

Michipicoten High School Students To Visit Spain At Christmas

Between 15 to 25 students from Wawa will be spending 12 days this Christmas in Spain. The itinerary includes three days in Madrid, capital of Spain; a six day tour through such historic centres as Toledo and Seville, and three days either in Sierra Nevada, or Costa de Sol on the sunny Mediterranean Sea. The trip, which the students are financing themselves, is intended to introduce more creativity in schooling by physically allowing students to visit and share the actual experience.

Many students will be surprised by the brightly colourful sunrise

over Europe after only a few short hours of darkness. Landing at Madrid, with an exchange rate of 55 pesetas for \$1.00, students can cheaply purchase souvenirs, quality leather goods, or authentic swords near Atocha Station, or buy the best meals for only \$2.00. Subway fares in comparison, are only 6 cents. A visit to the Prado, one of Europe's most famous museums, offers paintings by such masters as El Greco, David, Goya, and Van Dyke. The Palacio Royal, with its 2,000 gorgeous rooms, will instill a deep insight and appreciation for Spain's flamboyant history. Night life will include visits to Spanish discos, opportunities to become acquainted with Spanish youth and pop music, and to view flamenco dancing in lively tavernas.

Bus tours through the hot, dry and invincibly romantic Andalusian region, the most scenic and aged portion of Spain, will instill many enthusiastic memories. Students will recall such early morning sounds of donkeys clattering noisily down winding, cobble stone roadways, or the smells of the country market place.

Most important, the students will learn to travel in a non-English country. Confidence will be gained in communication and in making contact with a different ethnic race in their authentic cultural milieu. Thus the trip will be hopefully an introduction for many more independent ventures to America's original homeland.

Mr. Bougadis and Mr. Pugh, both history and geography teachers at Michipicoten High School, will escort the students. Mr. Bougadis, a veteran of a student trip to Greece last March, has travelled broadly, while Mr. Pugh, who has studied Spanish for years, has spent two years touring Europe, including Spain.