



Renascentia Hall International

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Greater Wilmington Edition

We've Changed Our Name and Our Address

Renas Hall, LLC is now Renascentia Hall International, LLC. The word "Renas" was meant to be an abbreviation for Renascentia, the Latin word for renaissance (rebirth). The Renaissance was a cultural movement in 14th - 16th century Europe that valued enlightenment, exploration and education. These are the same ideals we strive to instill in our students to create a modern understanding of humanity and its place in the world. Renascentia Hall International is devoted to offering educational opportunities that foster increased global awareness, understanding, and respect. Confusion over the abbreviation "Renas" and its pronunciation lead us to make the name change.

With the help of Host Father Dwayne Cluff, who handled the renovation, we moved into our new office in early August. Our new location offers a visitor waiting corner, conference room, iTEP testing area and ample parking. We also added phone lines and a toll free telephone number for our out-of-state clients. See below for our new contact information. Stop by and let us give you a tour.

WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to our new host families. We appreciate the opening of your hearts and your homes to our international students and we are confident you will have an amazing and rewarding experience.

Welcome to our new students. We are excited to share in your academic and personal journey here in the United States. Along with your Host Families, we look forward to seeing you grow and mature.

Welcome back to our returning host families and students. We are so glad your joining us again.

Our goal for our company and for those who participate with us, whether student, host family, school or agent, is to *ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE*.

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WHAT'S NEW! WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Grade 12 students are reminded to schedule their SAT test soon. Grade 11 and 12 students should take advantage of in-school visits by college and university representatives. Stop by their presentations and ask questions.

- SAINT MARK'S:**
- *6 Science labs were remodeled over the summer
 - *iPad Requirement for freshmen and students taking 1st year classes
 - * Gym floor resurfaced and new Spartan Head logo added
 - * Activity Showcase on September 11 & 12— join a club or two!
 - * Parent Back to School Night — September 19

- SALESIANUM:**
- * Auditions for “Lost in Yonkers” begin on September 9
 - * Parent Back to School Night— September 13
 - * Tuition Lottery Drawing— September 13
 - * Freshman Communion Breakfast—September 23

- SANFORD:**
- * Pancakes for Parkinson's—September 20 & 21
 - * Homecoming Weekend — September 27 & 28

- RENASCENTIA:**
- * ITEP Test Center Authorized by Boston Educational Service

LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

Renascentia Hall students at Saint Mark's are part of a pilot program to introduce leadership skills to international students. Guided by School Program Manager Barbara Morrell, the Leadership Team will help plan monthly community service and recreational activities as a way to introduce American life to the Chinese students. The group is also tasked with introducing Chinese culture to Americans. Participation in the group will enhance delegation skills in addition to team building practices and partnership positions. Students will rotate on and off the team each school quarter. A mix of returning and new students were chosen to initiate the program including: Helen Che, Brad Guo, Jason Ju, Terry Liu, Aimee Shao, Chris Tang, Leo Chen, Connie Zhang, and Charlie Zhou. At the group's first meeting, Jason Ju was elected secretary.



Host Family Orientation
August 3rd, 2013
Cavalier Country Club



Beth Riley, Carol Stiffler,
Clarice Kwasnieski, Sherry Chen



Korin & Elyse Haney



Velma Scantlebury-White & Harvey



The Arcscott Family



Dinner Time



Brianne & Tim Gates



LoriAnn and Mark Ford with
LoriAnn's parents, Beverly
and Richard Sanford

Student Orientation



Lunchtime-American Fast Food!



Time for Introductions



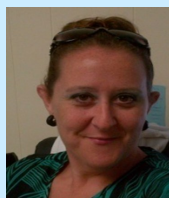
Mr. Thomas Lemon, Executive Director of Development, leads a tour of Saint Mark's.

Upcoming Events

- 9/7 DEADLINE FOR T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST ENTRY
- 9/7 SAINT MARK'S WELCOME DANCE
- 9/7 & 9/8 SANFORD FALL PLAY AUDITIONS
- 9/10 SALESIANUM STUDENT ORIENTATION
- 9/11 SAINT MARK'S SCHOOL PICTURES
- 9/12 SALESIANUM PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
- 9/15 NEWARK COMMUNITY DAY FOLLOWED BY MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL DINNER AT NEWARK SENIOR CENTER
- 10/12 NYC TRIP TO LION KING
- 10/20 PICNIC, PUMPKIN DECORATING & HAYRIDE AT FLASKY FARM, MIDDLETOWN
- 11/23 37TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K & 10K, NEWARK
- 11/29 - 12/1 LURAY CAVERNS TRIP, VA



Learning about high school in the U.S.



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