In America, many students go to school by bus. We rode a bus to the junior high school.
-RIO KANEKO, YAMAGATA JHS

My favorite class was high school math.

At junior high school, if we answered a question correctly, we got candy!
-YUKINO NAKAMURA KUJI JHS

American schools have many types of facilities like a swimming pool and a weight gym. Like in Japan, there were also clubs and activities after school.
- ASUKA NISHINO, SAMURAIHAMA JHS

I had a good time in America. I want to communicate more with people. From this experience I learned that I want to tell my friends the good parts about knowing English.
-RAIMU HIRANO KUJI JHS

The most interesting food I had was a whole chicken and pancakes as big as my head!
-MIKI YAMADA, OSANAI JHS

My favorite sightseeing spot was the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. I have seen it on TV, but this was my first time to see it in person.
-RUNA TABATA YAMAGATA JHS

My favorite sight was the Statue of Liberty. The island it is on has a beautiful view.
-RYO ASAMIZU SAMURAIHAMA JHS

A Trip to AMERICA

Every year, Kuji sends a delegation of students to America. Ten students, eight junior high school second graders and two high school second graders, are chosen for the delegation. The first group went to America in January, 2007. Over the years, the trip has included short stops to many places, including San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. In January, students visited New York City.

However, the focus of the trip is a visit to Franklin, Indiana. Students can experience American life through a homestay and visits to schools in Franklin, Kuji's sister city since 1960.

delegation: 派遣団　choose: 選ぶ・chosen 過去分詞
over the years: 長年にわたって　include: 含む　focus: 焦点・中心

I joined Japanese and Spanish classes. Spanish class was very surprising. I didn't know that American schools have Spanish classes.
-YUTO KUBO, KUJI-HIGASHI SHS

Don't give up on communication. If you don't understand something, ask again, use guestures, or look it up.
-RINNON SHIMOKAWARA, KUJI SHS

I liked sightseeing in New York City. We were able to look up at the churches and large buildings. The illumination was also beautiful.
-YUNI HARIMA NATSUI JHS

Sightseeing in FRANKLIN

Franklin, Indiana is 20 miles (32 km) south of Indianapolis, the capital of Indiana. Franklin was founded in 1823 and named after Benjamin Franklin. Many historical buildings in the city are known for their architecture. About 25,000 people live in Franklin.

The Johnson County Courthouse was built in 1882. It cost $100,000 to build it, which would be about $2,500,000 (or about 29,000万円) today. The courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Artcraft Theatre was opened in 1922. It showed silent movies at first, but an orchestra played during the movies. Today, it shows classic movies. The Artcraft Theatre is on the Indiana Register of Historic Places.

Franklin College was founded in 1834. It was the first college in Indiana to admit women. The college offers more than 50 majors of study. Franklin College has about 1,000 students.

found: 創立　architecture: 建築　courthouse: 裁判所　build: 建つ　admit: 許可する
register of historical places: 歴史文化財 (national: 国の Indiana: インディアナ州の)

In Your Town

Hello! My name is Rachel. I live in Noda Village. On February 14, I went to Uchimagi Cave in Oguni. The cave was very beautiful. There were many icicles that were different sizes. I ate *mamebu*. It was delicious. I had a lot of fun!

cave: 洞窟　icicle: つらら(氷筍)