

Is this your first winter in Montreal? Not sure what to expect? Join us to find out more about Winter in Montreal!

Details:

Thursday, Nov 2 at 12pm

[Register Here](#)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Discover diverse on-campus and
Montréal volunteer opportunities



October 26, 2023

11:00 - 14:00

Room 301, University
Centre (3480 McTavish St.)



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ESL Placement Tests

The McGill Writing Centre will be holding placement tests in the fall for students whose first language is not English and who wish to strengthen their academic writing by taking one of our ESL WCOM courses in Winter 2024.

Wednesday, Oct 4

12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

Friday, Oct 27

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Sukkot: Sep 29– Oct 6

Navratri: Oct 15, 2023 – Oct 24

[Feast of St Francis of Assisi](#): Oct 4

[Jitiya Parwa](#): Oct 6

[Canadian Thanksgiving](#): Oct 9

[Laos Boat Racing Festival Monday](#): Oct 9

[Lotu a Tamaiti](#): Oct 9

[Pchum Ben Festival](#): Oct 13

[Mahalaya](#): Oct 14

[Svetitskhovloba](#): Oct 14

[Cayenne Festival](#): Oct 15

[Durga Puja](#): Fri, Oct 20 – Oct 24

[Chung Yeung Festival](#): Oct 23

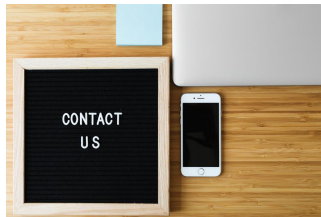
[Maha Navami](#): Oct 23

[Dushera](#): Oct 24

[Full Moon Day of Thadingyut](#): Oct 28 – Oct 30

[Halloween](#): Oct 31

[Karva Chauth](#): Oct 31 – Nov 1



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