



Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

2019 Alberta / Japan Two-Week Exchange



Edmonton-Japan Exchange

We had a very successful exchange in 2016 and now in 2019, Edmonton and Area will host approximately 160 Japanese students from Yamate Gakuin in Yokohama, Japan.

*****There will be an information evening on
Wednesday, April 11 at ABJ, in the Library 6:30 pm**

Dates for the 2019 Exchange:

1. North America Exchange

1. Yamate arriving in Edmonton: April 12th (Friday)
2. Departing: April 26th (Friday)

2. Return Visit

1. Edmonton students arriving in Japan: July 20th (Saturday). (To arrive in Japan on July 20th, you will need to leave on Friday, July 19th.)
2. Departing Japan: August 3rd (Saturday)

Should you wish to Billet, please fill out the billet request form and return it to Ms Hallonquist.

Please send any inquiries to Ms Hallonquist : margeh@eics.ab.ca, 780 467-2121 Ext 2110

Purpose

This short-term reciprocal student exchange program is designed to give Alberta students an opportunity to learn more about Japan and its culture and to give Japanese students a similar opportunity to learn about Canada.

Objectives

- To enable high school students to experience family and school life in another country
- To establish international contacts
- To develop an understanding of another culture
- To promote international understanding

Yamate Gakuin

Yamate is a private co-educational school located in Yokohama, Japan. The school, which was founded in 1966, provides a liberal education emphasizing responsible participation in community and international affairs. An international excursion is an integral part of the school's educational program and is compulsory for all Grade 11 students. Field trips to the United States and Canada and the return visits from American and Canadian students have been prominent events for the school for the past 36 years.

Exchange Program

Each April, approximately 160 Yamate students come to Alberta for two weeks. During this period they are billeted with Alberta families and attend classes in their host school, tour local attractions, attend social functions, spend family time with their host families, etc.

In July, Alberta students pay a return visit to Japan and stay with Japanese families. Yamate Gakuin organizes some special day tours for the visiting students. Priority to travel to Japan goes first to students who billet Japanese students. The only costs to the Alberta student are airfare, ground transportation, insurance and spending money.

Any hosting student from a hosting school may apply for the return visit, but, if some extra spaces are available, other students from those hosting schools can apply. Should you wish to be involved in this program and can billet Japanese students, but are unable to travel to Japan, this would still be a wonderful experience.

In the 2018-2019 school year, the Yamate students will exchange with the Edmonton & Area Schools (a three year cycle – Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer).

There will be 8 Edmonton – Area schools involved this year: Archbishop Jordan, John Paul II (St. Andre Bessette), Salisbury Composite, Jasper Place, Strathcona Composite, Louis St. Laurent, Sturgeon Composite and St. Peter the Apostle (Spruce Grove).

Approximately 160 Yamate students will arrive Friday April 12 in Edmonton to stay 2 weeks until Friday April 26, 2019 with their Edmonton area hosts. In July 2019, all schools participating in hosting will send students to Yokohama, Japan for 2 weeks on the reciprocal exchange. The chaperones will be from the participating schools.

Itinerary In Japan

Friday, July 19- Saturday, August 3, 2019

Fri July 19 – leave Edm/Vanc – for Tokyo

Sat July 20 – arrive Tokyo, bus to Yamate Gakuin School, hosted by parents

Sun July 21 – with host family

Mon July 22 - with host family

Tue July 23-with host family

Wed July 24 – Tokyo Excursion

Thurs July 25 - with host family

Fri July 26 - Yokohama Excursion

Sat July 27 – with host family

Sun July 28 - Cultural day hosted by Yamate Parent's association 10:00 – 12:00

Mon July 29 - with host family

Tue July 30 – with host family

Wed Aug 31 - Disneyland tour hosted by Yamate Parent's association

Thur Aug 1 - with host family

Fri Aug 2- with host family

Sat Aug 3 - leave for Canada, arrive back in Canada