

## The Winter Holiday Season

You should read our ALT blogs from January 2014 for Christmas and New Year's, and my December 2013 ALT blog for Thanksgiving.

Visit: <http://www.town.kanegasaki.iwate.jp/02torikumi/17eigononmati/eigononmati003.htm>

and go to 12月 ウィリアム (William; Thanksgiving) and 1月 ダニエル(Daniel; Christmas) and ウィリアム (William; New Year's) for these festive blogs.

It's very, very difficult to write new information for these Holidays because they are very, very old and we usually do the same things every year.

For “new” information, I will show you two interesting things we do in America starting from mid-November.

In our shopping centers, we have men dressed as Santa, who listen to Christmas wishes from children. Sometimes, the queue (line) can last for a few hours.



You can see that the child is incredibly happy. She is crying, and this is a common way children react to the strange man (不審者) in red.

Black Friday starts the day after Thanksgiving, and is the #1 worst time to work in a store. The pay is sometimes good, but it is very, very difficult and stressful.



Sometimes, people die on this shopping day, being trampled or by fighting other customers.