

May 2019

To: Students of Chinese and Parents
From: Ms. Parker, Global & Off Campus Programs
Re: 2019/2020 Chinese Exchange

If you will be enrolled in Chinese III or above next year and can ***HOST A CHINESE STUDENT FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS***, you are eligible to apply for next year's exchange with Beijing #4 High School in Beijing, China. If you are a boarding student, you may participate in the exchange ***IF*** you find another student to host for you during the school week or if you choose to live at home while hosting.

Please keep in mind, you must be enrolled in Chinese and be in good standing with the Dean's office for the entire 2019/2020 school year.

Those accepted for the exchange will have received strong recommendations from their 2018/2019 teachers and advisor, be adaptable to new situations, and show a genuine interest in the Chinese language and culture. Participants will also attend several required orientation meetings, two of which will be in the evening for both parents and students. Upon return, students may be asked to share experiences in Chinese classes.

The Chinese students will be with us for approximately three weeks in late January/early February 2020. The **tentative** dates of the trip to China are March 15 to April 2. Please be assured that the faculty and administration are supportive of those students who participate in the program and guidance will be provided to help students work out ways to meet course requirements, since they will miss 5 days of classes. Remember, this program provides innumerable benefits including: firsthand knowledge of the Chinese culture, increased fluency in the Chinese language, plus making new friends and “家庭”. In short, this will be an incredible learning experience, one that will provide profoundly enriching, lifelong memories.

For your information, the cost of the exchange in China will be **approximately** \$4,000.00. The students will spend approximately one week in Beijing with their partner families and will then travel to other parts of the country. The program tuition includes all airfare, all ground transportation, travel insurance, and all travel outside Beijing. While in Beijing, students will attend classes at our partner school and will enjoy learning about the city and its surroundings. Evenings in Beijing are spent with the host family.

If you are interested, discuss the idea with your parents and your Chinese teacher. If you decide to apply, ***please visit the following link to fill out and submit an application.***

https://www.shadysideacademy.org/cf_forms/view.cfm?formID=470

Applications must be submitted no later than May 24, 2019.

You will be notified of acceptance in early June.

Have questions or need additional information?

Please contact Jessica Parker directly.

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