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Thanksgiving Weekend in Pittsburgh

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Christmas Travel

Students planning to travel over the Christmas holiday should start researching immediately.

A completed Travel Permission Form must be reviewed with the Host Family, signed, and then returned to the Student Advisor before ANY transportation, lodging, or activities are purchased. We need to have accurate information about departure and return times.

Missing school days requires approval from teachers. We will contact parents for their approval and then notify students and host families if the travel has been approved. Only after the Travel Permission Form has been signed can travel arrangements, including air travel, can be completed.

Reminder: First year RH students are not allowed to travel without an approved chaperone over age 21, except to fly home.

Host Families are asked to provide transportation for the student to the Philadelphia airport if possible. Travel to other airports will be arranged through RH.

Students are never allowed to use UBER for insurance reasons. Taxi service may be permitted.

After a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, 20 RH students set out for a holiday weekend trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Friday, the first day of the trip, was very busy. Everyone got to do some Black Friday shopping at the Tanger Outlets. Once they worked up an appetite, the group had a feast at the Toyko Sushi Buffet. The next stop was to explore Carnegie Mellon University. They went on a guided walking tour of the campus.



For something a little different, the students rode the Duquesne Incline; an outdoor elevator that takes passengers up and down the side of a steep hill. It was a pleasant ride up to a museum of Pittsburgh history where the museum guide explained the city's industrial past to the students. Originally, the incline was used to transport coal and steel workers to and from their jobs



each day. Despite the blanket of fog that covered the city that day, the students could still see a panoramic view of "The Burgh" and the three rivers that it's known for— the Ohio, the Allegheny, and of course, the Monongahela. On Saturday they visited the University of Pittsburgh for a campus tour and then enjoyed a men's basketball game where Pitt beat Kent State, 85-76. Saturday's dinner was at a popular Pittsburgh eatery, Primanti Brothers, which is famous for putting French fries inside sandwiches— not on the side. No visit to the Steel City is complete without a stop at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. While



at the zoo the group saw polar bears and penguins at the Water's Edge exhibit and on the African Savannah exhibit, the king of the jungle was roaring out his greeting. At the National Aviary, they did a lot of birdwatching and were rewarded with sightings of toucans, flamingoes, and eagles. At last, with many fun memories of Pittsburgh, our students returned home to Delaware and to prepare for the final weeks of school for this calendar year.

Upcoming Events

12/27-30/15 – Christmas Trip to Florida: Contact RH for Travel Agent details.

12/26/15 – Student Christmas Party: Make a list of your favorite karaoke songs, dress to impress, and bring a small gift for the Gift Exchange.

12/29/15 – King of Prussia Mall shopping trip

1/17/16 – Snow Tubing day trip to Roundtop Resort, Lewisburg, PA

4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS FLORIDA CHRISTMAS VACATION



Sunday, December 27 to Wednesday, December 30

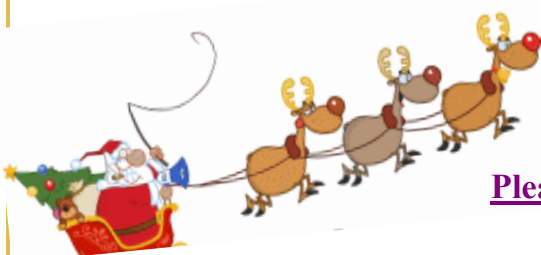
Price: \$510 + Airplane Tickets

\$510 includes:

- ⇒ Tickets to visit 2 theme parks
- ⇒ Hotel room for 3 nights (2 people per room)
- ⇒ Transportation in Florida

Theme Parks (pick 2)

1. Magic Kingdom Park
2. Epcot
3. Disney's Hollywood Studios
4. Disney's Animal Kingdom
5. Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park
6. Disney Springs
7. Disney's Boardwalk
8. Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park
9. ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex



Please contact Danielle for details and reservation by Friday 12/18!

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Host Family Spotlight: The Fahey Family

Meet Rebeca and Brian Fahey. They have hosted international students off and on for 20 years. Some students stay for just a month, some for several months, and some for a year. Rebeca, who teaches Spanish at the University of Delaware, explains, "It's always an interesting experience to host people from different cultures. It's somewhat like traveling because it gets you to reflect on your own culture and customs. Hosting is a way to broaden horizons and have new experiences." Currently, they are hosting Eric Jiang, a freshman attending Wilmington Friends. Having two eighth graders of their own keeps Rebeca and Brian very busy with school, sports, and friends, to name a few activities. Their extended family lives in the area, too, so getting together for dinner on weekends happens pretty frequently. The Faheys enjoy the outdoors and spending time with their friends so naturally, attending games at Wilmington Friends is always fun.

On a typical day, the family scrambles around in the morning eating breakfast, making lunches, and getting ready for school and work. Brian serves as Head of School at West Chester Friends School. Once the school day ends, it's time for sports and then everyone heads home for dinner and homework. The family always eats dinner together and that's when they catch up on what has been happening and talk about schedules, what is going on the next day.

When asked if there are any surprises with hosting an international student, Brian offers, "there are always some surprises when learning about another person's culture and habits. The surprises are part of why we host, though, because that keeps everything interesting. One of the surprises is to see how resourceful and brave the students are. They come here knowing no one and then have to forge ahead and try to do their work, make friends and learn how to fit in to a completely alien culture." What is most rewarding about the host family experience? Making new friends and relationships.

In Memory of MaryBeth Huey

RH Host Mother, MaryBeth Huey, age 54, of Earleville, MD, went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, November 28, 2015. MaryBeth was a devoted wife and mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, music, horseback riding and was active in Scouting as her son, Jonathan, advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout.

MaryBeth was a member at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church and served as a youth group leader and sang in the choir. She was employed at Red Lion Christian Academy where she was devoted to all the students.

MaryBeth is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Christopher G. Huey; her son, Jonathan Isaac Huey and her Asian sons, Jackson Lee and Yu-anhao Frank Lyu.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the church for MARKINC or the Paris Foundation, 229 S. Bridge St, Elkton, MD 21921. To send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com.



Student Spotlight



St. Mark's student, Jenny Tu, attended the Bethel Father Daughter Dance in November where she dined with Wilmington's Mayor, Dennis Williams and his wife, Shane.

Host mother, Lolita Sims shared that Jenny also participated in the YMCA Youth and Teen Achiever's STEM experiment. Each group was to build a speed boat using regular household items.

Through program concentrations that include college, professional and SAT preparation, technology and engineering exploration, arts and entertainment, and media/communications, the YMCA Youth and Teen Achievers program helps youth raise their academic standards, develop a positive sense of self, build character, explore diverse college and career options, and learn from role models who inspire them to greater heights.

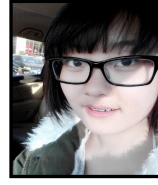
Important School Dates

Please check your school website regularly for updates

- Dec. 5: HS Placement Test– St. Mark’s, Salesianum
 Dec. 5: SAT–York Catholic
 Dec. 5: DE Model UN Conference–Salesianum
 Dec. 5: Upper School Comedy Night–Friends’ Central
 Dec. 6: IPA Holiday Festival–Independence
 Dec. 6: Hanukkah begins at sundown *Happy Hanukkah!*
 Dec. 7: Christmas Concert–Salesianum
 Dec. 8: Christmas Concert–Red Lion
 Dec. 9: Concert–Tower Hill
 Dec. 11: Half Day–Aquinas
 Dec. 11: Choral Concert–Independence
 Dec. 12: ACT & SAT–Tower Hill
 Dec. 12: Christmas Festival–Aquinas
 Dec. 12: Senior Ball & Banquet–St. Mark’s
 Dec. 13: Christmas Concert–St. Mark’s
 Dec. 16: Band & Orchestra Concert–Independence
 Dec. 16-18: Early Dismissal/ Mid Terms–Salesianum
 Dec. 17: Christmas Concert–Wilmington Friends
 Dec. 17: Football Banquet–St. Mark’s
 Dec. 18: Early Dismissal–Annapolis Area Christian, Tower Hill
 Dec. 21: Christmas Break– Annapolis Area Christian, Aquinas, Friends Central, Friends Select, Salesianum, Sanford, Tatnall, Wilmington Christian, Wilmington Friends, Ursuline, York Catholic
 Dec. 22: Grandparents Day–Red Lion
 Dec. 23: Christmas Break– Holy Angels, Red Lion
 Dec. 24: Christmas Eve–Christmas Break: All schools
 Dec. 25: Christmas Day *Merry Christmas!*
 Dec. 26: *Happy Kwanzaa!*
 Jan. 1: New Year’s Day *Happy New Year 2016!*
 Jan. 4: School resumes

Happy New Year! 2016

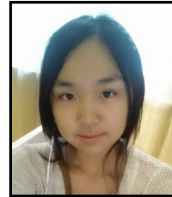
生日快樂 Happy Birthday!



Yunqi Aiko Zhao
December 3



Zhuohao Tiger Wang
December 4



Shaoqi Kadey Li
December 8



Shiyun Susan Tang
December 8



Xishen Adam Zhang
December 11



Siyang Skye Wu
December 13



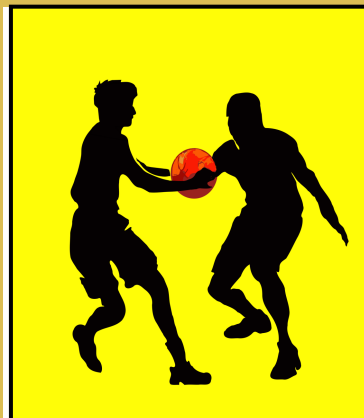
Binyu Wystan Wang
December 23



Tianqi Terry Li
December 28

We Wish You A Happy Birthday!

Good Luck Charm?



It's no surprise that many of RH's students love basketball- they love to play it with friends, at school, and on their schools' teams. On December 1, RH students Bill Li, Tiger Wang, James Xu, Jake Zhu, Rex Zhu, and Chandler Zhao travelled to the Wells Fargo Center to see the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers beat the LA Lakers and end a 28-game losing streak. Coincidence? Maybe not with all of the fan support

they got from RH! As an added bonus, the boys also got to see basketball legend Kobe Bryant's career finale.