

## *“Bonjour!” from France*



*Camille Compagne (left), Emily Harr (middle), and Lizzie Hansen (right) visit Millennium Park in Chicago.*

### **Redfield High School is Joined by Foreign Exchange Student From France**

by Zoe Cosato, Senior Editor

Camille Compagne is one of two foreign exchange students that joined Redfield High School this year. Compagne, 15, is staying with the Harr family (Shari, Clyde, and Emily) on their farm outside of Zell and is part of the junior class. Compagne is from Beaucaire near Marseille in southern France. Compagne has a family of five, consisting of her mother (Denise), two brothers (Thomas, 20, and Baptiste, 17), and one sister (Claire, 21). Compagne has been to

Scotland, Spain, Islas Canarias (a Spanish island near Africa), and Italy. Understanding the language is what Compagne says is the hardest part about coming here. She says her favorite part about the United States so far has been the One Direction concert she went to in Chicago with her host family.

Of the many differences between the US and France, Compagne mentioned that school is one of the biggest, like they don't have Homecoming in France. Compagne went on to describe that in France they get a break for about an hour or so to eat lunch. They have four hours of class in the morning before lunch and four hours in the afternoon after lunch. Compagne says they don't have study halls in France, homework is done at home after school or when the teacher is gone. She says they don't use computers for school either.

In France, school starts off with primary or nursery school for children age 5 to 11, followed by junior high for children eleven to fifteen years old, ending with high school for people aged 15 to 18 years old. After completing high school, students in France then go to a specific school in which they study for their job. Camille says she was in junior high last year and took French, English, Spanish, Latin, Chemistry/Physics, Art, Music, History, Math, and sports. Camille is currently taking US History, English III, Accounting, Algebra II, study hall, Chorus, Journalism, and food and your health.

“I miss my home because of my family, but I like my host family very much,” Compagne stated.

Compagne says she played cello from age five to ten. Her favorite pass times are reading, playing with her animals, running, biking, and visiting her grandparents. Compagne participated in basketball, handball, running, badminton, gymnastics, tennis, and volleyball but says she was best at gymnastics and running.