

Spanish Exchange Students



At August 29th, I was so shocked when I got to school. I saw so many new people all lined up in our hallway, speaking Spanish. I had no idea who they were so I asked my friend, "Who are all those people?". She said they were the Spanish exchange students from Madrid, and they are going to stay here for 3 weeks! I was thrilled to hear that because I love meeting new people and getting to know them. Each one of them stayed with the family from our school, experiencing

American culture. Our school prepared a special breakfast for the Spanish exchange students and the families who are hosting them. After the breakfast, the exchange students started to shadow the students that they are living with, taking all the classes with them. Since at least one of the students in my classes hosted an exchange student, I got to talk to the exchange students in all of my classes. It was really



interesting to learn about their perspectives of the subjects we learn in the States. They participated in a discussion on Pilgrims and Puritans in AP US History, learned about derivatives in AP Calculus, colored different parts of integumentary system in Anatomy and Physiology. Also, they went out to our fields and took photos with us in Photography and Graphic Design, designed the cover of our yearbook in Yearbook, watched Mother Teresa in Religion, and read Native American origin myths in AP Language and Composition. There were so many students who wanted to take the AP Language class, so we even had to sit on the floor to let the exchange students sit on the chair. After the first day, I asked them how they liked being in an American school. They said it was way more exciting than they

thought it would be, and everyone in the school was so nice. I could really relate to them because that was exactly how I felt after my first day of school in Villa Madonna Academy. During their three weeks in our school, they came to many of our soccer games and volleyball games. Among all those exciting days with them, the greatest one was the Girls' Soccer Senior Night, and also the last day of school for them. The actual soccer game got cancelled due to the heavy rain, so we decided to play our own little game in rain.

The team that I was in won by 3 to 1 because of our hero, Marcos. None of the kids in my team have played soccer before, so we were about to give up. However, Marcos came up to us and said, "I got this. I was in the National youth soccer team, so I know what I'm doing. I'm going to give you guys the victory!" Right after the whistle blew, he scored a goal. Within 30 minutes, he scored 2 more goals which led to our team's victory. All of us were so surprised how good he was. After the game, we went to the gym to have dinner, and said bye to the Spanish exchange students.

It was really nice to have them over to our school for 3 weeks not just because we had so much fun hanging out, but also we were able to learn about each other's culture. I was so glad that our school provided us such a great opportunity to meet new people and learn all kinds of new things.

-13기 강민아

CEC Fall Open House



I was student council in Conwell-Egan and executive board so I have to tour guide with parents who is interesting in Conwell-Egan but Assistance principle needs a photographer because we have to make a yearbook every year so they need a picture from every event so I volunteer to be a photographer. And my friend Erik was the mascot of CEC so we were walking around the school and looking for place to symbolize the CEC so we met each teacher who was in school. So I took a picture with art, math, science, East, social study, and music teachers. They are giving willingly accepted, taking a photo. I appreciate to all teachers. Futhermore the Assistance principle and principle said allow for taking a photo some and Erik were so exciting during open house day. Also, I can feel in the student council, because the assistant principal said we are

the face of CEC. And I think a lot of things so the CEC fall open house was really impressed with me.

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Cheerleading



Normally cheer tryout is in summer. So international students like us are having trouble with that. But last year our school had second tryout. So fortunately I could join the cheer as varsity alternate.

I was so happy that I made varsity even it was alternate and I loved varsity uniform. But I realized that being alternate is not good at all. Even I was a part of cheerleader, coaches were too busy to take care of me. They had a girl who got injured. Because of her I couldn't practice stunting at all. I couldn't join the football cheer because I didn't know the cheers and they had no time to teach me. I could only join basketball cheer during winter. Though I really loved it so I did tryout again this year.

This time I didn't want to be an alternate again. I contacted the coaches before I leave America for summer vacation. And when I came back they told me to come to practice for tryout. I was little nervous. But when I get there they just put me in junior varsity right away



without special tryout since they needed more girls for stunt. I was so happy. It didn't matter that I wasn't varsity. I finally could do something as a team. I was satisfied with that fact.

Last year when I practice a bit of stunting I was a back position. But this time they want me to do the base. I was little scared because I didn't

want to hurt the flyer by dropping her. But I could learn it very quickly and successfully thanks to other girls' help. They gave me a praise every seconds. They were such a good teammates and they still are. I was so happy that coaches are taking care of me. They wanted me to join the football cheer right away. They taught me football cheers and basic stunts.

On my first day of football game, I was extremely excited and even nervous. There were lots of people watching us. I did it perfectly and I felt like I am the part of team and that was the thing that I couldn't feel last year. Even though last year was hard and had struggles I'm really glad that I tried and stepped beyond my fear. It also has enabled me to meet and make American friends. I'm so excited about this year and I can't wait to start my awesome cheer season.

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How to make friends?



Honestly, time goes too fast. This is my 2nd year for studying in United States. I live in Abington, Pennsylvania where is not far from downtown and I attend Archbishop Wood high school which is one of great school in Pennsylvania. Many international students who decide to study in different country worry for making friends. I can still imagine how hard my first 3 month of freshman year was. Of course there are no friends there that you know before. All is new and all is American. However, it is totally not hard to make American friends. Even I got elected council member this year. I will give you a several information how to make American friends.

First is to be seen as confident. Confident is the one of the great personality that we should have. Honestly, it is little bit hard for international student to have confident. When I was at my first day of school in America, I was really nervous to be with people and I did not know how to respond when they asked me. However, do not worry about it they will be nice to you. What I did is I always say

hello to people such as teacher and friends. Honestly, I was very shy to say hello. but as I tried it, they smiled me and say hello to me. That was great start point for me to make friends. Even though you do not understand what they are saying, just ask 'Pardon' or 'What did you say?' They know that you are international student so they are friendly to you and said it again slowly. In my advice is that do not worry to make friends but get confidence and try to talk with American people as you can possible.

I am going to tell my secret way to make American people. Before I come to United States last year, which is before my first freshmen year, in Korea, I always thought how to make American people?. Even I felt that what if I cannot make friends. So one day in Korea, I went to market to buy things which are packed to United States. When I passed aisle of the market, I saw that one of famous Korean candy which is called 마이쥬. Suddenly, I thought that what if I bring that to America and give it to people? Eventually, I bought pack of that Korean Candy to United States. When I was at my first school lunch period, I gave it to my lunch friends. They said that it is best candy that they have ever had before and they said thank you to me. Therefore, it is the best way to make friends and to close to American friends.

I know that it is very hard for first year of international student to make friends, but remember, that do not loss confident. As you are close to your friends, they will be close to you. And student who decide to study United States, do not forget to bring Korean Candy. It will be also great idea to make friends.

-13기 정기훈

Homecoming Day



Homecoming day is one of my most excited days to me throughout the year. The reason of it is on homecoming day, many exciting things happen. September 24th was our school homecoming; our school has homecoming football game at 1pm in fruth field. I woke up and my friend Gracie came over to my house. We dressed up for the game. In the United Gracie wore school t-shirt. We went to a football game and enjoy the football game by cheering our school, watching cheerleader and game, and socializing with our school friends while we are standing on the bleachers. After the game, I curled my hair and wear a dress to go homecoming.

When you go homecoming, you can go with group or cou-

ple. To get a homecoming date, usually, guys ask girls to go homecoming with them by making a poster and put it on or in the locker or show a poster to them face to face. A guy in our school which his name is Daniel asks me to go homecoming with me by making a poster and put it in my locker. On the poster, he wrote, "you've travel half-way crossed the world, but would you half-way crossed the fond du lac to go homecoming with me?". To respond to that asking, our school usually makes a poster that says yes. I took a picture of fond du lac and wrote yes under it. Back to the homecoming day, our group decides to go Lake Side Park to get a picture. When you go and take a picture, you usually bring your parents and let them take a picture.



After the picture, our group determined to go fancy Italian restaurant. Usually, someone in your group makes a reservation to a restaurant that group few days before the homecoming. Usually, homecoming dates sit together. Moreover, the guy pays girl's meal. While we are sitting that restaurant, we talked a lot about how's each other's day going, school, and t-ping somebody's house. T-ping is an abbreviation of toilet paper. T-ping somebody's house is throwing toilet paper to somebody's house. We are only doing T-ping around homecoming week. After we ate dinner, our group headed to school to enjoy the dance. I enjoyed the dance. I had a good time with good people in this year homecoming!

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My Host Family and the Swimming Pool



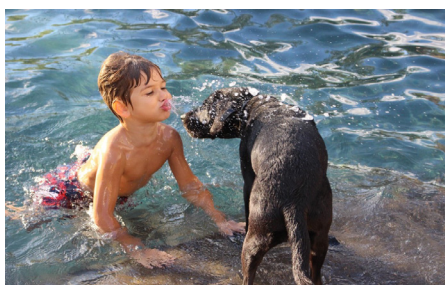
I met a wonderful new host family this year, the Solomons. When I first saw the packet that had all the information about them, I was so shocked that they had 4 kids and they homeschool all of them. Yes, they have FOUR kids, Kalib, Adelaide, Miriam, and Jeremiah. Kalib is 9, and he is the oldest one. When I first had an actual long conversation with him, I was so surprised that he was so smart. He knew so much about animals and history. After a while, I figured out why he was so smart. He reads a lot. Adelaide is seven, and she loves me. She is also very smart, and is really good at public speech. Miriam and Jeremiah are 4-year-old twins. They are adorable and sweet. They just started going to the homeschool group, and they seem to enjoy it. All of them are such a good swimmer despite their age. Do you wonder why?

The Solomons have a huge swimming pool in the backyard. Geoff, my host dad just threw the kids in the water, and taught them how to swim. Kalib is so good at swimming that he is almost like a fish. Adelaide is also really good like



a little mermaid. Miriam and Jeremiah needs a little more practice but they are able to swim from the end of the pool to the other end. I believe that's good enough for 4-year-old kids.

When I was in Korea packing my stuff, I didn't think that I would swim that often so I didn't pack my good swim suit. However, my new host family happened to have a swimming pool so I had to ask my mom to send my swim suit. After I got my swim suit, I was so ready to jump right in the pool. We literally went swimming every day during the summer, playing all kinds of different games.



The one that I enjoy the most is the game called Marco Polo. The person who is "it" shouts out "Marco!", and close their eyes. Whoever's in the pool that hears "it" shouting out "Marco!" has to reply saying "Polo!". Then, "it" tries

to get us with their eyes closed. As I played it, I happened to be really good at moving without noises and waves so that "it" cannot get me. All the kids love this game too, so we play it whenever we go swimming.

Another very exciting one is "chicken fight". I have one of the kids on my shoulder, and Geoff has the other one up on his shoulders. We get closer to each other, and let the kids push each other, trying to get the other kid in the water. It is also really fun, and it also makes cool water splashes which are very good for action photos.



Even though I didn't think I would go swimming that often, I am enjoying it very much. Also, I am very glad that the kids like swimming with me and playing all kinds of games.

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CEC Homecoming game



I went Conwell-Egan homecoming game the sports were football this is the first time to go football game, so I was nervous but that was really unnecessarily worried.

First, I went Truman high school because our school doesn't have a huge bench for cheer and watch the game so every year Conwell-Egan football team go Truman high school for their homecoming game. The away school was Cardinal Ohara high school. I went Caedinal Ohara school for soccer game when they had a senior game. Senior game was when you are on a soccer team who is going to graduate their parents are coming and watch the game and celebrate for senior. When we have a senior game, Some senior parents or varsity player parents bring their food and share with soccer team when I was there they have a lot of delicious food. Anyway. I went Truman high school there are many Conwell-Egan students on the right side bench. I saw my friend and I join with cheer with them. It was real passion and excitement. We are screaming and cheering for the football team when they touchdown, we were screaming, jumping,

and hugging each other. After screaming, I felt hurt on my knee and I saw bleeding on my knee, but I really didn't care because it was really fun and exciting to me. I think this moment is the best in my school life because last year when I was in 10th grade. I'm not having fun with my American friend. So that made me really regret myself so I'm going to recommend, please hang out with American friends. You'll have a best time ever and ever also improve your English too.



-13기 김창재

OLEY FAIR



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

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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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

How to study in America?



This is my 2nd year to study in America. I go to Archbishop Wood high school which is located at Warminster, Pennsylvania. I realized that the education between Korea and United States is totally different. In Korean high school, most of students must stay school till 11PM and after that go to academy where can study extra work. Basically, most of Korean student goes to bed at around 1 or 2 pm and get up at 6 or 7 AM. It is very strict and not good for their health. However in United States, the schools end at 2:15 PM. It is very early comparing to Korea. I think the reason why United States schools end early is that giving time to study themselves. Many international students consider that how to study school work such as assignments, quizzes, and tests. I am going to tell you how to study for school.

First is making a poster. You will write some notes or be given study guide from each class. People think that poster is just used for school project or drawing something. However using poster is the best way to understand eas-

ily. What I did for studying is that write key words on the poster and draw important things such as formula and DNA structure but it has to be colored because color must be easy to memorize and see clearly. Eventually, I posted it on my room's clothes chest and wall so that see it frequently. Especially I used to see it before I go to bed and before I leave for school.

Second is how to memorize vocab words. Many international students struggle to memorize vocab words. Honestly it is very hard to memorize vocab words. However I know some ways to memorize vocab easily. We cannot memorize vocab just in a one time. So what I did is using index cards. Let's say that I memorize 20 words. Write all words in front of the each index cards and write definition and two synonyms back side of card. And write each words, definition, synonyms 5 times at the paper to memorize. Later, check what you do not still memorized by index cards. It is going to be easy to memorize words.



Of course it is little bit difficult first time, but as times pass, it will be easy and realize how to study for school things such as tests quizzes and vocabs. Never give up whatever matter comes and just keep doing your best.

-13기 정기훈

Homecoming Week



In the end of September or beginning of October, most of the high school in the United States have homecoming. Homecoming is the tradition of welcoming back students to school. Homecoming involves many activities such as sports, parade. In homecoming week, the school decides theme of each day. Also in homecoming week, school playing game which is each class try to win

one another by gaining points. There are many ways to get points. One way is if everyone in that class dresses up for the theme of a day, that class gain points. Your class can get points in pep assembly.

In my school, Monday we wear our class theme which means each class has a different theme and each class has to dress up for that theme. My class was fry the fox because our opponent for homecoming game was Omro high school and their school mascot is a fox. So our class discussed our theme in our homeroom when we have activity period. Freshman theme was fighting the fox, the sophomore theme was forgotten the foxes ledgers are legendary, and lastly senior theme was the box the foxes.

In Tuesday, since our school is catholic, we had a mass day so we have to wear button up shirt. Wednesday theme was Wild West Wednesday. So we have to dress up like



a cowboy. I wore flannel, cowboy hat and jeans. Thursday theme was thrift shop Thursday. The thrift shop is the



second-hand shop like good will. Basically, people wear clothes that do not go well together or it is really old like the 1980s. Friday theme was spirit day. People wear school t-shirt and school color clothes. Some people paint their face with school color. Our school color is blue and white. I wore our school shirt, sweatpants, and bandana. Moreover, I painted my face with our school color. In Friday, our school had a pep assembly. In pep assembly, all the high school students go to the gym and sit down with their class. As I mentioned in the beginning of this report, pep assembly is the event that each class can get points by activities that we do in there. For example, there are many games that each class can play and depends on your class did well or not your class gets points. The games that we played were bottle flip lip-sync battle, etc. My grade won this year homecoming.

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Hi everyone! It's so nice to see you guys :)

I will try to write vivid story for you!

Hope you guys enjoy your school life!!!



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I have been staying in United States since January 2015. It's only one and a half year in America but I experienced many things. So I want to share my experiences such as how I became friend with my friends that I have now or playing soccer and basketball to who have interest in studying abroad in America. I think being correspondent of Nacel open door is meaningful thing because I think many people in Korea have many stereotypes of being exchange students in America such as exchange students will not study at all and just enjoy their life in America and that life is way better than life in Korea and I want to tell the truth of those stereotypes. Moreover, I know many Korean students have fear to come America for studying. So I want to break that fear because being students in America is no big deal. Therefore, I think it will be good experience to become a correspondent of Nacel open door.