

Katrina C. Interview 5/15/03  
Ryan Graham Interviewer

R: Could you describe some of the ways you've been involved at Century this year?

K: Jazz Band.

R: Are there any more ways in which you'd like to be involved?

K: Maybe, choir. Maybe tennis and swimming...

R: So, how does Century compare to other schools you've been to before?

K: Much easier, I like it better here. The teachers are nicer, the program is different. I don't like math.

R: How are the programs different?

K: First of all, classes are one and a half hours, ours were forty-five minutes, and schedules, in a week we had fifteen subjects.

R: Do you think budget cuts and cut days will affect your career at Century? Do you think you're getting less than you bargained for as far as an education goes?

K: A little but, not very much...

R: If you had the opportunity, what would you change about the programs here?

K: ...The program should be more intense, for example, Algebra I to be in two or three months instead of one year.

R: Which part of the school do you think was affected most severely by budget cuts?

K: I don't know.

R: How do you feel the students have changed and grown this year?

K: Not a big change...

R: What impacted students the most this year?

K: I don't know, I don't know much about this.

R: Back to the comparison question, how was school in Russia different, describe a normal day.

K: School was much smaller. We had only one school with all the grades. We didn't have AB schedules and we had six classes a day. Mine was a music school; we learned music literature and choir

R: How much time every day was devoted to music or activities?

K: We had six classes and then we worked with our teachers after school.

R: How much of that class time was devoted to music?

K: One class a day, with one teacher.

R: Okay, I know you do jazz band in the morning, are you worried that jazz band will have to be moved or possibly cut?

K: Is it going to be cut?

R: It's a possibility...

K: Of course, very worried... Also about our school, students, there's no such thing as girlfriend or boyfriend. There's no pranks or anything like that.

R: Things are more formal?

K: Yes, much more. Teachers are very strict.

R: The teachers seem much more liberal here then?

K: Yes

R: Do you prefer that?

K: I prefer stricter teaching.

R: Why is that?

K: I don't know, behavior is better.

R: I would definitely agree with that. What activities do you plan to do next year?

K: Of course music. I want to take some interesting classes.

R: Which music classes do you plan to take?

K: Jazz band and jazz combo!

R: Of course you know all the people in jazz combo are intelligent, nice, and amazing musicians... What about music theory class?

K: No, I know all that.

R: Oh, I see how it is... Would you say you're worried about programs getting cut?

K: I don't know, I think not really.

R: Anything else you'd like to add?

K: I think I've changed to adapt to the people here. I've gotten used to things here, I like it here.