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from
Tillsonburg
to
Germany**

“Hello All Who Read This”

I am Evan Yallop, I am currently in Germany, and I am going to write a bit about my experience thus far. It has been 93 days since I've set off on this journey, and it's been amazing and there is much to say. Let's start by saying thank you to everyone. My family, the Rotary district, my club and my friends. They all supported me in getting here in different ways and I will always be endlessly grateful for that.

My journey started the day I received that envelope I had wondered for a while which one they would pick but when I read Germany off that paper could not have thought of a better pick for me, and then next thing I knew I was in the airport, Toronto Pearson I had to leave twice the second time made the charm though and I was able to get on a plane it was more emotional the second time I went through security I and my parents had been prepared for me to leave the day before so it was a bit harder to hold it together. When I arrived in Germany I was greeted by my host mother. I had another knew experience very soon after that trains they are quite possibly one of the best parts of being here they make it so easy to get to other cities in a relatively quick time

Ok so school here is super different. Every student in my class has an Ipad that they use for school work, also my classes aren't constant. Some days I have 1 or two classes, while others I have 3 or 4. Each class lasts about 90 minutes. On a normal day I'll wake up at 6:50am, leave the house by 7:20 and get to school by 7:40. Another thing every class has a whole 20 minutes between them and then we also get lunch at 1 which is 45 minutes if I am still there they have surprisingly good food which you order online. Sometimes I, and a couple other exchange students in my city, will go to the local water park. Its super fun and its inside so you can go all year

I introduced them to a couple of their favorite foods from here. There are 46 exchange students in my district, and I am the only Canadian one



During my exchange in Germany, have learned a lot, met a lot of great people, and have had just amazing experiences.

I am now still with my first host family but will be switching to another when December begins. It's closer to that happening than I thought.

Recently all the other exchange students and I were in Berlin and we were able to talk to one of the parliament members, as well as go on top of the parliament building in a giant dome I could see the whole city from up there. It was awesome to see.



I've made such great friends since I've been here. They are all very kind to me and are great people. I like hearing there some stories of places they've been within their countries and what they thought of Canada if they had visited it. It's nice to be able to meet people with a different perspective of the world.



In conclusion I love it here: the food, the culture and the architecture. It's all so different. I especially appreciate any history I can learn about any and all places I visit

I love the food. I miss poutine so badly though. There is still much more for me to experience and I'm looking forward to it. I will never forget this experience no matter how long, I will cherish every minute of it. Its wonderful that I'm even able to do this at my age. I wasn't expecting to ever be able to go to another country so I'm glad I heard about this and decided to get out of my comfort zone to do it

That's all for now

Auf wiedersehen

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