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Life is a Beach

Beat the summer heat on Friday's trip to SGI

Florida is perhaps most famous for its beaches. We are all lucky to live in a state that has many wonderful beaches and outdoor activities. One of the closest beaches to Tallahassee is found on St. George Island (SGI). We will be heading to SGI this **Friday July 22**. Plan to be here no later than 7:45am. St. George Island is about a two-hour drive from Tallahassee. Although Tallahassee is extremely hot, the beach is a little cooler because of a **breeze** from the ocean. The water temperature will be perfect – the water is not too cold, but it will still cool you off. We will be returning to Tallahassee sometime between 6pm and 7pm.

It is important to bring sunscreen so you don't get a sunburn. We will be out on the beach during the hottest part of the day. Bottles of water, a towel, a beach umbrella, and an umbrella are other things you may like to bring. You may also want to bring something to snack on as well as money for dinner.

Be sure to take plenty of pictures – this may be one of the last opportunities you have to hang out with many of your CIES friends.

Secret Life of Pets (Reminder)

We'll be going to see "The Secret Life of Pets" on Wednesday, July 20. We will meet here at CIES at 6pm, and the movie starts at 6:30pm. If you have a car, you can meet us at the Regal Cinemas (near Governor's Square Mall). CIES will pay for your ticket,

but you may want to bring some money for popcorn, drinks, or snacks.

CIES Voices Next Week!

Remember that the deadline for CIES Voices is next **TUESDAY JULY 26th**. Submit it to your composition teacher or you can also submit it directly to acwilson@fsu.edu. It is easy to participate! Just turn in something that you've already written! It will only take you a few minutes. This is an opportunity that will look excellent on a job application or a resume! Remember, this is a wonderful opportunity to have your writing read by many people and be available on the internet. If you are applying for a job or graduate school in the future, you can include the internet link to show that you've been published. This could make you have a stronger application and maybe a better chance of admission. Previous issues are found at: <http://cies.fsu.edu/Programs/Intensive-English-Program/News-and-Publications>.

Finals & Evals

These next two weeks are extremely important at CIES. We have final exams in all of our classes, so it is essential that you all plan to attend classes these days.

Thursday July 21: Composition Writing
Monday July 25: Speaking Final
Tuesday July 26: Listening Final
Wednesday July 27: Grammar Final

Thursday July 28: Reading Final

Also, **do not forget to complete an evaluation of your teacher!** These links are available on myCIES and should be done before the last day of class!

Plan Ahead: International Dinner

* Next **Thursday July 28** is a very important day for CIES. We will have our famous **International Dinner**. This is a potluck where everyone brings food that is unique to their culture. We will have class on Thursday until 2:50, and the International Dinner will begin at 6pm.

Important Announcements

* Don't forget our food drive this month. We want to collect lots of food and donate it to local charities. Next time you go to the grocery store, buy a couple of cans or other food items to donate. This is a great way to give to the community and remember a former CIES student.

** It is very important to check the expiration date on your I-20! Several of you have I-20's that will expire in a few weeks. **It is very important that you see Lacey if your expiration is coming up!**

Happy Birthday to...

Thamer Almotlaq (July 20)

Rebecca Turk (July 22)

Shishir Kumar (July 26)

Culture Question

Question: Is it rude to use my phone in a restaurant or in the car?

A: Generally speaking, yes. If you go to a restaurant, you will likely see many people texting on their phone. People might look at you funny if you're at an **upscale** restaurant, but in most casual restaurants no one will notice. However, it is considered rude to talk on your phone in a restaurant! It is natural for a person who is talking on a phone to speak louder and more clearly. This makes it easier for the person on the other end of the phone to understand you. However, it also makes it easier for everyone seated near you at the restaurant to notice. If you absolutely must take a call in a restaurant, you should step outside the restaurant or in the lobby for the duration of the call.

If you are a passenger in a car, there is no problem using your phone. However, drivers cannot text (SMS) and drive. It is against the law in Florida and most other states. Furthermore, if you are planning to drive to other parts of America, please plan ahead! In many states, it is illegal to talk on your phone while you are driving. Depending on the state, you could get a very expensive **fine** for doing this. If you plan on talking and driving, the best advice is to get a hands-free device

for your phone. This will make it easier to talk and drive at the same time.

Language Question

Question: What is the difference between 'because' and 'since'?

Answer: In modern day English, these words often have similar meanings. However, there are certain situations where they are not **interchangeable**. Look at the two sentences below:

Because I got home late last night, I was really tired this morning.

Since I got home late last night, I was really tired this morning.

Both of these sentences have the same meaning. 'Because' is when something brings about a result or an effect. 'Since' is often used interchangeably. However, the definition of 'since' is something related to time.

Correct: *Since her accident, people were very kind to her.*

⊗ Incorrect: *Because her accident, people were very kind to her.*

In this sentence, we are talking about a time relationship so we need to use since. However, we can also talk about a cause and an effect. But, if you use because, it must be followed by a complete clause! If you want to use because here, you would need to say 'because of'.

Correct: Because of her accident, people were very kind to her.

Also, don't forget, when you start a sentence with since or because, there will be a comma after the first clause. If you have because or since in the middle of your sentence, you do not need a comma.

Correct these sentences:

Because I bought a new game last week, nobody has been over to play it.

I need to take a nap, because I haven't slept well the last few days.

Weekend Fun



Quote of the Week

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

- Helen Keller



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This week's vocabulary:

breeze (noun) – a light or gentle wind

upscale (adjective) – fancy and sophisticated

fine (noun) – money that is paid due to a law or rule being disobeyed or broken (ex: traffic)

interchangeable (adjective) – two things that can both be used in a situation