



# Renas Hall International Program at Saint Mark's High School

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## Christmas Time at New York City

Wednesday, December 26th six of our Chinese students ; Amber Lu, Christy Xu, Chris Tang, Eric Wang, Justin Zhou, Terry Liu, and their chaperone, Carol Stiffler, began exploring Manhattan.

Although the weather was very uncooperative with heavy rain and strong gust of wind, the group had a wonderful time enjoying the bustling outdoors of Manhattan. The group decided to add some adventure to their trip by visiting Korea Town located in the heart of Manhattan on 32nd Street. While in Korea Town they enjoyed a delicious meal at a Korean Bar-B-Que restaurant, the students



were amazed by the performance of their meals being prepared right before their eyes. Over dinner the students shared exciting memories about their Chinese culture and the exciting experience they encountered while travelling aboard. A New York trip wouldn't be complete without shopping and Christy encouraged the group to do just that. After dinner they all headed to the world's most famous shopping strip, Madison Avenue. Since it was the Christmas season the stores were beautifully decorated which helped to keep their spirits high, although we were wet and cold. The weather did not dampen our zest for sight-seeing so we proceeded to Rockefeller Center to watch the ice skaters and see the beautiful Christmas Tree adorned with thousands of lights, which was a magnificent sight. It helped that we were inside at the concourse level where there was more shops and restaurants which gave us the opportunity to warm up. The students stopped at a restaurant and Mrs. Stiffler reflected upon the days events, and planned for the next day's trip to China Town which is located in lower Manhattan at Canal Street. Over all it was a "fun" trip and a great cultural experience for everyone. The students can't wait to go again.



They all loved the Korean Bar-B-Que restaurant.

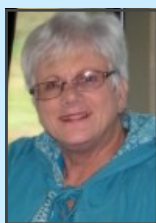


## Upcoming Events

- 1/02 BACK TO SCHOOL
- 1/11 RENAS HALL INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER AT 6:00 PM
- 1/13 CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK 2013 VIDEO CONTEST
- 1/15-1/19 SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
- 1/24 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING
- 1/30 2013 FAMILY FUN NIGHT



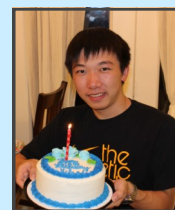
The students enjoyed New York City



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