

Good evening,

Did you enjoy your winter break? I'll write about Christmas in Canada. Our winter break started around December 13. I think it starts earlier than Japan. It is because Christmas is a bigger event than New Year holidays here. In Japan, many people visit their parents in new year holidays, but Canadian do the same things in Christmas. In my house, all the members of my host family's whole family got together and had Christmas dinner (such as turkeys and bread) on December 25th.

Also, I found a difference in Christmas presents between Japan and Canada. I've thought Christmas presents are given only to children from Santa (that means parents). However, in Canada, it is also common that kids give Christmas presents to their parents. Especially handmade stuffs are good as presents from children. I belongs to the beading club at school, so I made key holders for my host parents. I hadn't made works that have some purposes and deadlines until then, so it was a good experience for me.

In Japan, the three days, January 1st, 2nd, 3rd, are called "sanga-nichi" and everyone take rests. I was surprised because my school started on January 3rd after winter break! I felt a big difference between Japan and abroad, but I'll try my best in the rest of my studying abroad life.

Take care,

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