

# Charles E. Shea Senior High School

## ➔ Hospitality and Tourism Academy



# China Bound

November 17, 2009 ~ 147 Days until our April 14, 2010 departure!

### ➔ *Get Ready to Rock!*

Shea High School's Music Teacher, Mike Marra, leads a double life; by day he inspires young musicians and by night he jams with [The Naked's](#). This Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6:15 PM Mike and his fellow band members have generously donated their time and talent to help the Shea Hospitality and Tourism Academy raise money for their upcoming trip to China.

The Naked's, together since 1973, have played for audiences everywhere including Bill Clinton and the sitcom *Family Guy*. They play tunes such as Take Me to the River (Al Green), Living in America (James Brown), Gotta Get You into My Life (The Beatles), and Superstition (Stevie Wonder).

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Shea juniors with perfect NECAP attendance will be admitted FREE with a photo ID. Shea High School is located at 485 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI. Questions can be sent to Debbie Ludovico at [ludovicod@psdri.net](mailto:ludovicod@psdri.net).

### ➔ *About the Trip...*

Last April, Pawtucket School Department Superintendent Dr. Hans Dellith, traveled across the world to China, integrating several school visits into his trip. Included in his excursion was a visit to [Hengshui High School](#) in Hebei, China, an elite institution that educates 7,000 students. An articulation agreement was signed by officials from both schools to seal a hopefully long-lasting relationship between Hengshui and Shea.

Ten students and two teachers will retrace Dr. Dellith's path to be guests of Hengshui High School April 14 - 28, 2010. In exchange, Shea will host Hengshui students later this school year. Dr. Christopher Lord, principal of Shea High School, polled teachers and students interested in the trip. All that were polled agreed that it was too much to ask students to each pay \$2,500 for their passage; especially during an economic crisis. Those polled also agreed that the biggest challenge would be to raise the \$30,000 needed to make this trip a reality. The group decided that each traveler would pay \$200 toward the cost of the trip and try to fund-raise the balance. (continued)

Dan Sullivan, CEO of Collette Vacations stepped up to our call for assistance and provided the Hospitality and Tourism Academy with the opportunity to purchase airline tickets at his company's cost, greatly reducing the cost of the trip to \$1,800 per traveler. Now our fund raising goal is \$21,600. Our China travelers are working hard to make this trip a reality. Any assistance in our efforts would be greatly appreciated!

### ✈ *In the News...*

For more information about our trip, check out Ethan Shorey's wonderful article in [The Valley Breeze](#).

### ✈ *How Can You Help?*

- Donate! Please send a check (made out to "Shea High School" with "China Trip" in the memo) to Dr. Lord, Principal, Shea High School, 485 East Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 01860
- Buy buttons! Help our students raise spending money by purchasing buttons from them.
- Send any fundraising contacts you might have to Debbie Ludovico at [ludovicod@psdri.net](mailto:ludovicod@psdri.net) or Joanne Pickford at [pickfordj@psdri.net](mailto:pickfordj@psdri.net).
- Forward this news flash to anyone you think might be interested and/or able to contribute to our trip.

### ✈ *In the Next Issue of "China Bound"...*

- Meet the travelers – photos and short biographies
- More about the link between Shea and Hengshui High Schools
- A link to the Pawtucket Times article

### ✈ *Contacts*

Dr. Christopher Lord, Principal, Shea High School: [lordc@psdri.net](mailto:lordc@psdri.net)

Debbie Ludovico, Teacher & Hospitality Academy Director: [ludovicod@psdri.net](mailto:ludovicod@psdri.net)

Joanne Pickford, Special Education Teacher & Chaperone: [pickfordj@psdri.net](mailto:pickfordj@psdri.net)