Helpful Tips for Organizing Your Own McGillian Meet-Up!

Hosting a meet-up is a great way to learn about your local McGill community! Whether it’s at a restaurant, bowling alley, or a home barbecue, meet-ups are a fun way for new students and their families to come together and celebrate before the fall semester starts. To help plan your McGill meet-up, we’ve provided a few valuable tips below to make your gathering a success!

1. **First up: choose what you want to do, find a location, and set a date.** Mid-July to mid-August is an ideal time to host a successful meet-up. Consider planning your meet-up around one of our International Student Society’s Pre-Arrival Webinars, where students receive information on everything from immigration and study visas to health insurance and more!

2. **Make your meet-up stand out with fun activities.** Icebreaker style games are a great way for students and parents to start discussions. For example:
   - Human Bingo (allows students to get to know one another in a fun, low-stress way)
   - McGill Trivia (students get to learn about their campus)
   - Story Sharing (a great way to share McGill experiences)

3. **Spread the word about your meet-up** to incoming students and their parents by sharing on these following Facebook pages:
   - McGill Entering Class of 2017-2018
   - McGill Macdonald Campus Entering Class of 2017-2018
   - McGill International Parents Council (A great place to ask questions and meet past/current parents!)
   - McGill Send-Offs

4. **Expand your reach!** Why not invite current students or alumni who live in your area to share their McGill and Montreal experiences. You can find these individuals by contacting your closest McGill Alumni Association branch or by posting on:
   - McGill Entering Class 2014
   - McGill Entering Class 2015
   - McGill Entering Class 2016
   - McGill Macdonald Campus Incoming Class 2016-2017

5. **Email us** at sendoffs.alumni@mcgill.ca at least four weeks before your event to let us know your guest numbers, and we’ll send you some McGill giveaways!

Have a great meet-up!