



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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CURRENT NEWS



After the excitement of our two international students, Melina and Sheena, I do not have a new student to mention in this update. Bummer! We have agencies and individuals interested in our school for the fall of 2010. The demand for an established ESL program is high, especially at a place as nice as Horizon however, our philosophy of accepting international students is based on those who are academically strong and mature enough to fit in with our American culture. A subculture of international students where socializing is contained to their own ethnic group, is **not** the goal. Ninth grader Sheena has chosen Horizon because she experienced the subculture syndrome at her past school. She wants the true immersion experience. The true immersion experience is our goal. I share this to express the following, international students selected for Horizon Christian High School are the “cream of the crop.” Consider this as you consider hosting.

As a hosting veteran and a manager of a highly active family, hosting is at the top of our list of priorities. It is an experience that gives our children a broader perspective both relationally and globally. You would be amazed how the household members perk up when a new student enters the home. Eventually, as the international student becomes more of a family member, the excitement wears off but the sense of provision and responsibility stays. As all new relationships, they take effort. A lesson for my family to learn how to give, how to learn about others, how to create and maintain relationships is a powerful lesson that is installed. For those who are considering hosting in the future, but uncertain please communicate with me. I welcome it.

IMMEDIATE HOST FAMILY NEEDS

Japanese Student Visitation – September 24th- 27th, 2010

Azumano Travel and Horizon Christian Schools are partnering together in international education. In the near future, Japanese students from private schools in Japan will visit Horizon for a one year experience.

Our first opportunity to work together is the hosting of 40 Japanese girls at our school, for a half day. Students will also join in with Horizon families for the period of one weekend. We are requesting the support of our Horizon families to host two tenth grade girls at their home for a weekend stay with your family. We are in need of 22 families total for hosting. A small stipend will be given to help with hosting expenses.

Building relationships with Japanese students is highly recommended. In the past I had the opportunity to take four high school students to Japan, and visit the students who visited our school. I would thoroughly enjoy having this opportunity with Horizon students.

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