

Northgate High School 2009 Inauguration Trip

Friday, January 16, 2009

7:00pm- arrived at Bart Station

7:15pm- on Bart going to the San Francisco Airport

8:45pm- arrived at SF Airport, checked in luggage, went through security

9:00pm- went to our assigned gate and waited for our flight

This time was when we all just hung out and met this guy who could juggle five oranges. We hung out with him for a little while and then we did our own thing.

11:00pm- got onto flight heading to Atlanta

Saturday, January 17, 2009

6:29am- arrived in Atlanta (where it was freezing)

8:45am- got back on plane to fly to Baltimore

10:38am- arrived in Baltimore (where it was much colder than Atlanta)

10:50am- went to get bags with new tour guide for the day

- had to pack backpack with necessities for the day seeing as we were not going to the hotel

11:00am- met our bus outside

When we walked out to where the bus was, everyone was taken back by how cold it was and how we could not catch our breath because it was hard to breathe. It was very, very cold and it was 11:00 in the morning.

11:45am- went to the "mall" where the museums were and looked around for awhile.

5:00pm- went to Vie de France for dinner

6:00pm- some of us went with Mr. Spoden to see MSNBC

MSNBC had a booth located in the mall for the inauguration and people could go and watch. Some of us went because it was a few blocks from where we were having dinner. For the most part we got on TV and my friend Clara Painter got interviewed by Chris Matthews. It was very cold and that was when I realized that everyday and every night, I was going to have to wear two sets of gloves.

7:00pm- met with the other groups on our bus and headed to the Spring Hill Suites in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Sunday, January 18, 2009

6:00am- wake-up call

6:45-7:00am- got ready and had breakfast downstairs

7:30am- left on bus for D.C.

8:30am- went to museum and looked around for awhile

11:20am- went to concert held at the Lincoln Memorial

Our whole group decided the night before that we wanted to break off from the other tour groups and go to the concert. It was absolutely amazing and there were many stars there such as OBAMA, Beyonce, Jamie Fox, Samuel L. Jackson, Denzel Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr. Many patriotic songs were sung and everybody sang along. It was a great time.

4:30pm- walked around to find dinner

5:00pm- found place to eat (actually very good)

7:00pm- met back up with bus and went to see Iwo Jima memorial

As we were trying to find the bus we encountered these farm animals walking down the street. They were not real animals but people dressed up as a pig, cow, and a little chicken. They were trying to support something but it was not very clear. We still took pictures with them.

7:30pm- got back on bus and headed to FDR memorial

8:00pm- end of day and headed to hotel

Monday, January 19, 2009

7:15am- wake-up call, got ready, got breakfast

8:15am- met downstairs and our group decided to not go with the rest of the tour group and instead went back to the museums.

8:30am- took bus to the Metro (or Bart) and got off at the mall

9:45am- arrived in D.C. and went to Holocaust Museum

10:00am- got to Holocaust Museum

11:00am- line was too long at Museum so we went back to the mall

11:20am- we were allowed to go around the mall for an hour

I really wanted to go and walk down to the capital and see what it looked with everything set up because I knew I wouldn't be able to see anything the next day. Me and two of my other friends walked down there and got really close. It was so much fun and I definitely do not regret that decision.

12:20pm- our group met back up in the designated area and got back on Metro to go to Arlington Cemetery.

1:15pm- arrived at cemetery but had to walk a few blocks

1:30pm- got to Arlington Cemetery but had to wait outside in the cold because the other groups had not shown up yet. We were all so cold.

2:30pm- other groups finally arrived and we started our tour with Susan Bomam-Momam as our tour guide

5:30pm- finished tour and saw switching of the guard. Headed to the Washington Mall for dinner.

5:45pm- got to mall and used our vouchers for the huge food court

We were here for a long time and got to shop around. My friends and I had talked about making a poster for Inauguration Day. After getting Dippin' Dots we found a box that this guy was going to throw away. He had a shop in the mall and did not need that box anymore so he said that we could use it. So we took it back on the bus with us.

8:00pm- headed back to hotel because we had an early morning the next day.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

5:00am- wake-up call

6:00am- left hotel to get to mall at 7:00am

7:00am- arrived in designated spot for our bus

8:00am- arrived in general area of where we wanted to stand

8:30am- got to permanent spot where we would stand for the next 4 ½ hours.

8:45- 10:30am- walked around with our poster and took honestly over 100 pictures.

Many people loved the poster that we had made and they all decided to take a picture of it with us in it. It said "Rosa sat for Martin to walk, Martin walked for Obama to run, Obama ran for our kids to fly." However, all the walking around did not help with the numbness in our toes. It was so cold, you could not even imagine.

10:45am- got back to spot and waited for everything to start

11:30am- started paying to the jumbo tron because important people were entering on the Capital Building

12:05pm- Obama was sworn in and everybody was cheering

This moment everybody around you was quiet and very respectful. The whole day, morning and night, there were no fights or any problems. It was good to see everyone getting along on a historical day.

12:30pm- left the Inauguration because all the important matters had been taken care of.

12:45pm- My friend and I were still holding the poster as we were walking out and people wanted to take pictures again. Our other friends were getting annoyed so they went ahead of us and we just met them back at the bus.

1:00-2:30pm- my friend and I were trying to find our way back to the bus. We got a little lost and on top of that, there were thousands of people going the way we were. On top of those two, ambulances

decided to go down those streets which did not help the traffic. It took us forever to find our bus but eventually we found it.

3:00pm- went back to hotel to get ready for dance.

5:30pm- got back on bus to go to the dance

5:30-8:50pm- went back to hotel and get ready to leave the next day

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

6:00am- wake-up call

7:30am- got on bus and headed back to D.C.

8:15am- went to Lincoln Memorial and took pictures

9:30am- dropped off one group at the Capital Building

11:30am- got to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

11:30- 1:00pm- were at airport because our flight got canceled and our chaperones were trying to figure out what to do. (Huge fiasco)

1:00pm- tour guide and bus driver came back to bring us to Washington mall for lunch

2:00pm- got on bus and went back to airport.

2:30- 4:00pm- at airport waiting to hear what was happening

During this time, I noticed a man that looked very familiar and realized that it was LL Cool J. We all took pictures with him. It was amazing. Also found out that we were going to spend another night in D.C. We were all excited because we wanted to miss our finals the next day. And we did so we were happy.

5:30pm- had dinner at TGI Fridays in the airport.

7:30pm- got to hotel close by and just hung out

Thursday, January 22, 2009

5:45am- woke-up to go to airport.

6:30am- got to airport and got breakfast.

Some of us had different flights but were within an hour of each other. At this airport we saw Evander Holyfield and one person out of our group took a picture with him. We were all sad to leave D.C. but at the same time, happy to get home.

10:00am- my flight with a few other people which was flying into Atlanta.

12:00pm- arrived in Atlanta.

Around 2:30pm- boarded next plane to SF Airport. Heading back home

4:30pm pacific time- landed in San Francisco