

Saint Ignatius Loyola School

I've always wanted to know how different my life is from those in different countries. Well, I can happily say that I got to learn many new things about a South African School, Grey High School, through skypeing. Never would I have thought that a short 30-minute talk with four boys who attend the school and their teacher could be that informative. But let me tell you, it was really cool.

What exactly did I learn? Well, for one, they are having very rainy and stormy weather at the moment. Also, they eat many different things. For example, rather than pasta and chicken, they have lamb, pork chops, and rice. Many of them have been to the United States but no Saint Ignatius students have ever been to South Africa. They go surfing, hunting, and play sports in their free time. They asked us if we had butlers, which was pretty funny, and that certainly indicated a clear difference in our lifestyles. They get to school at around 7:30, earlier than most St. Ignatius students leave their houses for school. They also take computer, economics, and Afrikaans classes at school. Their school is very expensive compared to ours as well. They listen to mostly American music artists and don't have a favorite because there are too many. People working at the school do their laundry for them, unlike in our homes sometimes. They love video games and play on the same systems we do, Play Stations 2 and 3. They have three computer rooms and meet there every two days for an hour at a time. Our life is different from theirs.

I learned so many things from this chat and now notice the differences between my life and the lives of the boys at the Grey High School in South Africa. This was certainly a very interesting experience and I would love to Skype with them again.