


Academic High School Program  
Student Report

December

【学校生活と家庭生活について】

12 月分

Name Yuriho Seike

アメリカの Christmas Holidays & Culture 

< Food > 真面目に「日本人はKFCをクリスマス・イブに食べると話したのは、ジョークだと思われた...!

- KFC → ターキー / ハムを食べる (\*通常のポークより大型のハムのほうが安く買やすい)
- クリスマスキャンディが沢山お店に並んでいる (\*パッケージも可愛くデザインされているがそれだけでなくキャンディも鮮やかに着色されていて驚いた)

< Events > <sup>おすめは</sup> Reese's の Christmas tree が通常陽気もおいしかった! ... うちの気がした。(笑)

- 12月に入ってから何度も Christmas party を開く
- お店や学校では、クリスマス・イブや当日でなくても X-Mas クリスマス! と言ひ合う
- Dirty Santa というプレゼント交換ゲームがあり、お互いにあまり実用的ではないが喜んでもらえそうなお物を持ち寄って、様々なルールを決めてプレゼントを開けていくというもの。今回私達は 2回まで他人のプレゼントを奪えるというルールを決めて行った。

< Other > <sup>アメリカのカリフォルニアは 11月~12月に Holidays があるためわざと恋人と別れて休暇を楽しみ、1月にヨリを戻すのだそう... (笑)</sup>

- 日本では恋人とクリスマスを過ごしたがる人が多い(?)が、アメリカは家族と過ごすのが主流。

【日本と米国の違いについて】


日本	米国
◦ 学校最後の日はテストや終業式がある	→ ◦ 終業式はなく、その代わりにパーティーを開く
◦ 通知表や成績表が返される	→ ◦ ネット上で成績表を見ることが可能
◦ 日本の学校では自分の持ち物を長期休暇中に置いておけない	→ ◦ 授業(科目)数が少なければ、そもそもの荷物が少ない
◦ かばんや靴を統一される事が多い (ローファーやシューズなど)	→ ◦ 持ちものは基本的に自由だが、ナイフやサミは時々注意される
◦ 賃金は時給制で金額が固定されている	→ ◦ 賃金はチップで大きく左右される
◦ 軍に務めている人が学校に来ることはない (大人は特別な場合しか来ない)	→ ◦ 軍から沢山の人が毎日のように来て、軍に務めるということの魅力を伝えている
◦ クラスを教科で分けていないため、先生の机や私物が教室にはない	→ ◦ 職員室が存在しないため、教室が先生の好みにカスタマイズされている
◦ クラスにつき1~2人担当の先生がいて、生徒の世話をする	

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Theater Performance

12/11  
Wed  
  
wow...  
Today's performance was awesome! We practiced a lot, so I was sure that we could make audience cry...! I was so moved when my friends and teacher told me how to make a amazing show. They told me the most important thing is to enjoy the stage. My Japanese theater teacher said same thing to me, so I felt nostalgic emotion then. Actually, I fell down the stairs and sptained my leg... I was so scared that moment. I hope it's getting better.

Theater Carry out


12/12  
Thu  
  
excited  
I was so excited today. I can't believe that tomorrow is finally the competition...! I'm about to sleep but I won't sleep tonight because of adrehaline. This is the first time to sleep over with my friends, so I feel like coming to a school trip. We had a wonderful dinner at the mexican restaurant, so I'm full now!!! We got enough nutrition! Lol

Theater Competition!


12/13  
Fri  
  
Fru!  
I really enjoyed today's drama festival... I can't believe that is over! Honestly, we made many mistakes in today's show. No wonder we couldn't perform as usual... becaus we were so nervous then...! Thanks to my friends, teacher, and parents who helped us a lot. we spend wonderful time. I am literally pleased with my role and line.


Decorations




12/14  
Sat  
  
Happy  
I was too busy to chill last week... so finally I got time to spend for myself today...! Host mother got a big Christmas tree, so we decorated by many beautiful ornament. The kids was so excited but I think I was more excited when I see the tree... because. It's twice as big as me!!! I was so surprised!!! I can't wait to see another tree♥

Awards Ceremony  
@SMHS

12/15  
Sun  
  
Yeah!  
Finally, we can say we did it! We got many prize, and compliment. And then... we advanced to Mississippi state competition! I still can't believe...!!! I'm over the moon! We will do sleep over again! Yay!! Therefore... We need money! Lol I think we will do some fundraiser. We got a new problem as soon as we felt happy... (ಠ\_ಠ)

12/16  
Mon  
  
moved  
I got a package from Japan...! My mom send me a big gift box and pretty chopsticks bag... oh, I'm about to cry!!! She must have been busy but she did wonderful job. I was so happy when I saw the kids using chopsticks & I will tell them how to use chopsticks well. And they are really good at Origami, so I'm sure that they will be.

good chopsticks user!!! Lol

12/17  
Tue  
  
work hard  
We have a state test (I think it's same thing as term end exam though), so we are practicing for that. I usually get high score in Algebra and Marine science class but recently these class has difficult test. Vocabulary test is very difficult for me...! I wish I would have a good memory. Even in Japan, math and science takes long

time to study...!

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Christmas  
concert

12/8  
Wed  
☺  
peaceful  
We did origami at the Japanese club meeting (the name was changed: Japanese club to Culture club but we are still focusing on the Japan). It was my second meeting, so I was still not accustomed to stand up in front of people...! I need more vocabulary. Sometimes I find it hard to express myself in English and people misunderstand me... ㄹㄹ

12/19  
Thu  
☺  
fun!  
I had a choir class's Christmas concert today. We have been practicing since we finished autumn concert but I couldn't remember the lyrics. It's so hard to memorize all songs... because we need to sing 10 songs. However, I'm glad to learn many English Christmas songs. I'm gonna miss this class so much next semester... I'm ready to cry! Lol

12/10  
Fri  
☺  
Good job  
I was super exhausted this morning but I did workout!!! After that, I felt better!!! I don't know why though... I wonder if it's effect of workout. And I brought some Japanese snacks with me. I gave it to production classmate, Marine science classmate... and school bus driver! She is so sweet, so I love her♥ I was happy to hear that she liked it ㄹㄹ

12/11  
Sat  
☺  
fun  
I went Toys for Tots which is Christmas event for the kids. Some people can't buy Christmas present for some reasons, so other people try to help them as a volunteer. I think this is a amazing events! I'm glad to contribute to society in some form. I got many things from this school, so I wanna give back to the people around me.

Half  
marathon

12/12  
Sun  
☺  
I did it!  
Today's race was awesome! Of course it was so hard for me (because I couldn't practice at all last week... Lol) but it was so fun! I decided to run this race when I came here, and I think that was good decision to keep my motivation. I still can't believe that I ran 13.1 miles though. Also I'd love to thank you to people who helped us!

12/13  
Mon  
☺  
This is the last week of first semester... no, I don't believe it!!! Lol I'm accustomed to this schedule and actually it's little bit boring but I love these subjects. I'm excited to meet new people and learn more about America. However, besides, it's kinda scary for me. I will do my best. I will enjoy this last week... and I can't wait Holidays!!!

State  
test  
&  
Christmas  
concert

12/14  
Tue  
☺  
I took a state test of Algebra. I thought it's difficult but it wasn't. Also, I passed all test and I absented few days, so I exempt the last exam! Yep! I was surprised because we need take a test in Japan even our attitude or daily grade is good. And I'm so glad that I don't have to take difficult exam... Lol After school, I went Alabama to sing Christmas songs. I enjoyed last choir concert, and Christmas lights up!

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<p>12/15 Wed 😊 I did it</p>	<p>Today was the last day of the school! I was so excited to do something special but we didn't do anything like that. Only in Algebra class, we had a small party...! I stayed production class after school to take a video of monologue. I was too nervous to take it at once, so I fixed a lot. I guess I wasn't ready yet... lol</p>
<p>12/16 Thu 😊 Fun!</p>	<p>I went cross country's year party. The party was held in Margaritaville (I call it Casino for kids ☺), so I could see the inside of arcade. Also, I tried rock climbing for the first time! I was so scared when I looked down, and then... I screamed like small child! lol Anyway... I really enjoyed party. I'm kinda sad to leave this team...!</p>
<p>12/17 Fri 😊 Muscle</p>	<p>I went gym and did body pump! I really missed this class, so I was so happy to come back! Today's workout was so hard. My arm and shoulder are so sore now...! And my host mother suggested to do it when I came here, and thanks for that, body pump is one of my favorite workout! Every time I go to gym, I check my weight and I am shocked! lol</p>
<p>12/18 Sat 😊 Sore</p>	<p>I'm planning to hold Christmas party with my besties ☺ I'm so excited!!! I didn't usually hangout in Japan, so I'm not good at making plan for many friends but I will do my best! I didn't do anything today except this report. However, recently I'm trying to read English book again. I borrowed 5 books from library!</p>
<p>12/19 Sun 😊</p>	<p>My AC came to my house to see and talk with me. She asked me about my memory of first semester. I couldn't tell her everything because I did so many things in retrospect. I'm glad that I've finished first semester with good grade, but on the other hand, I'm sad that I have to go back in 6 month. I don't wanna countdown days...!</p>
<p>12/20 Mon 😊</p>	<p>I had so much fun! I threw a Christmas party! It was first time to have a party with friend at my house, so I was really excited! We tried Dirty santa but most of people didn't understand the rule... of course include me! lol So we were confused sometimes. We got amazing present. I just went with the flow though!</p>
<p>12/21 Tue 😊</p>	<p>I'm kind of bored now... because I have nothing to do!!! lol. In Japan, I had a lot of homework, club activity, and study. However, in here, I have so many time. I'm not good at making hangout plan, so I didn't make plan until christmas...! Oh, no...! I asked family about what I can do this holidays, and they suggested me to learn new language.</p>

Holiday








Christmas party

I didn't have that idea. Many people asked me why I don't start learn new language.  
**Minami Nihon Culture Center** I hope I can do it...!

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12/22 Wed  Take it easy	I made a house... which made of cardboard box! It tooks more than 2 hours. I'm satisfied with quality of paper house itself. Kids made houses too, and they asked me for help. So I guess I spend more than 4 hours... for paper house. Can you believe it? Many people may think it's not worth, but I think it does have mean.
12/23 Thu  Excited	I'm so excited to be a part of family Christmas party! My host mom suggested me to cook some Japanese food for Christmas party day after tomorrow. I'm gonna make "Tonjil (pook miso soup) and sushi roll. My mother helped me alot when I was in Japan. So, technically speaking, this is the first time to make it all by myself.
12/24 Fri  Worked hard	We didn't do something special today, but I'm so excited anyway!! I made a special sushi tree (It's just a sushi roll. I decolated it like a Christmas tree) It was so hard because material was little bit different. I could get the to-fu, konjak, miso, and Japanese white radish from Asian market but rice was totally different.
12/25 Sat  surprised	I love my life!!! Can you imagine how much love and presents I got today...?! I can't even count it!!! American Christmas day was awesome, and I was so glad to heard that they liked miso soup! I got so many presents from family. I'm so happy to see them again and all presents are my precious treasure!! I love Christmas!
12/26 Sun  Bored	I didn't do anything today... I want a homework... (Am I crazy?) Because I'm kinda bored. I have so many times and I don't know how to use it. When I was in Japan, I always said complaining about time. BUT!!! Now, I don't know what I can do when I'm free. That's a big problem. I need to make a plan for the new year...!
12/29 Mon  Happy	I went Alabama to see my host mother's grandma & grampa. I could go to Bucee's (American big gas station). It was so cool and I couldn't believe that it's gas station! After we got some beef brisket for the lunch, we met my host mother's family and spend a time together. I was so happy to meet them... I love them!
12/28 Tue  Moved	THE SHOW WAS AWESOME!!! I still can't believe that I watched true Broadway musical in America. I was moved by actor's voice technique, moving, stage design, light technology, and passion for show!!! I forgot my stress and sadness during the show. I hope I can act like them. I'm excited to see other show!

Christmas eve

Christmas

Broadway  
Hades town

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Japanese call 2

<p>12/29 Wed I miss them</p>	<p>I talked with Japanese family for the first time in 2 month. I could not call them because I was so busy last month. I missed them, and they missed me too. We talked more than 1 and a half hours... I mean about 2 hours? so I thought I did too much, but my host family said I can talk no matter how long. I'm so blessed.</p>
<p>12/30 Thu excited</p>	<p>I'm so excited to show my movie... "My life in America!" My host mother's step father told me how to make a wonderful movie, and after that, I decided to try! I think this movie is the best movie ever! It was the first time to use edit app for making movie of my life but I think I did great!!! I hope everyone likes it 😊</p>
<p>12/31 Fri Am I okay?</p>	<p>I took covid rapid test today. Fortunately, I'm not a positive by this time. But I still need to be careful when I meet other people. Recently, I noticed that more and more people are wearing masks. To be honest, I'm scared to not only being positive, but also go back to Japan because of pandemic. My English skill is still poor, and I can't feel my growth.</p>
<p>1 I'll be okay</p>	<p>I don't wanna go back and to be compare with someone else. I don't like to complain at the end of the year, but this is also important to me. I wanna work harder and be confident enough not to have to compare with others. I'll switch my mind and do my best in the new year. Hello, brand new year, new me!!! Happy new year!!! 😊</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>"Be happy, be healthy." (The words that remain in my heart this month.) This is very simple but important.</p>
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