

Our Hirosho School Life!



What happened in February?

Senior Celebration

The final day of the senior exams was February 5th. It was their last day at Hirosho before their graduation practice and graduation. At the end of the day, many of the clubs put on performances to say farewell and thank you to their upper classmen. Many of the clubs put on a performance. The rock band club performed many songs. The cheer club and baton club each put on a performance. The



English club and the drama club worked together to perform a drama together. Finally, the brass band club performed a few songs for the outgoing seniors with all of the third year homeroom teachers putting on a little dance. After that, each of the homeroom teachers showed a farewell video

for the students they had helped for the past three years. It was a great way to say goodbye and good luck to all of the third year students. Hirosho wishes all of the third years a great break before graduation!



Show and Tell

This year the second year students had a new English-speaking test, and it had some very interesting results. The students have to bring something for "Show and Tell". Where they will show an object, and talk about that object for one and a half minutes to two and a half minutes. Some of the students were magnificent. One quiet girl in class was very loud and clear while presenting the gloves used for an arcade music game that she enjoys. One of the boy students made an interesting presentation where he played the theme song to his favorite anime the entire time that he presented! He had to speak



very loudly and confidently to be heard over the music, and he was very successful! Other notable performances were about loved family members and pets, concerts, future jobs, and favorite hobby. It was fun practice for the students and will likely make its return next year too!



Final Exams

First and second graders had their final exams starting Wednesday the 26th, and they will continue until the fourth of March. Many students are using this opportunity to try to raise their overall grade for the courses with low scores. Good luck in the rest of your testing!

What's coming in March?

Graduation!

At long last, the 3rd year students will be set free.

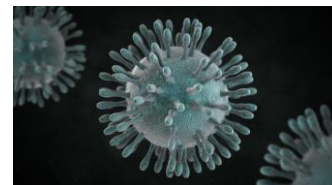
Corona Virus might close schools.

PM Shinzo Abe has requested that the schools will close for one month to prevent the spread of the virus.

In the ALT's corner...

COVID-19

Recently there has been a lot of attention to a Corona virus. With this in mind, I think it is important to think about personal hygiene and preventing the spread of germs and viruses. The most important steps prevent spreading any illness (flu, COVID, a common cold, etc.) are as follows:



- 1) Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 3) Stay home when you are sick.
- 4) Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- 5) Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- 6) Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- 7) Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Please stay safe and help prevent the spread of all diseases. In Japanese work and school culture, I have noticed that many people will come to school when they are ill. This helps spread the illnesses to everybody. Wearing a mask does not sufficiently protect the people around you from any illness you have. Stay home, help your friends and coworkers stay healthy!

Facemask Usage

As a result of the spread of COVID-19, facemasks in Japan have been sold out. Most people think a facemask will prevent you from catching an illness; however, often it doesn't help at all. Illnesses can be contracted through breathing, but also through contact with any mucosal tissue, such as your eyes, your nose, your mouth, or any open wounds. A facemask only prevents one of the methods of contracting illnesses. It also encourages people to touch their faces, where your eyes, nose and mouth are, because the masks move around, and can be uncomfortable. They are best used when you are sick and HAVE to go out into public (for food, medicine, or medical help) to prevent spreading your illness to nearby people, even then, don't touch the mask, and be careful when you remove it to contain all the potentially hazardous materials inside. The best way to prevent getting sick, is avoid sick people, so, if you are sick, don't put others at risk. Stay home until you are healthy.