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Middle School Visits Washington DC



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Touring Washington, D.C. March 2017 with American Christian Tours

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ACS News

The week before spring break, the seventh and eighth graders went to Washington D.C. It was an amazing opportunity for everyone. We visited many memorials, museums, and historical sites such as

the Lincoln Memorial, Mt. Vernon, the White House, and Times Square. Besides Washington D.C. (Which is not the state)☺, the group also visited Philadelphia, New York, and New Jersey.

On the way there, we first landed in Chicago then on to Washington D.C. On the way back, our flight was a full six hours from New Jersey to Portland.

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When we first arrived in D.C., we met our guide, Mr. Randy Dickerson, and our bus driver, Scott. We were assigned numbers to call out to check if everyone was there. Some of us were better than others at remembering to respond at our turn, but by the end of our trip everyone was pretty good at it. It was already getting dark when we visited the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. The weather that day was freezing!



Supreme Court Building

The following day we went to the Library of Congress, U.S. Supreme Court, the United States Capitol, Ford's Theater, and the Pentagon Memorial (which actually is at the Pentagon 😊). Our day was so full that by the end of it we were happy to have a break. That day was sunny and warm.

On Saturday we went to the White House, the WWII

Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian Museums, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. We got to see some of the monuments at night which made them even more awesome.



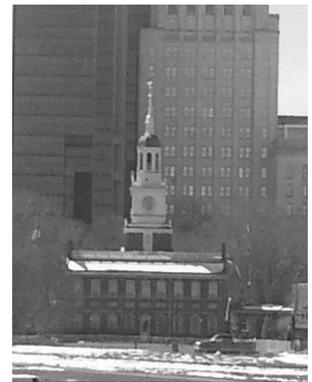
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The next day we went to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the *Wreath Laying Ceremony* and see the *Changing of the Guard*. Less than 0.01% of the USA population gets to actually be part of that ceremony. We also visited Mt. Vernon, (Washington's home) and the Iwo Jima Memorial. We were at the Jefferson Memorial to see a beautiful sunset, and see the monument lit up at night.



Jefferson Memorial

On Monday, we began our trip to New York City. Along the way, we stopped in Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell and the National Constitutional Center. We also went to Independence Hall, where the founding fathers wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence. On our way again, we stopped at a buffet with pizza and Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches. We then drove to New Jersey, crossing through Delaware for 23.40 miles and on to our motel. The bus trip was fun because most of us got to listen to our music, visit, or just nap.



Independence Hall

The following day, we went to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, the One World Trade Center, and Freedom Tower, which was AMAZING!!!! The elevator ride up to the 104th floor takes less than 60 seconds.

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Empire State Building

From the observation deck, we had a 360-degree view of New York City! The view included the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and the Empire State Building. Afterwards, we went to Times Square and souvenir shopped. Lorin and Erin saw a street performer who said he was the best ignorerer. 😊 We went to see the Broadway Play, The Phantom of the Opera, which was so cool!



Times Square, NYC

The last day, Wednesday, we went on a boat on the Hudson River and saw the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The Statue of Liberty was truly outstanding!

After that, we went to Central Park and walked down Fifth Avenue to the Rockefeller Center. Along 5th Ave., a group stopped at Trump Tower to use the restrooms and to get a drink at Starbucks. It was a super windy and chilly day, but we were all sad to have to leave. 😞 We departed for the airport, said “Good bye” to Mr. D. and waited for our flight to Portland.



Statue of Liberty from our boat

Our trip was such an amazing experience. The adventures, food, sites, and growing friendships were awesome. We have a great country in which we live and very much to thank God for.



Two famous celebrities in DC

8th Grader



Spotlight



Bobae Kim

Kiyona Madsen
ACS News

What is your favorite. . .

Subject: Math

Elective: guitar

Hobby: video games

Bible Verse: Acts 17:30-31

Book: Unbroken

Part of School: lunch & teachers

Other Information. . .

How long have you been attending ACS: about 10 years

What are your future plans...

High School: West

Career: chef

What will you miss most about ACS: The food

What is your most memorable memory:

Washington DC & New York City

Book Week



3rd graders at the "read in"

Sarah McCormick & Boah Kim
ACS News

Book week was a whole week where the students of ACS could express their love of books by having a poster contest, read-in, mystery readers, and a book dress-up contest. The posters were displayed in the hall and a sticker on the poster meant it was a winner! The ACS Spirit Team performed a wonderful skit, along with many other classes. There are many different kinds of books, but all of them include a magical

experience that is shared throughout the world. Reading is fun and everyone should continue doing it, even when it is not book week.



7th graders at the book exchange

Yo-yo Man

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On March 7, ACS had a guest speaker for chapel-- John Knox came to teach us some life lessons using stories and yo-yo tricks. We learned about listening to others, and to Jesus, with his friend, a yo-yo named Yo. Using his tricks,

and volunteers from the audience, he demonstrated what listening to others is like, and what we should do to follow Jesus Christ. We were encouraged to be good listeners to the authorities around us and set a good example of how a Christian should listen to Christ. Yo-yos were for sale in the office later, and many students were seen testing their yo-yo skills the next few days!

