
WASAGA BEACH

On September 14th, our 4-week exchange started off easy. We met for the first of many times in the Theatre Hall of the ISS. We got to experience a true Canadian experience once the national hymn started to play and all of a sudden everybody kept quiet. After we performed our first roll call, we walked to the bus. Everybody was excited to take the bright yellow school bus that we only knew from American Movies and TV shows. Introduced as the „Godfather of Global“, Dave Morrison joined our first trip. Our first stop was at Lake Simcoe. We went for a short walk, returned to the Bus & he took us to Morrison's Cottage near Wasaga Beach. Dave's invitation was generous, welcoming and kind. He told us about his experiences & feelings towards the Global Perspectives program. After an hour, we were headed for the famous Wasaga Beach. Packed with beach essentials, music & lots of good vibes, we bed down on the sand bank. We were blessed with great weather to visit the beach, so we could even go for a swim. Two hours filled with fun, we went back to Morrison's Cottage where lunch was already waiting for us. We satisfied our hunger with several pizza slices, ice cream & cold beverages; such as water, cola & ginger ale. Thankful and overwhelmed we left the Cottage. On our way back we stopped at the Parabolic Dunes & had a look. The Dunes reminded some students of the saarlandish „Saarschleife“. Several foto sessions later we took our yellow bus back to Innisdale where our host families already waited. In the evening almost every duo met at the Mandrin to have dinner together (& celebrate Ciaran's „birthday“)

Grateful for such an amazing day filled with many insights in the Canadian lifestyle, all of our expectations were topped & all in all we could not have asked for a better way start this awesome 28-day-exchange!



LAKE SIMCOE



LUNCH AT THE COTTAGE



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THE PARABOLIC DUNES

17.9. - ISS and CITY HALL TOUR, LUNCH and TOUR **GEORGIAN COLLEGE, CITY HALL**

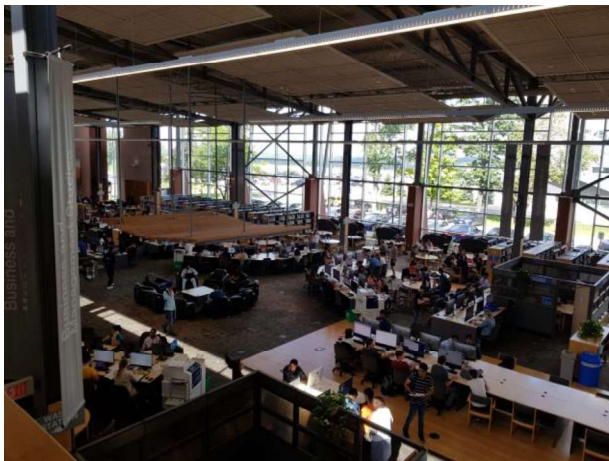
At 8:00 AM, we met at Innisdale Secondary School (ISS), where we were shown around the building.

We saw the little theatre a kitchen as well as sport-/, music-/ and manufacturing classes.

This tour was followed by another tour, this time around the city hall, where it started.

We were told about the origin of Barrie and went to exhibitions of modern art in the MACLAREN art Centre.

Later in the evening, we met at the city hall again, this time in formal attire. Photos were taken and the lord mayor of Barrie, Mr. Jeff Lehman, officially welcomed us at the beginning of a council meeting. Last but not least, Mr. Eifler and Dave Morrison each held a speech and Mr. Morrison was delighted to be called 'Godfather of Global'.



Tuesday 18.9.18 -Algonquin Park

On our fifth day in Canada we visited Ontario's oldest and most famous provincial park. We started the day with a two hour bus ride. After a really fun bus ride, we got off at the Algonquin Visitor Centre. Thanks to our wilderness guide Dave Wallin we were able to enjoy the natural park to its fullest. We walked besides beautiful lakes and chatted a bit. Our guide led us to a place with an amazing view where we had our lunch. We were able to take great pictures of the scenery which already had some spots of trees turning red. Mr. Wallin promised us that we'd see many animals so our group hoped to see a moose. In the end we only saw squirrels, birds and a rabbit.

During the long hike through the forest we had lots of time to take in the natural beauty of the place. But some people forgot to look out for the group as they were in awe. So it didn't took us long and we lost some people in the forest. The advice of our guide, to hit a piece of wood or stone three times against the tree, didn't really help us. So the lost group just took a random way at the crossroad. Luckily they took the right way and found the others.

After many hours of hiking we made our way back to the visitor museum and stayed there for a short time. At 7pm we arrived in Barrie.

Our trip to Algonquin Park was really memorable and fun. We got to experience Canadian nature and astonishing scenery together. The hike was quite a Challenge, although everyone enjoyed the forest walk and spectacular scenery!



Toronto Part 1

Today we met at 8 am at the Innisdale flagpole just like the days before. We took the schoolbus to Toronto with Mr. Toole as our tour guide. The bus dropped us off at the Royal Ontario Museum in Yorkville, where we would start our program.

We walked to the University of Toronto and visited the outdoor campus. While walking on the campus you could see some old but pretty buildings and faculties belonging to the university. After that Mr. Toole went to Kensington Market with us. As soon as we came closer to China Town you could notice all these Asian and multicultural shops that made it look different than the other parts of Toronto. We had some free time to get food and to explore the area. It was very interesting to see the Asian culture right in the middle of Toronto.

From China Town we walked to the Art Gallery of Ontario and had an awesome guided tour about Native Canadian art and their culture and traditions.

When the tour finished we walked on Queens Street to the Eaton Center. Then we had about two hours of free time that many of us spend with shopping. After that we took the school bus back home to Innisdale, where we arrived at 7 pm.



by Magdalena & Carla



COLLINGWOOD

COLLINGWOOD was a great experience.

Although I generally dislike hiking, I really walking through the woods. And even the rain couldn't stop us from having fun. The scenic walk and caves were awesome!

After the hike we went downhill right into the centre of Collingwood. Where we were allowed to walk around and explore the small and lovely town ourselves. We also were permitted to decide what we wanted to do there. Some of us went shopping, some just sat down in a café and some of us even went tobogganing. All in all we sure had an awesome time and wouldn't want to miss it.



P.S.: Huge thanks to the Canadian boys that joined us that day and offered their help for climbing up the steep parts of the hiking route.

And also to Lisa Swain and Anita Cunningham who guided us and bought Beavertails for all of us!

Plus a big thanks to Jeff Toole who drove all the way to and back from Collingwood to pick up the search party of the lost drone.

Niagara Falls

Thursday, Sep 27th

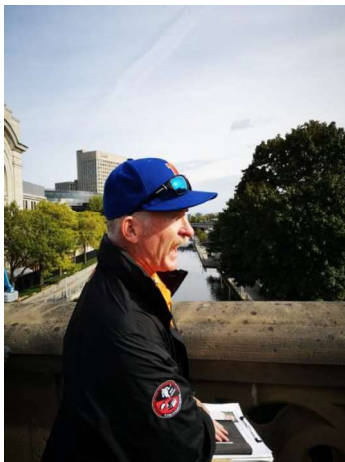
On this day, we woke up at 6 am and then met at school early at 7 am. It's because we had to leave early for this long trip on the bus ride down, we passed through Toronto and Hamilton with huge buildings and a lot of factories. When we arrived at Niagara Falls we were overwhelmed because of the beautiful water surrounding us. It was really cool to see both the United States and Canada at the same time. After looking around at the falls, we took a ferry ride called the Maid of the Mist underneath the falls. We all got so wet despite our ponchos! But guess what- we didn't care because we loved every moment! I thank you Mr. Torlée for this awesome trip!



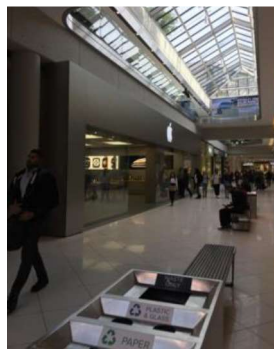
1st October: Ottawa



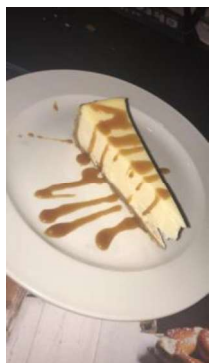
On Monday, October 1st, we started our big trip to Ottawa early in the morning. After a few hours we arrived in Canada's capital. The first thing we did, was a tour through the Parliament. This was a real Privilege !



After that we went to the National War Memorial. We also had some free time in Ottawa we used to go shopping or got something to eat.



This was John, the best tour guide of all the times!



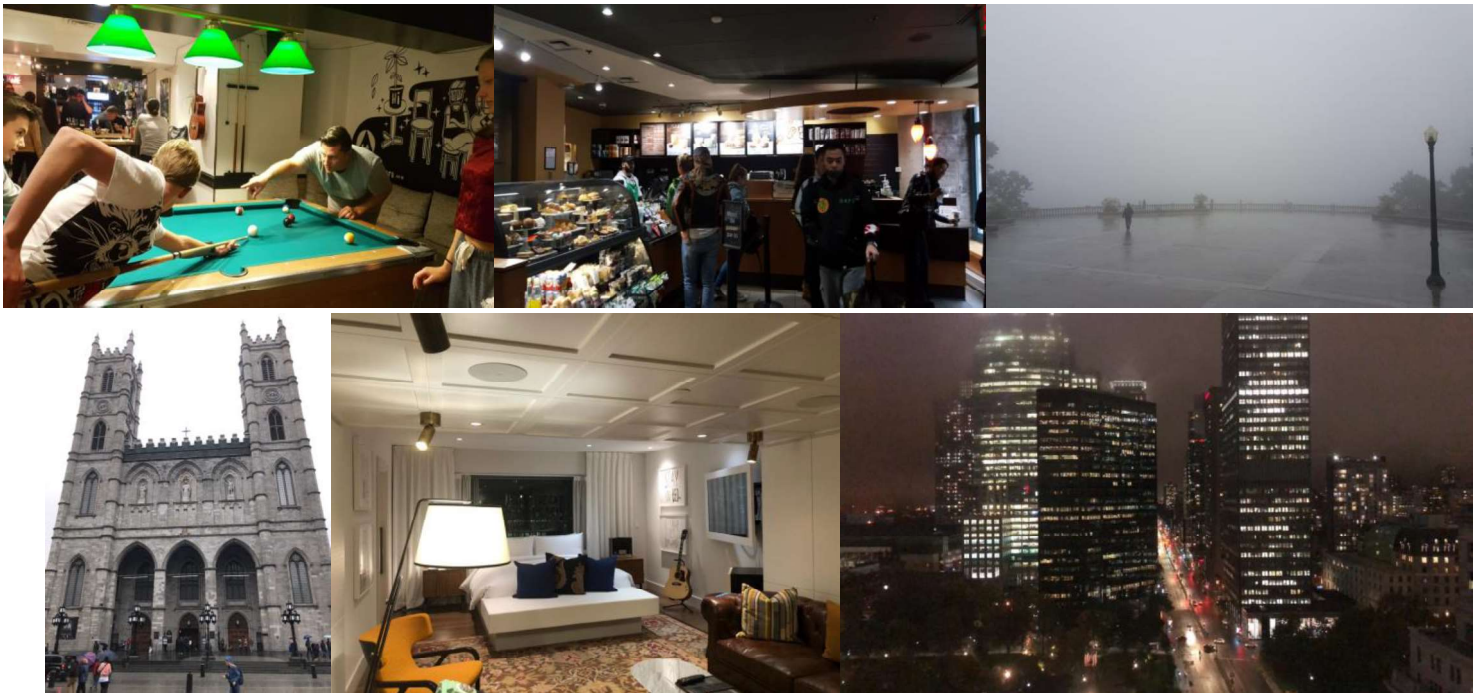
Later that day we checked in to our hotel and went out to „3 Brewers“ restaurant, where we had a very nice dinner.



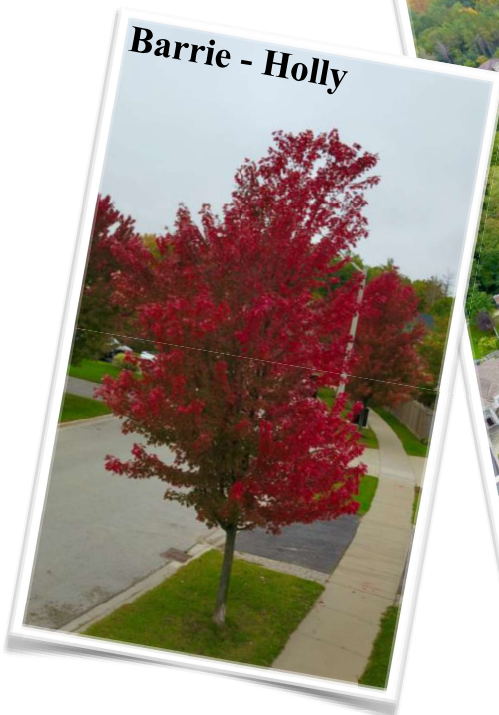
The first day ended with the haunted walk through the beautiful Ottawa at night.

Day 21 Montreal

The day started with the phone in our hotel room ringing, at 7 am. I got up and dressed, next I went downstairs to the hotels breakfast room to eat. Afterwards we were given time to pack all our stuff and then we hopped on our bus. Soon after crossing the border to Quebec, we took a short break and then we drove on until reaching a viewpoint on top of Montreal. It's been the foggiest day so far and we could literally see nothing, but still, a nice place to go. Then Bill, our bus driver, took us to the city hall of Montreal. We left the bus and got some free time. After sticking around in some warm souvenir shops, unable to find a „Tim Hortons“, we had lunch at „McDonalds“ and „Starbucks“. We met the others at the „Place d'Armes“ in front of the „Basilica Notre Dame de Montreal“. Our guides split us into two major groups, and the others followed their guide to some place else. Our group stayed there and we were told to form groups of five. The guide handed out quizzes about the history of Montreal and our scavenger hunt started. All information we needed was to be found on different monuments throughout the city. We were given three quizzes for three different locations, „Le Place d'Armes“, „Rue le Royer“ and „Place Vauquelin“. Sadly, my group didn't win. Afterwards we had some more free time, and finally found a „Tim Hortons“. We went there, set down, ate some Timbits and played some card games. Then the bus took us to our hostel. This time I shared the room with three more guys. After a short break we walked a few meters to a restaurant, called „Birreria ITALI.CO“ and had Pizza for dinner. Then we were given the choice to either stay at the hostel or go out downtown with our Big Trip Guide John Winchester for shopping. I stayed and watched Mr Eifler and Tim beat Timon and Anne in three pool games! The others had managed to do something way better. Walking along the „Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel“, John started talking about how John Lennon and Yoko Ono had recorded „Give Peace a Chance“ together in this very hotel and one of the students asked whether they could go in. Inside they kept asking and ended up with a guided tour through the newly renovated suite John and Yoko had used back in 1969! What an awesome moment! Thank you universe!



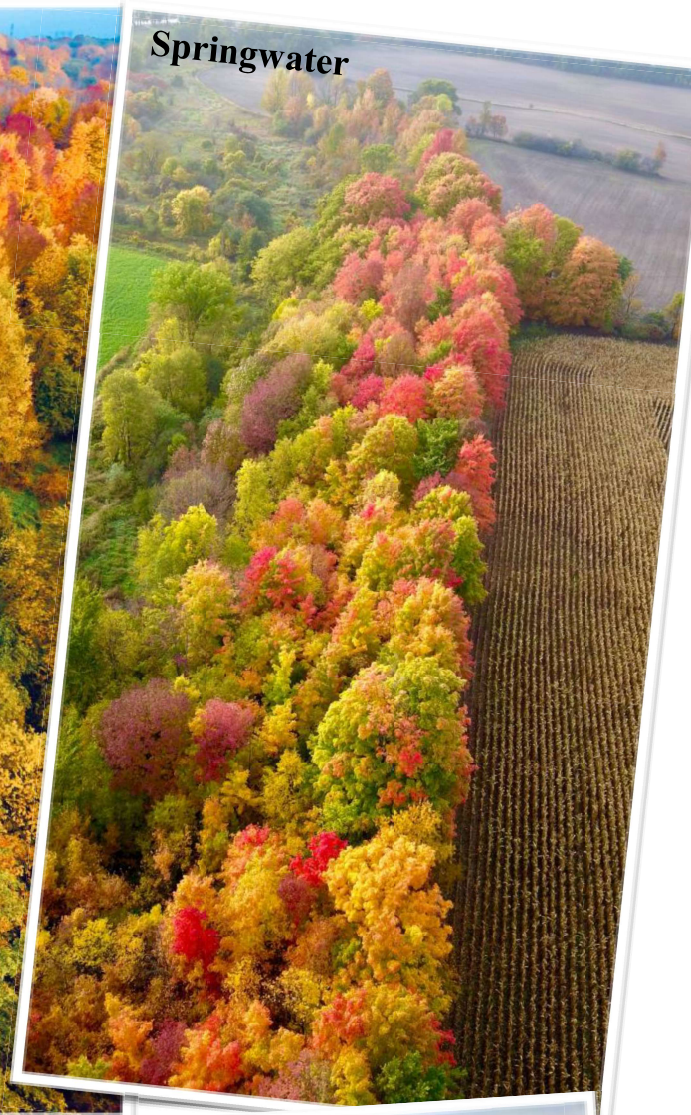
Drone shots from Canada



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