

## U.S. Election 2016



It was a really spectacular year in America. I'm going to talk about the 2016 U.S. election related to my school or normal day. First, when I came in the America history, we talked about Hillary and Trump. History teacher didn't care about, talk about the election; also, he gave a homework related to the election, so I can know the presidential election was really important to the world because I can see Europe, Asia. The world talked about U.S. presidential candidate. I was interested in politics and government in sophomore year. Because my American government teacher taught our class so excited. I think that class made me more focus on the U.S. election. My American teacher said "we were going to debating whole week" I was so exciting; also I chose the leader, so I am making a presentation one presidential candidate. It was really fun and passionate to me. When election day started, I turned on my laptop and cell phone, and research everything. I can find in Google, so I went to the Fox website because Fox

is the one of the fast update broad center. When popular vote and Electoral vote started, I looked carefully because it was really a huge experience for me. This year's presidential election was really chaotic. I'm not going to mention about the event, but I think many people can recognize what candidate behave. Lastly, I saw clearly what American thinking and talking about their future. I can't think this year elections wise or foolish choice, but I can say this year was one of the hot and spectacular election in American history; also this election has made a lot of different issue and gap in American culture. I can't predict their future, but right now they need to settle down a lot of issues, and I still saw about some issues related to the election. Anyway, thank you for reading my articles. I appreciate it and have a great 2017!!!

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## Homecoming game

Before the homecoming dance party, we always have homecoming football game. Homecoming game is the biggest game during football season and lots of people come to see the game. Since I am a cheerleader I had to cheer for the game. I was so excited that I can cheer for homecoming game for the first time. Because I did my tryout for cheerleading after school started last year I could not cheer for homecoming game. Since I didn't have enough time to learn the cheers, I could only join the basketball cheer.

My first homecoming game, however, was not perfect at all. It was freezing cold and suddenly rain storm came that morning. Fortunately rain stopped right before the game but it was still really windy. Our school has a performance before the game with huge school flag. While football players are standing in front of the flag encouraging each other, we cheerleaders have to hold the flag straight up so that football players can tear the flag and run through. But because of wind, that huge flag started to move forward. All of the cheerleaders tried to stop it and we could barely keep it. We started to scream and football players tried to pass through the flag as fast as they could. After the performance we made two long lines along the track to do cheers. Since both varsity and junior varsity

cheerleaders were there, we made really long line. Every time when varsity captains shouted to us what cheer we are going to do, some JV cheerleaders couldn't hear it because of distance. So we couldn't do perfect cheer. It made me little upset but I couldn't think about it for a long time because of coldness. Even we wore warm up jackets and sweat pants on our cheer uniform, it was too cold for us to cheer. My mouth was not moving well because they all froze and my hands turned red. I couldn't move my fingers either.

The school that we played has the best football team around this area, so our team wasn't doing well in the game. I thought that we are going to lose. But after the half, everything started to change. Our school scored three times in a row. We did cheer harder and we won! We were so excited that we made it! I learned a new lesson that day. You never know what will happen till game is over.

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## Thanksgiving holiday



From November 24th to 27th was the Thanksgiving holiday, which is one of the biggest holidays in the United States. This Thanksgiving was my second time since I have been in the United States in 2015. The main purpose of celebrating Thanksgiving is to celebrate the harvesting of crops and the farmers.

Honestly, it is a very big deal because all of the family is gathering and celebrating together. In fact, last year, since my host family's grandfather is in Boston, we visited Boston and celebrated together. However, in this year we stayed at home but our graduated international student who stayed with my host family for 3 years visited from Pittsburgh, which is the location of her college. It was very glad to see her and spend great time with my host family. Normally, all of the American people have a traditional thing, which is eating turkey for every Thanksgiving day. However, I got to admire that the side dishes, which are mashed potatoes, mashed and roasted sweet potatoes with

marshmallows, baked bread with vegetables and great desserts which is ice cream on the pie!! Those foods were fabulous and gorgeous. Also, the most impressive thing that I got is the sharing of each person's wishes in peace. I mean, people said their wishes and encouraged them. Honestly, I wished that I lose my weight. Whatever, this Thanksgiving was the best holiday that I have ever seen and it's my honor to spend time with my host family.

I or even we cannot forget the important day, which is Black Friday. Black Friday will always be the last Friday of the following Thanksgiving holiday. The mall and store sell a product in a great deal. I think the main purpose of this Black Friday is to encourage people to buy products so that the economy is going well. Thus, I went to the mall where it was crowded and bought some clothes. The funny thing is that the store that I am looking for to buy sweaters had only 100 clothes on a 70% discount deal. So I was on the line to try to buy. Luckily, I was the 99th customer. I barely bought it. Also, I bought Yankee Candle for my host family. Honestly, it was not a good price deal as like sweaters, it is also discounted by 50%.

This Thanksgiving holiday is my 2nd time since I have been in 2015. People who really want to buy things on a great price deal; I highly recommend buying things on Black Friday. Also, I am so glad to spend Thanksgiving holiday with my host family and this year Thanksgiving day also gives me a great experience.

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## Pumpkin Farm



The greatest holiday ever, Halloween, is coming up! Preparing for Halloween, we went to a pumpkin farm to get pumpkins for jack o' lanterns. Before this trip to the Kinman Farm, I thought a pumpkin farm would just be full of pumpkins. However, when I walked in, it was way more exciting than I imagined. It had a nice long path for a tractor ride, a pumpkin patch, a huge corn maze, activity tents, fireplaces, stores, and a volleyball court. The first thing we did when we got there was to go on a tractor ride. We had to sit on a row of haystack at the back of the tractor. They had Charlie Brown signs along the path so we could read through them during the tractor ride. The kids really enjoyed the Charlie Brown's Halloween story, pointing at the pictures and giggling. The tractor ride took us to the pumpkin patch so we could pick out as many pumpkins as we wanted. The little kids got small pumpkins to paint them and the older kids, including me, got bigger pumpkins to carve them. After we got the pumpkins, we went into a gigantic corn maze. Since I've been to a similar maze before, I didn't think it would be that complicated and difficult. However, the size and complicity of the maze blew my mind. We encountered the dead end 5 times until we got out of the maze. While we were in the maze, we almost lost all the kids who were running around. All the grown-ups had to chase the kids around, trying not to lose them. When we finally got out of the maze, we were all exhausted.

We decided to eat something and rest for a while. At the store, we got s'mores kit and hotdogs to



make them at the fireplace. Using the long sticks, we grilled hotdogs and marshmallows. We had a nice meal, fully regaining our energy. When we found a volleyball court right next to the fireplaces, all of us were so excited that we could burst all our energy out before going back home. Since my host mom was a volleyball player when she went to high school, the rest of us teamed up and went against her. Even though it was 1 vs 5, she still won the game. After the game, we got 2 more pumpkins at the store for pumpkin pie and went back home. It was a great day!

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## Basketball Game



There are two sports that I am playing. One is soccer and another one is basketball. I played soccer since freshman year and I started to play basketball since last year. In my school, there is only JV and varsity team in basketball. There is no freshman team because basically, JV team is freshman team. In addition, my school is pretty small school. There is only approximately 300 students in high school. Last year, I was in JV team with another foreign exchange student, Mint. She and I were the only sophomores on the team. Anyway, I had so much fun and made so many new friends. It was a great memory. Because I had the good experience last year, I was considering playing basketball again. However, the only reason I was hesitating was what if I don't make any friend because I am the only junior in JV team. So, I talked to many people and they really want me to play basketball. Finally, I decided to play

basketball again and this year will be the last year that I will play basketball because next year, I am senior and I know I will be in crazy busy schedule. Yesterday, November 26, I just had my third game. Second game, I only played 40 seconds because I skipped first game and one practice because of play. Since second game, I didn't miss a single practice and I put all my might into every single practice. So I was expecting to play more in this third game with Roncalli High School. The first half, I played nice 6 minutes. I didn't do anything wrong in that 6 minutes but I wasn't doing very hot. During halftime, Coach was telling my team "I rather want you to be aggressive and get foul than standing on the court doing nothing". At that time, I decided, if I get to play again, I will be aggressive and try to be helpful to my team. Five minutes after the second half started, coach wanted me



to substitute for Jenna. On the court, I was really aggressive. I got three or four rebound, almost did two steals, and almost scored. The highlight is I got like three fouls. I was being really aggressive; almost pushed the girl over. My teammates were doing their best on the court, too. As a result, that was my team's first win this year. The score was 32-20. Last year, my JV team got destroyed by Roncalli; but this year, we crushed them. This game will be one of the great games.

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## Christmas concert



This year I am taking Performing arts class. We learn how to act and sing in this class. Since I am interested in Musical Theater, it is one of my favorite classes. Christmas is coming up and our school has Christmas concert every year. Mrs. Lynn, my performing arts teacher, wanted us to join that Christmas concert as chorus. We started to learn few songs in class but I didn't know when the Christmas concert was. And one day teacher suddenly talked about what to wear and what time to come to school for concert. I couldn't understand that at first so I ask my friend when the concert is. And she said "tonight!". I was so confused but I quickly text my host mom to ask about it. And thanks to my kind host mom I could get a ride for concert.

When I came back to school for concert, everyone was so busy with their own work. We had more than hundred kids in this concert, and it was hard to put everything in order. Since it was my first concert, I had no idea what to do. I tried to ask other people but even they didn't know what to do. We had nativity as a part of concert and I got a role as shepherd. Of course I didn't know where to get my costume. I ask other people and they all said they don't know either. The whole night I had to chase after Mrs. Lynn to ask questions. Finally I set my costume at backstage and practiced singing. Even it was not a real big show, auditorium was pretty packed with people

who came to see the show.

The show started with band. They played Christmas carol and it was awesome. After the band our class was up on the stage to sing. I was little nervous but it was really fun to sing on the stage with my friends. After successful singing I went back stage to change my outfit into shepherd costume. Everything was fine but the cloth for my hair was a problem. It was too big and too heavy to stay on my head. It started fall down, so I had to spend 15minutes to make it stay on my head. However, Nativity was successful also except that baby Jesus started to cry in the middle of the show. It was another precious experience to me and I think it was gift from Santa. "You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I am telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town." Merry Christmas ho-ho-ho!



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## Cincinnati Zoo



Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the best zoos in the United States. It is 140 years old, which makes it the second oldest zoo in the country. The Zoo features more than 500 animals, and the Botanical Garden features 3,000 plant species, making it one of the largest Zoo collections in the country.

Despite the current size of it, the Cincinnati Zoo began with a very small collection of animals. It originally consisted of just 8 monkeys, 2 grizzly bears, 3 deer, 6 raccoons, 2 elk, a buffalo, a hyena, a tiger, an alligator, a circus elephant, and over 400 birds. It was founded on 65 acres in the middle of the city. Since then, it has acquired some of the surrounding blocks and several reserves in Cincinnati's suburbs. Due to the successful captive breeding, the number of the species of animals rapidly increased.

The captive breeding system began with the breeding of trumpeter swans, passenger pigeons, American bison and California sea lions in the 1880s. The Linder Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW) was founded in 1986 to strengthen the program. The research done by CREW made the Cincinnati Zoo an international leader in the protection and propagation of endangered animals around the world. Its Frozen Zoo which stores over 2,500 specimens of 60 animal and 65 plant species plays a major role in saving endangered species.

I bet a lot of people know of, or at least heard of the gorilla shooting incident this year. The Cincinnati

Zoo was the site of it. On May 28, 2016, a 17-year-old Western

lowland Gorilla was shot by zoo officials after a 3-year-old boy climbed into its enclosure. The video of it went viral through Youtube, creating a debate over people if the Zoo made a right decision to kill the gorilla. The Zoo director argue that the child was being dragged around, and it wasn't a gentle thing so they decided to shoot the gorilla to save the child. However, a lot of the observers stated that it wasn't clear whether or not the gorilla was likely to harm



the child. The boy was transported to the hospital without any life-threatening injuries.

In spite of the terrible incident, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden is a perfect place for a family picnic with kids and a research visit. The animal encounter lets people take a close look at variety of species of animal and to ask a lot of questions to the zookeeper. I would highly recommend the visitors or the students who might come to our school in the future to visit the zoo.

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## Missing Korea?

My host family sometimes bring me to awesome places. This time they brought me to country fair called Oley fair. It's fair about country stuffs such as stocks, crops, etc... Also they have their own contest to find biggest pumpkin or prettiest cow.

When I got there, there were more people than I expect. We started to watch stocks first. They had cows, goats sheep, pigs and rabbits. Some of them have special pattern on their fur and some of them were huge. I saw one of grand kid of my host parents pad the goat. I was scared but I tried. They were very nice and they liked people. After I took a video with them we moved to cow's side.

There was a cow named 'Princess'. And little cute princess girl was its owner. She allowed me to sit next to Princess to take a picture. I sat and Princess rubbed her head to me. I thought that was so cute and suddenly Princess started to eat my clothes. I ran away from Princess as soon as I could but my clothes was already wet. Then little girl told me "I think Princess likes you.". She was adorable when she said that. After we said good bye to her we went to food truck to get some food.

We bought tickets at the office. It was interesting that we can't use cash but instead we have to buy tickets to buy the food. I had a roll with chopped pork inside. It was so good. I just finished it in one bite. And I had a chocolate milkshake. It was little different than other milk shakes because it was really rich. I really liked that.

After a good meal I went to a small amusement park right next to the fair. They didn't have lots of rides but they had some interesting rides that I've ever seen. On first ride, it was for two people and since we were odd numbers of member I had to wait till my friends are coming back. I was waiting in front of the ride and I saw a boy with his younger sister. He tried to put his sister on the ride but she couldn't

do it alone. And it seemed like he doesn't want to take that ride. Guard ask me if I want to take the ride with her and I said "if she doesn't mind.". Her brother quickly answered "no" five times. I finally could take that ride with little girl.

When it started to move I ask her if she is excited or nervous because it was the ride with high height. She said she was on this ride last time and when she said this she looked really calm even little bored. It started to move faster and I was so excited. I really wanted scream but I couldn't because of that little girl who sit next to me. She didn't make any sound and she even raise her hands up. I was embarrassed to scream next to six years old girl who doesn't make any sound. However I really enjoy that ride and we went to another ride.

Second one was ride with fast speed. It spin too fast so my body slide down to the right side. I tried hard to stay in that ride. I felt like my neck is about to break. Eventually I got bruises on my arms and leg. Third one was spinning thing too. But we were inside the barrel and the barrel spin. Since it was too fast our body started to rise. It was really fun because it felt like space. It was funniest fair I've ever been and I would love to go there again!

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## Diary of Anne Frank



In my school, there was always one play and one musical every year. Last year, I went theater to see my school play, Christmas story. After I saw it, I was really impressed because it was just high school play but students did put all their effort in that play. Also, this year I was wondering what other school activity that I can be involved in. Many people who are already involved in play past few years recommended me doing play. I thought it could be great American high school experience that I can have. As a result, I decided to join a play.

This year my school play was a diary of Anne Frank. There are two ways to join the play depends on what role you want to get. If you want to be cast, you need to fill the cast audition form and did audition. Or if you want to be crew, you can just fill out the crew form and circle the part that you want

to be involved in. I chose to fill out the cast form and do an audition. So I did it and I get a role, which is an usher. I got usher even I sign up for the cast because this play has really tight member for the cast. There were only 13 people who were cast and more than twice people were in the crew. My job was a pretty easy job to do. I only need to show up on the day we perform. I need to hand out the pamphlets to people who come to watch the play and direct them to where are their seats.

We were performing November 18th, 19th, and 20th. However, before we do actual play, we were showing out the play to middle school students. That was on November 15, which was Tuesday. So on that day, all cast and crew left school at the 1st hour and went North Fond Du Lac High School Theater to perform. It was the

really fun day because I direct middle school students to where they should sit and I can get some ideas how it will be in real play. After we performed, I cleaned up the theater and backstage. All cast and crew went back school at the 8th hour.

It was a play that we performing. Actual play was at 7:30 but I need to be there at 5:30. In that hour and a half, I was helping Maya to help curl her hair. Before half hour play start, other ushers and I need to open the house and welcome people. I was handing out pamphlets and helping them where they should sit. It was pretty good day overall. After the play, all cast and crews are invited to go Buffalo Wild Wings and have a fun time. So I went there and it was really fun. It was great chance to know them better. After each show, we always had a party. After the first show, Buffalo Wild Wings, after the second show, Fazolis, and after third show, the party in one of senior's house. I only skipped the second party. Each party that I went to was so much fun and talk to different people than I usually talk to in school. Being involved in Diary of Anne Frank was one of greatest memories that I have so far.

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## 1 team 1 goal



I joined in Conwell-Egan football team two months ago. My soccer coach recommended me to football about playing kicker and punter. Because I have a strong and huge legs for kicking the ball further. I talked with my soccer coach, and we decided to join in a football team. When I went first practice day, it was totally different like soccer because football team has a own their locker room in downstairs, but soccer team did not have own locker room. I felt unfair, but I didn't show my mind to outside. Senior and Junior went WAWA for their snacks, but freshman and sophomores are staying in the lockerroom. When we started practice the flow changing heavy because that season they made district playoff so they practice every day. When a district playoff game start, I was not expected to play kickoff because we already have varsity kicker, so I never think playing in district playoff. Coach Jim said I was going to kick off in the 3rd quarter, and I was really nervous, this is my first debut; also the district playoff game. If I mistake my kickoff it can be affect our team, but fortunately

it was not that bad. We won that game, and we make PIAA district champion, first time makes state play-off in CEC football team history. It was really good experience for me, the reason why I can learn about if I joined with a group of member, I don't have to carry my responsibility myself a team cooperating each other, and helping each other. It was really short time in a football team, but I can feel, I'm in melting in their team we are not awkward and friendly.

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