

Our Hirosho School Life!



What happened in August?

Koshien

Hirosho earned the right to participate in the Koshien tournament by winning the summer tournament in Hiroshima prefecture. The baseball boys went up for the opening ceremony on August sixth. The drawing set Hirosho to play against Okayama Gakugeikan High School from Okayama on August 10th. At around 6 a.m. on August 10th, 35 busses left Hiroshima, bound for Koshien Stadium. Many of the busses arrived an hour before game time. The game before Hirosho's game was a tie and went into extra innings, so the game was pushed back about an hour.

Okayama started off strong scoring a run in the first inning. In the second, Hirosho tied it up. Hirosho managed to build up a five to three lead by the top of the eighth. Then things took a turn for the worst for Hirosho. In the bottom of the eighth, Okayama Gakugeikan High School scored three runs, putting them up by one. In the top of the ninth, Hirosho rallied. They had the bases loaded, with two outs. They subbed in a pinch hitter. His count was 3 balls, two strikes. Then the pitcher threw the ball and... strike. Game over.



The whole Koshien experience was an unforgettable experience for the students and the teachers. Upon the start of the new school term, the baseball team was awarded and congratulated for their work at the opening ceremony. Great work Hirosho! You can do it next year too!

Practice Job Interviews and internships

Throughout summer break many of the third year students have been practicing a lot for their job or university entrance interviews. They are working hard to help secure their futures! Each student will meet with teachers that have helped them throughout their time at Hirosho.

The Second years had internships at different companies. Each student had a job to do at a company. It helped the students learn about life in a real job. This month, students will make presentations on what they learned.

Students' Summer Breaks

Students had time out of class in August. Many students came to school for various reasons. The baseball club had games and preparations for Koshien. The rubber baseball club went to the Cugoku regional tournament. One third year student passed the highest rank of the adult bookkeeping certification test. The business research club had presentations on their Etajima campaign for which they have won awards. There were softball and soccer practices. A student won top ten in the national calligraphy competition. A few students went abroad for brief homestays. Others took trips to Osaka and Tokyo. Many of the students were busy during the break, but it was still much needed time to relax before the new school term.



Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was held on August 28th in the gym. It signifies the beginning to the second school term of the year. Many different clubs were awarded for their performances during their summer vacation tournaments. This term will be a busy term for everybody as many things occur, especially for the seniors. Let's have an awesome term!

What's coming in September?

Open School

The school will open up so that prospective students can check out Hirosho.

Sports Day

The students will compete against each other in various events to encourage physical activity.

Job interviews

Third year students begin having their interviews with various workplaces and universities.

Certification Tests

September has two tests for students to get certifications of achievement.

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. Speaking is something you can do alone. If you really want to improve your language abilities, you have to use it! You can pick a day of each week, or a time of each day, where you must speak English. For me, I make myself talk about my day before dinner. I have to use my foreign language to explain my whole day. I cannot eat my dinner until I finish explaining my day! At first it was very hard for me, now it is easy!

If you do the same thing, your English will get better very fast! Try not to use a dictionary or Google! If you can't remember it, look it up, but the next day, remember it!

Speech Recitation Contest

The English Speech Contest is underway. The recitation students have got their speeches and are practicing their pronunciation and intonation. They are also working on their memorization. The free time from summer vacation gave them a lot of time to focus.

The students writing their speeches have been working hard to get their speeches written, but it is a very difficult process. First they have to pick a strong topic that will be important for them, and their audience. Then they have to write their ideas in Japanese and figure out how to express them in English. All of this needs to be finished before they can move on to memorize and practice how to deliver their words.

Hopefully all the hard work pays off and one of the students will get to compete at the Tokyo speech contest!

August 6th

August 6th is an important day in Hiroshima. At 8:15 a.m. in 1945 an atomic bomb was dropped on the city center. Hiroshima and its people are very interesting as a result of this history. The city has been rebuilt, but has many landmarks to remind of this tragedy. These landmarks are important for reminding people of the devastation that results from these weapons. During the anniversary, the entire city is quiet at 8:15 to show respect for the dead. There are tours and guest speakers at all of the major landmarks around the Peace Park. At night, you can make a lantern to send down the river to help guide the dead to their afterlife.

The whole experience is very powerful. It is sad. It is happy. It is bad. It is good. It is amazing. For me, the most impressive people are the survivors and people from Hiroshima. Many people here focus on preventing the use of terrible weapons on other people. To spread their message, a few of the survivors have learned English to help spread their stories. It is an important ceremony. It helps remind us of the past so we can focus on a better future for everybody.

