

# The RCS Patriot Press

Thursday, March 13

Thursday morning brought us the closest thing to sleeping in we have experienced on our trip – a wonderful 8 a.m. wakeup. Embassy Suites breakfast treated us very well and we were off to Manhattan by 9:30.

A boat tour of New York City was first upon our agenda. We were treated to beautiful vistas of the Empire State and Chrysler Buildings, the Brooklyn Bridge, Ellis Island, and of course the Statue of Liberty. Our tour guide provided some great information on the architecture and history of this great city.

After the boat tour, we headed down to the financial district of New York where we saw the NY Stock Exchange and Trinity Church. We then walked a few blocks and saw Ground Zero. It is amazing to see the amount of activity as construction on the Freedom Tower has gotten started. Hopefully in a few short years, there will be some wonderful memorials and a new tallest building in the U.S. at this site. A few of us went to St. Paul's church right next to where the towers stood. Inside were some displays showing some photographs and artifacts from that terrible day.

Times Square was our next destination for a little shopping and very late lunch. The billboards and lights stunned the students as they walked to various restaurants and carts (yes, hotdog carts...hopefully no students are heaving as you read this). Luckily, there was no greasy-spoon named Harriet's in NYC, so the teachers enjoyed a quiet meal together at a local Ruby Tuesdays. World famous John's Pizzeria also saw a lot of RCS action.

The hour was over shortly and the group was on its way back to the hotel to primp and curl for dinner and the Broadway show. We had several students pack suits and ties, dresses and skirts in their suitcases. Needless to say, Redlands Christian's students were lookin' sharp as they hopped off the tour bus and onto the insanely crowded streets of New York. *The Lion King* production was amazing. Most of the students loved it and one was even heard saying, "That was a masterpiece."

After tonight's late night, the students should be incredibly chipper when their wakeup call comes at 6am tomorrow morning and we all head out for our final day. Please keep praying for our safe travel and that everyone stays with their chaperone while shopping tomorrow. We'd hate to leave one behind.

Signing off,  
The Fab Five

## Quotable Quotes:

"The Warthog and Meerkat!" ~Dylan on which animal he likes better from *The Lion King*

"What does 'the top of the food chain' mean? I don't get it." ~confused 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls during *The Lion King*

"Dear God, please forgive our gum chewers." ~Sohailah

"I don't have a date for the show tonight...Sohailah, will you go with me?" ~Austin J.

"Mr. Wiers, can you tie my tie?" ~Wes M.

"Mrs. Slayman, can you iron my shirt and pants?" ~Wes M., Hunter, Mr. Wit, Doug J.

"Mr. Wiers, does being so tall make you tired and cranky more easily?" ~Student

"Next DC trip I am going to do a before and after cholesterol check, just to see what eating orange chicken daily does to me." ~Mr. Wit

"Is this the same group??? They actually look good *and* smell good!" ~Larry the Bus Driver