



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish our clients a safe and happy holiday season!

ECNWC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays.

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

Dec 10th – 8am to 12pm Dec 24th – 8am to 12pm
Dec 27th – CLOSED Dec 28th – CLOSED
Dec 31st – 8am to 12pm Jan 3rd - CLOSED

Otherwise, our staff are available Mon to Fri from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm. Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

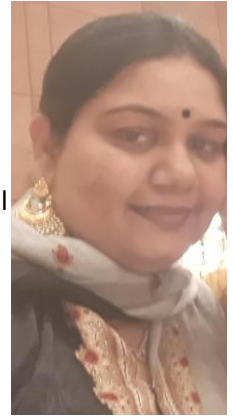
December 14 – Melville December 21 – Esterhazy

Please call (306)783-2777 if you would like to meet with our staff in these communities on the above dates

This is HOME

Meet Vandana Vatrana

Vandana moved from India to Canada on July 26th, 2019. She is currently living in Esterhazy where she works as an Educational Assistant at P.J Gillen Elementary School.



"I like everything about Saskatchewan, especially how people are so friendly, there's lots of opportunities, and a clean and clear environment. Best part is, people of Canada treat everyone equally. I love Esterhazy, as we are well settled here. The kids are very happy they got new friends. Everything is approachable, people are generous and loving. We moved into our home last August, we are blessed to have a cozy and comfortable home. It is within a 2-minute walking distance from my kids' school as well as my work place.

Everybody supported us so well. We are grateful and thankful to God for everything. I also wanted to thank Leah and the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre for helping us so much on every step. Lots of thanks to you all."

Vandana

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

The Government of Canada will adjust Canada's border measures on November 30, 2021.

The changes will include:

- new accepted #COVID19 vaccines for entry to Canada
- changes to certain exemptions and testing requirements.

Learn more about the upcoming changes by clicking [HERE](#).



Explore Our Community



Have you ever wondered what Christmas looked like here in Canada in the past? If so, virtually join the Western Development Museum on December 21st at 10 am as they do some imaginary "time travelling" and go back to the year 1910, where you will visit a home in rural Saskatchewan during the holiday season. You will hear about how people stayed in touch, popular winter activities and what kinds of gifts were given over one hundred years ago. You might notice that some things are the same as today, but you might also see what things are different or have changed. You might even learn of a few activities you want to try for yourself this winter season!

To learn more or register for this fun zoom session, please contact our Community Connection Worker, Shanley at sallard@ecnwc.ca.

FUN Fact about Canada!

- Canadians really LOVE turkey!
- Most Canadians serve turkey as their Christmas Day meal. According to Turkey Farmers of Canada, Canadians purchased a mighty 2.9-million whole turkeys for Christmas last year (2020). That amounts to about 41 per cent of all turkeys sold that year.



For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).



Community Activities & Event

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



Winter Themed Paint Classes for Newcomer Students

Arts / Students

WHAT? Join our SWIS team for a fun, online paint class for newcomer students.
WHEN? December 7th, 2021 from 6 to 7:30pm (Ages 5 to 10)
December 14th, 2021 from 6 to 7:30pm (Ages 11+)
WHERE? ONLINE through Zoom. Must register as supplies will be provided in advance.
COST? FREE (Contact lmcneill@ecnwc.ca or our office for help registering.)



Gingerbread Decocrating for Newcomer Students

Leisure / Student

WHAT? Join our SWIS team for some holiday fun decorating Gingerbread houses!
WHEN? Thursday, December 16th, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm.
WHERE? ONLINE through Zoom. Must register as supplies are limited and will be provided in advance.
COST? FREE (Contact lmcneill@ecnwc.ca, jtolorino@ecnwc.ca or call 1-306-783-2777 to register.)



Winter Safety Webinar

Education / All Ages

WHAT? We have partnered with Public Health, Yorkton Fire Department and SGI to discuss topics to help keep you and your family SAFE during our cold winters!
WHEN? Monday, December 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
WHERE? ONLINE through ZOOM. Must register by December 3rd (4 pm).
COST? FREE. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to register and to be provided the link.



The CP Holiday Train at Home

Entertainment /All Ages

WHAT? The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train Celebration is a virtual concert to get you in the holiday spirit! Fun for the whole family to view. Canadian Music Hall-of-Famer Steven Page and The Strumbellas will lead performers aboard the CP Holiday Train.
WHEN? December 18 at 7 PM
WHERE? ONLINE. Streamed LIVE on CP's Facebook Page at [facebook.com/canadian.pacific](https://www.facebook.com/canadian.pacific)
COST? FREE but recommended to donate to a local food bank if you are able to!



Christmas

Holiday / All Ages

WHAT? Christmas, according to Christianity, is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ but this holiday is widely celebrated by people all over the world as well. In Canada, Christmas Day is a federal statutory holiday in every province and territory.
WHEN? December 25th (Boxing Day is December 26th)
WHERE? Celebrated in many households across the world. Many families have their own, unique, traditions that they follow each year. Some people put up a Christmas tree, exchange gifts, await the arrival of Santa Claus and/or cooks the same meal.



Multifaith Festivals in December

Baha'i	Dec 11 – Masa'il Dec 30 - Sharaf	Wicca	Dec 21 - Yule
Buddhism	Dec. 8 - Awakening Day Dec 18 - Sanghamitta Day	Zoroastrianism	Dec 26 – Death of Prophet Zarathustra Dec 31 to Jan 4 – Ghambar Maidyarem
Christianity	Dec 25 – Christmas Day	Aboriginal Spirituality	Mid-December - Sis,et (The Elder Moon)
Jainism	Dec 14 – Maunajiyaras	Supplemental	Dec 4 – Total Solar Eclipse Dec 26 – Jan 1 - Kwanzaa
Shinto	Dec 21 – Tohji-taisai		

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.



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