

Our Hirosho School Life!



What happened in July?

Victory!!!!!! Congrats baseball team!

The Hirosho baseball team won the prefecture wide summer baseball tournament. This is awesome news for them! It means that they get to move on to the famous nationwide tournament at Koshien Stadium in August. Hirosho has a long history of going to the tournament at Koshien stadium. This time will be the 23rd time Hirosho will make it to the national tournament. It has been 15 years since our last journey to Koshien and the team performed well in the tournament. The first two games we played were decisive victories. The third and fourth games were very close. We went into extra innings in both games before continuing on to the final four.

In the semifinal match we played against Koryo. Koryo High School has been the team to go to the national tournament for the last two years. Each year they were the team that knocked Hirosho out of the tournament. This year we defeated them in a 13-5 match. This brought Hirosho to the Championship game at Mazda Stadium on July 29th.

Hirosho went ahead early with a 10-1 lead at the end of the 3rd inning. After that, Onomichi had a strong comeback scoring six runs in the sixth inning. The final score of the game was 10 to 7, Hirosho taking the win. Now Hirosho awaits the drawing for the tournament bracket for the National tournament. Now it's time for a lot of hard work before heading off to the national tournament. Squeeze in some last minute practices, and arrange your travel plans before participating in this once in a lifetime event! Congrats on an awesome job and good luck at Koshien!



Exams and Closing Ceremony

Exams were held for students from July first until July fifth. Many of the students worked really hard to get good grades on their exams. After the exams, students began preparing for their summer vacation. Students have many homework assignments for the break. They had about two weeks to ask questions about the various assignments they were given. The closing ceremony and the end of the school term were on July 19th. Afterwards the students were free from classes for the summer.

Second Year Internships

During the summer break, second-year students intern at various companies around Hiroshima to get experience with real life working conditions. Some of the internships began immediately after the end of the term, other will begin their internships in August. It's a valuable chance for students to apply many of the things they learn at school. After students return from summer vacation the second-years will make a presentation to the school about what they did and what they have learned.

Third-Year Interviews

This time of the year is when the soon-to-graduate student start thinking about their future plans. Many of the students will began practicing interviews with their teachers. If the students practice now, they should be in good shape for their interviews in September.

What's coming in August?

Koshien

Our baseball team gets to compete in the special Koshien summer tournament.

Summer Break

Students get to spend some time enjoying their time off school.

Practice Job interviews

Third year students are continuing to practice for their job and university entrance interviews.

Second Year Internships

In the beginning of August second year students will go to various workplaces to work for a few days.

Opening ceremony for the Second Term

August 28th will be the day the students return for opening ceremony and classes.

In the ALT's corner...

English Challenge

Students are out of school and being out of school means they don't have to focus on everything else. They have homework, but they don't get to practice very important parts of English. Speaking and listening. Most students will hear at least a little English during their summer vacation, whether it's on TV, the radio or online. Students don't get to practice English much.

Here is the English challenge for this month. When you are watching TV or riding the bus, during commercial or at each stop, take that time to describe everything in English! Explain the commercial or bus stop in English! What was the commercial about? What are they selling? Describe the people, the places, the animals and the buildings. At first it is kind of hard. After you do it three or four times, it will get easier. You want to say more and more things each time! You have to race against yourself. If there is a word you don't know, describe it, and write it down in Japanese, later, look it up in a dictionary.

Speech Recitation Contest

So far this year's speech contest has been interesting. At first we had too many people sign up to participate!!! That is awesome! Usually teachers have to recruit students and encourage them a lot to give it a try. This year we had too many students ask to participate.

Now, most of the students are hard at work. Students writing their own speeches have begun the long process of writing their speeches. Writing a speech like this is difficult because it needs to be about something the student is passionate about, but that the audience can also become very interested in and feel the feelings the presenter feels.

The recitation students have all selected their speech and are beginning to practice memorizing, pronunciation and intonation for their speeches. Try to say these phrases and make them sound correct!

A cold, hard world.

Harsh words and negative comments.

Many students say hard world, and harsh words with very similar pronunciations!.

Summer break: Japan vs America

Summer break is very different in Japan and America. During summer break here, many students and teachers are here every day. In America the only people who show up are members of sports teams. Even then, only soccer, football, marching band and wrestling usually practice. They often only practice for a few hours in the morning or in the evening. Many American students and teachers get part time jobs during their summer vacations so they can have some money to spend. I think the biggest difference is duration. In Japan, summer break is a month long. In America, summer break is usually two and a half months long! Can you imagine not coming to school for two and a half months?

