



The Holiday Cheap Sheet

McGill events

- **For international students: Winter Break Club Social** hosted by International Student Services. Registration is free but required. For more information see their holiday newsletter: click.mailsender05.com/m/3298/m/1810924
- **Residences:** Some McGill residences host events over the holidays—ask your Floor Fellows/ Dons and Residence Life Facilitators

Holiday entertainment

- **Fireworks** in the Old port: Saturdays 8 p.m., December 16 – January 6. New Year's Eve, December 31, 12 a.m.
- **Luminothérapie** at Place des Festivals runs November 30, 2017 through January 28, 2018
 - Sunday to Wednesday: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday to Saturday: 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 - Illuminating [Place des Festivals](#) with a light installation, Luminothérapie is an antidote to Montreal's shortest and darkest days of the year—a sort of light [therapy for the winter blues](#).
 - www.quartiersdespectacles.com/en/activity/16362/luminotherapie-8th-edition
- **Noel dans le parc:** December 1- 25, 2017: three Montreal parks hosting all kinds of holiday and winter themed activities. See noeldansleparc.com for more information.
- **Le Grand Marché de Noël de Montréal**
 - December 1 to 24, 2017 Place des Arts' esplanade turns into a Christmas Market, complete with shopping options, live choirs, foodie goods, mulled wine, whiskey tastings and free entertainment, including a karaoke igloo. Check the schedule before heading out: marchenoelmontreal.ca/en
- **Santa's Kingdom** for students with children and the young at heart
 - November 18 to December 30, 2017
 - Carousel (\$2/child), miniature train (\$2/child), movies and games for young children and toddlers
 - complexedesjardins.com/en/events/schedule-for-santas-kingdom

Exhibitions

- **Salon des métiers des arts.** Free admission—Place Bonaventure
 - December 7 to 17. Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Even if you're not doing any shopping it is fun and inspiring to go see the creations of different Quebec artists and artisans. www.metiersdart.ca/en/montreal-craft-show

Winter sports

- Free **outdoor skating** rinks. Weather permitting.
 - Bring your own skates: Parc Jarry, Parc Jeanne Mance (also has a hockey rink!), Parc Maisonneuve
 - Skate rental available (\$): Parc La Fontaine, Beaver Lake (Lac aux Castors)
 - Looking to buy a cheap pair of skates? www.tripsavvy.com/buying-ice-skates-2392677
- **Sledding** on Mont-Royal: bring your own sled. East side of the mountain bordering Avenue du Parc

Cheap Restaurants (open during holidays):

- **Tim Hortons** (674, rue Sherbrooke Ouest or 2035, rue Stanley, timhortons.com/ca/en) is a Canadian legend. They offer cheap coffee, hot drinks, donuts and sandwiches, and you can barely walk 3 blocks in any Canadian city without walking into one. They're reliable, everywhere and open late. **Open 24/7.**
- **Pushap** (5195, rue Paré, pushaprestaurant.ca), the people who make all the McGill samosas for sales (known as "Samosa Gods") has a physical location, and it is filled with CHEAP Indian food. Seriously, their entire menu is vegetarian (with quite a few vegan options) and all of the options are less than \$5. **Open throughout holidays with reduced hours (11am-7pm) December 31 and January 1.**
- **Bao Bao Dim Sum** (83, rue de la Gauchetière Ouest, yelp.ca/biz/bao-bao-dim-sum-montréal) is similar to Cocobun, but cheaper and yummiier (in this humble writer's opinion at least). It may not be as conveniently located as Cocobun, but Chinatown is filled with sights to see, and other cheap food to eat, so it's definitely worth it. My favourite items are their mixed vegetable steamed buns (\$1.75) and their red bean steamed buns (\$1.99). **Open during regular business hours throughout the holidays.**
- **Joe's Panini** (1404, rue Drummond, facebook.com/Joese-Panini-24Hrs-131378443589036) is the Super Sandwich of Concordia. They offer a variety of sweet and savory grilled sandwiches for \$4.78 each, and are open 24 hours, to help you with those hungry all-nighters! **Open 24/7.**
- **Cachitos** (153, rue Sainte-Catherine Est, store.cachitos.ca) sells Venezuelan cachitos (bread with filling) as well as other pastries and coffee. They have many different fillings of cachitos to try, and most are only \$3.95 each. **Closed December 25 and January 1. Reduced hours December 24 and December 31.**
- **Crescent Sushi** (Various Locations: sushicrescent.ca/en/frontpage) is a great choice if you're looking to maximize your dollar. Their all-you-can-eat lunch is only \$16.99, and they offer many vegetarian and meat options of sushi, Chinese and Japanese foods. **Closed Christmas Day, December 25. Reduced hours December 26 and December 31.**
- **Cosmos Snack Bar** (5843, rue Sherbrooke Ouest, facebook.com/The-Famous-Cosmos-205367469494263) is a solid option for when you're starving, or just craving some good greasy spoon fare. They're famous for creations like breakfast burgers, and 6 egg omelets, and your breakfast will likely run you less than \$10! **Open during regular business hours throughout the holidays.**

Grocery stores around campus (holiday hours):

These grocery stores will be **closed December 25 and January 1**. They will have **reduced hours December 24, 26 and 31**.

- **IGA Complexe Desjardins**
- **IGA Atwater** - 1500 rue Atwater
- **IGA Marche Louise Menard** - 865 rue Sainte-Catherine E
- **Provigo**, 3421 Av du Parc or 50 Av Mont-Royal O