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Welcome to St. Xavier Catholic School's Newsletter published by the High School Mass Communication Class. The newsletter will be published several times a year with our purpose to inform you concerning personnel, students, and events at St. Xavier Catholic School.

Exploring Different Areas of the World

This edition contains interviews of individuals at St. Xavier Catholic School who have lived places other than the continental 48 states. We are privileged to learn about other cultures through their experiences.

Japan—Ms. Robison



Ms. Robison, a St. Xavier staff member, lived in Japan, a country in East Asia. Japan has a population of 125 million people. She lived in the city of Yokohama. Some major industries/businesses of the country are cars, electronics, fishing, and rice.

Interesting landmarks include Tokyo Tower, Kabuki Theater, and the Yokohama Shipping Port.

There is also the Foreigner Cemetery where non-Japanese people are buried.

Her favorite foods from Japan are sushi, Japanese and Chinese food, and Ramen. She loved the diversity in the country, and she considers it her second home. She moved there because her dad was in the Army and was stationed there.

An interesting custom from the country is that no one wears shoes in the house. There are also western styled houses. Her favorite sport from the country is Sumo Wrestling. The summers are hot, the winters are cold, and the springs are beautiful because of the cherry blossom trees.

Japan is 6,153 miles away from Junction City. Popular leisure activities were socializing, as there was no English television. Ms. Robison misses living outside of the United States. Trams, trains, and taxis were the most common methods of transportation in the country.

She wants everyone to know that the people are very nice and guests are treated especially well. Holidays from the country include Girls Day and Boys Day. She wishes she had learned Japanese while living there. –Jayden L.

American Samoa—Elijah P.



Elijah P. is a junior who lived in American Samoa, a territory of the United States of America. The population of the country is approximately 44,000 inhabitants. He lived in the village of Pava'ia'i.

The main industries/products of the country include fishing for tuna and growing vegetables. His favorite dish is palusami. He is proud about everything from his country. He moved to the United States in order to get a better education.

A difference between the United States and American Samoa is how many chores there were; there was always some kind of work to be done. His favorite sports from the country are football, or soccer as we call it, and basketball.

The climate isn't very different. American Samoa is 6,006 miles from Junction City. A popular leisure activity in the country includes dancing. Elijah enjoyed swimming the most in American Samoa. Popular modes of transportation are the same as America. Those include cars, bikes, and trucks. Holidays are the same, but Flag Day is also celebrated there. –Jayden L.



Alaska—Dani E.

Dani E. lived in Fairbanks, Alaska,—population 31,813—because her family traveled there when their father was stationed there with the Army. The main industries are oil, construction, architecture, engineering, sports, and business/finance.

Some interesting places/events are Denali National Park, Great Earthquake Anchorage, North Pole, and the Iditarod Dog Race. Some foods she enjoyed in Alaska were moose stew, moose steak, salmon, king crab, fish and chips, and berry cobbler.

Alaskans are proud of their native animals, national parks and outdoor experiences, the native customs, and traveling to the North Pole. Some of the popular sports are ice hockey, carving wood/ice, Alaska State Fair, and fireworks on New Year's Day and not on Independence Day.

Fairbanks, which is 3,434 miles away from Junction City, KS, has a subarctic climate. Trains play an important role in transportation to many parts of Alaska.

Leisure time activities include hunting, fishing, dog sledding, sailing, dog mushing, and more. A special holiday is the Alaska Spectacular.

Alaska is a place full of family activities, gets very cold in the winter, has beautiful wildlife, and is very big on community. I hope you all get to visit Alaska.
—Dani E.

Micronesia Islands—Christian M.



Christian M. is in seventh grade and lived in the Micronesia Islands for four years. Micronesia is 6,706 miles away from Junction City and has a warm climate. It has a population of 114,164 and primarily focuses on agriculture and fishing.

One holiday celebrated in Micronesia is Yap Day, celebrated to preserve the Yapese culture. On Yap Day, activities include bicycling, juggling, tug of war, and basket weaving. Additionally, there are five dances that one can attend!

Christian M. stated that he was born in Micronesia, and lived there for four years until he moved to America. His favorite food from Micronesia is tamales. Being in Micronesia gave him more freedom than in America.

If there is one thing that Christian M. wanted people to know about Micronesia it's that it is a great place, and people should visit it sometime!
—Miguel W.

Germany—Phann B.

Some students from St. X have traveled all around the world, and one of those students is Phann Boon. Phann traveled to Germany because his family had to PCS. Germany is a very interesting country with one of those things being the population



of Germany--83.4 million. Another interesting thing is that Junction City, KS, is 7,753 km away from Germany.

Some of the top industries in Germany are the innovation of automobiles, machine building, and electrical engineering. Not only does Germany have some very important industries, they also have some very interesting landmarks. Some of these landmarks include the Brandenburg Gate, the Black Forest, and the remnants of the Berlin Wall.

Some of the most popular and easy modes of transportation in Germany are cars and busses; this makes inner-city and cross country travel easy for German citizens. Germany also boasts some very good food such as kebabs, schnitzel, and ice cream.

One of the most popular sports in Germany is soccer, with it having a huge German fanbase. Germany also has some unusual or interesting customs one of which is that the Germans put their silverware into an X on their plate after they are done eating. One of the things that was the most enjoyable when living in Germany was that it was easy to visit other countries from Germany which is pretty nice and allows visitors to experience other cultures as well. –Noah F.

Latvia—Janis C.



Janis C. is a sophomore at St. Xavier and has lived in Latvia! Janis has been in Riga, Latvia, and a village in eastern Latvia. Latvia has a population of 1.879 million people.

Some of the main industries in Latvia are transportation, farming, and information technology. Some of the most interesting landmarks in Latvia include the Freedom Monument, Central Market, and old city Riga.

Some of his favorite foods from Latvia include piragi and manna with jam.

He is most proud of the culture that comes from Latvia and that his mother is from there.

Janis was born in the United States, but his mother came to the United States to get married to his father and was not a US citizen when Janis was born.

The most popular sports in Latvia are ice hockey, basketball, and soccer. The climate in Latvia is a temperate climate. Riga, Latvia is 4,967 miles away from Junction City, KS. Some of the most popular leisure activities are sports and ice skating.

What he enjoyed the most about being in Latvia was the contrast in living to the United States. It is very friendly in Latvia, and a lot of Latvia is family oriented.

Some of the most popular modes of transportation in Riga include trams and busses; elsewhere, there are many trains and automobiles.

The most special holiday in Latvia is the celebrations of Līgo, or Jāņi which celebrates the summer solstice and takes place from June 21st to June 24th.

–Janis C.

Germany—Miguel W.



Miguel W. is a junior who lived in Germany for three years. It is 4,772 miles away from Junction City and has a population of 83.8 million people! Germany is known for its automobiles and chemical productions.

It also has lots of tourist attractions, such as the Berlin Wall and many castles to visit. One strange custom in Germany is Silent Sunday where every store is closed and anything that makes too much noise is discouraged.

Miguel W. lived in Germany for three years as his family had to PCS there. His favorite things from Germany include schnitzel, the climate, and the lack of flies. Miguel W. also enjoyed the fact that buses and trains were used more frequently than cars.

The one thing he wants people to know about Germany is that there are plenty of things to see, and one should tour as much as possible while in Germany! – Miguel W.

American Samoa—Mr. Pua



Mr. Pua is the 5th/6th science and math grade teacher at St. Xavier, and he comes from American Samoa! Specifically, he is from the west side in the Pavniai village. American Samoa is an American territory and has 43,000 people living there. The main industry of the island is fishing for tuna. and some famous places would include famous beaches and hiking trails.

One of Mr. Pua's favorite food, from American Samoa is oka, which is raw fish, palusami, and roasted pig. Mr. Pua is most proud

of the culture and the traditional way of living in American Samoa. He also came to the mainland US because there were many opportunities here.

Some of the interesting customs in American Samoa include the respectful people, as well as the social classes with Paramount Chiefs at the top of the order. Some of the favorite sports in American Samoa include football, rugby, and volleyball.

The climate in American Samoa is tropical, and the island is 5,973 miles away. The most popular leisure activity is the Fautasi Race during Samoan Flag Day. The most popular mode of transportation in the country is the Aiga busses.

Another interesting and important part about American Samoa is the tattooing. The most special holiday in American Samoa is Flag Day. –Janis C.

South Korea—Sierra S.



Sierra S. is a senior at Saint Xavier and lived in South Korea for two years. Around 51.63 million people live in South Korea today. Some industries in South Korea are agriculture and entertainment. Some of the interesting places to visit are Gyeongbokgung Palace and the DMZ. She went to South Korea because of the Army. South Korea is 6,526 miles from Junction City, KS.

Her favorite foods from South Korea are bulgogi and mandu. She is proud that South Korea separated from North Korea. Some interesting customs are tipping is not a custom and bowing is a respectful greeting.

Some of the favorite sports are ice skating and baseball. The climate is cold in the winter and hot in the summers. Some popular leisure activities are reading and going on walks.

Her favorite place to go eat was DinoMeat which is where you cook for yourself. Some popular modes of transportation are the train, a taxi, or the KTX train. South Korea is a beautiful place. A favorite holiday is the Lotus Lantern Parade Festival. –Sierra S.

Canada—Kaydence W.

A student in 8th grade, Kaydence W., lived in Canada before coming to Junction City, KS. The population in Canada is around 38 million people.



Kaydence mentioned that one of her favorite foods to eat was a turkey sandwich. Some of the most interesting landmarks in Canada that Kaydence enjoyed were the mountains and the hot springs.

Canada has a variety of different industries such as trade, mining, and retail. –Naythan H.

Micronesia Islands—Arien M.



One of our 8th grade students, Arien M., used to live in The Federated States of Micronesia. The population of Micronesia is only 102,436! Some of the famous landmarks are Stone Money, Nan Madol, and Lelu Island!

Some of Arien's favorite foods were the freshwater fish, as well as the different kinds of cuisine. Arien was in Micronesia visiting family while she got to experience all these different customs and sightings.

Some customs Arien found interesting were the dances they had which were similar to luau dances performed in Hawaii. One of the country's favorite sports is volleyball. The climate there is very hot, humid, and consists of many bugs.

One of the things Arien enjoyed most while being there was going down to the beaches! Modes of transportation were mostly cars, but there used to be only one plane flying people in and out of the island once a week. Nowadays there are at least two flights per week.

The Federated States of Micronesia is 11,380km (7071.2 miles!) from Junction City! –Alyssa E.

Germany—Irelyne S.



Irelyne S. is an 8th grader at Saint Xavier and lived in Germany for three years. Around 83.8 million people live in Germany. Some of the industries in Germany are steel and healthcare. An interesting landmark is the Hohenzollern Castle.

Some of her favorite foods are schnitzel and Döner kebab. She is proud of the German language. She moved to Germany because of the Army. Some interesting customs in Germany are the German

outfits and Christmas markets.

A favorite sport in Germany is volleyball. The climate is very humid. Stuttgart, Germany, is 4,874 miles from Junction City, KS. A popular leisure activity is biking.

Some things she enjoyed the most living in Germany was the freedom on the military bases. Taking the bus is a popular mode of transportation. A special holiday in Germany is Saint Nicolas. Irelyne wants others to know that Germany is a very pretty country. –Sierra S.

Alaska—Veronica E.



Veronica lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, when her father was stationed there in the Army. Some of the interesting things to see in Alaska are Mt. Denali and the Iditarod Dog Race.

Some of the foods she enjoyed were king crab, cod, moose steak, wild blueberries, and caribou steak. She enjoyed all the wildlife in Alaska. She also enjoyed seeing dog sled races, solstice celebrations, and getting her mail delivered by dog sled.

Some of the sports in Alaska include skiing figure skating, and The World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. Some leisure time activities are flightseeing, Arkansas Native Center, hiking, and kayaking. Although cars are used for traveling, many people fly to different locations. I enjoyed the food, being able to see all types of wild life, and the ice sculpting show in the North Pole.

In the summer the sun is out 24 hours a day in some places. I enjoyed the Mount Marathon Race. –Dani E.

Germany—Cassie S.



Cassie S. used to live in Stuttgart, Germany, when she was very young. Germany has a population of 83.8 million people. Some of the industries that Germany has are steel and healthcare. Some of her favorite foods were Roasted Acorns and Bread Pretzels.

Some of the interesting customs in Germany are their Christmas markets and they don't show lots of emotions. Some of the popular leisure activities are

mountain biking. Some of the popular transportation in Germany are their buses, cars, and trains. It is very easy to travel around the country, and their food and holidays are excellent. –Hana M.

Alaska—Preston E.



Preston E. was born in Alaska. Some of the foods he enjoyed were king crab, moose and caribou steaks, and salmon. He liked the ability to go to national parks and see wildlife up close—like grizzly bears. He also enjoyed traveling to Mt. Denali and the town of North Pole.

Some interesting customs in Alaska included hunting whales and weaving. Some of his favorite sports were snowboarding, ice skating, and a solstice baseball game. Other leisure time activities included fishing, shooting ranges rifle/bow, museums, gardening, and dog sledding/mushing.

Some special holidays are Alaska Day, Swards Day, and the Alaska Spectacular. It is a beautiful place to live with a lot of beautiful scenery and family activities. –Dani E.

Germany—John H.



Some students from St. X have traveled all around the world and one of those students is John H. John traveled to Germany because his family had to PCS. Germany, population 83.4 million, is a very interesting country. Another interesting thing is that Junction City, KS is 7,753 km away from Germany.

Germany has some very interesting landmarks. Some of these landmarks include the Brandenburg Gate, the Black Forest, a huge Lego megastore, castles, and the remnants of the Berlin Wall.

Germany also boasts some very good food, including kebabs, weisswurst, schnitzel, and ice cream. One of the most popular sports in Germany is soccer.

One of the most enjoyable parts of living in Germany was that it was just a nice place in general, the people were good, the food was delicious, and the landscape was beautiful. –Noah F.

Germany—Mrs. Remily



Mrs. Remily, the 3rd grade teacher, used to live in Ansbach, Wiesbaden, and many other cities in Germany. Germany has about 83.8 million people. Some popular industries are automobile industries, shoes industries, and mechanical machine industries. Some of her favorite foods in Germany are schnitzel, potato salad, and bratwurst.

Some of the interesting landmarks are the Neuschwanstein Castle, the Rhine River Cruise, and the Alps Mountains. She moved to the U.S. because she married an American man.

Some of the interesting customs in Germany are that they are very direct with their words, lots of public transportation, and there is no speed limit on the Autobahn.

For their weather, they have four distinct seasons. Germany is very modern, and there are lots of things to see and do. –Hana M.

South Korea—Yeseong L.



Yeseong L. lived in Seoul, South Korea. The population of South Korea is 51 million. His favorite foods from there are Ramen and kimchi. The thing that he is most proud of is the country's long history. He came to the US to learn English.

His favorite sport in Korea is basketball. The climate usually consists of cold and dry winters with hot and humid summers.

The distance to Seoul from here is 6,464 miles. One of the special holidays is Seolla which marks the first day of the Korean Lunar Calendar. –Taylor S.

Netherlands—Mrs. Salazar



Our 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Salazar, used to reside in the Netherlands. She lived in the southern part for three years due to the military. The population currently is 17.23 million! Some of Mrs. Salazar's favorite foods there were the pastries, Greek foods, and especially gelato!

Mrs. Salazar said some of the interesting/unusual

customs there were that they always threw huge parties for soccer games. The main meal was usually lunch and they often only had a small portion to eat for dinner. Schooling also started around the age of one and a half! They divided students into classes based on test scores rather than ages.

One of Mrs. Salazar's favorite parts about living in the Netherlands was that it was very laid back; there was not a great deal of pressure to fit in. Everyone often stayed in their social standing; everyone usually moved to one house and stayed there for the rest of their lives.

The climate in this country also consisted of being nothing under 25 degrees, and nothing over 85. The modes of transportation there were very small cars and bikes. The Netherlands is 7,402 km (4599.39 miles) from Junction City! –Taylor S.

Other Students Who Have Lived in...

South Korea—Julius B.

Germany—Zachary Z.

Germany—Mia S.

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MAY 2024

Religious Theme: Mary/Mary Crowning

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 *MAP Math Assessment	7 *MAP Math Assessment *6:30pm – 4 th Grade Recorder and Beginner Band Spring Concert	8 *PreK Library Books Due *MAP Math Assessment *8:45am – JOC HS Student of the Month Recognition *9:00am – Blood Drive *3:45pm – Activities Meeting	9 *MAP Math Assessment *8:20am – Class Meetings	10 *MAP Math Assessment *7:50am – Rosary Club *8:30am – Mass and Crowning of Mary *9:15am – 3 rd & 4 th Grade AG Day *10:30am – PreK Field trip to Hildebrand Farms *6:00am – HS Activites Awards Banquet	11
12 Mother's Day	13 *4:00-8:00 – Freddy's Fundraiser	14 *K-6th Library Books Due *Last day of PreK *7:00pm – Fine Arts Showcase	15 *K-6th Library Books Due *1:30pm – PreK Graduation followed by Reception	16 *Last Day for Seniors *Library Books due *8:20am – Yearbook signing in the cafeteria	17 *Last Day for 8th Graders *7:50am – Rosary Club *8:30am – Mass *3:00pm – HS Regional Track @ Valley Heights *3:10pm – Ice Cream Friday *6:00pm – MS Activites Awards Banquet & 8 th Grade Promotion	18 *2:00pm – HS Graduation
19 *11:00am – Baccalaureate Mass	20 *K-6 Field Day (Morning)	21	22 *12:30 – 1st-6 th AR Part at the Bowling Alley	23 *End of 4 th Quarter *Last day of School – Half Day *8:30am – Mass followed by K-6 Awards and 7-12 Trip to Bowling Alley *5:30pm – School Council Meeting	24 *No School – Teacher Workday *HS Track State @ Wichita	25
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