Dear Medeline and Rebecca:

How are you? The day before yesterday was Christmas, which reminds me of my friends at the other side of the Pacific Ocean :) I am writing to send you my most sincere wishes: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Sorry it is somewhat late.

Things are going fine in my family. I just feel that the responsibility on my shoulder getting heavier as my mom and grandpa grow older.

There are more changes in my academic life this year. I have become a senior high school student and entered the best class in my city because of my good academic performance (remark: top entrance exam scores).

 I am getting along well with my new classmates. They are all very friendly and warm-hearted. We have a lot of class activities, such as English chorus competition and English debate competition. I have also represented my class to compete with junior and senior students in an encyclopedic knowledge competition. In addition, we will perform in a school-wide arts festival soon.

The life in senior high school is somewhat stressful and intense as I have to take care of both my study and extracurricular activities. However, I take the stress as my motivation to improve myself and develop my skills in different areas. I am trying to keep a balance between school courses and extracurricular activities, so that I can not only study effectively but also enjoy my time outside the class.

When interacting with my classmates, I try to behave naturally and confidently. I believe an optimistic attitude and smile are the keys to feel happy. I cherish both success and difficulties as the fortune in my life.

I am hoping to contribute to the society as I can and inspire others with my sincerity and enthusiasm. I know my effort now may not be significant, but I will keep facing the challenge in my life and building up my strength, so that one day I can help other people more with my ability. I will study hard to make myself a better person, helping me and others to live a happy and fulfilled life.

I am looking forward to hearing from you! How is everything? Thank you very much for your continued support and help. I really appreciate it!

Best regards,

Lin (last) Ning

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