A meeting will be held for parents and students in April/May 2024. Announcements will be made on this page, in the school and in the ABJ S'More.

<u>Please note that space will be limited and NOT all students who wish to participate will get the</u> <u>opportunity to travel to Japan. Please consider the opportunity will happen again in 2028.</u>

Would you like one of a kind, high school experience? This Edmonton Area Japan exchange happens once every 3 years and it is an experience you'd never forget. Currently, Edmonton and Area will host and travel in 2025 and at present plans, in 2028.

Here is some information about the Japanese Reciprocal Exchange Program.

Historically, the program occurred every three years and 2019 was the last year of travel prior to the pandemic. This exchange is paired with students from Yamate Gakuin High School, located in Yokohama, Japan. Compulsory international travel is a requirement for all students at the school. The Grade 11 students travel to North America.

This program is a two week- reciprocal homestay exchange where students stay in each others' homes. Students spend time in each other's school, touring local attractions, attending social functions, spending family time with their host families, etc.

If traveling to Japan is not an option but you would like to participate, you are welcome to billet Japanese students (typically 2/home). Your child could participate in school activities, and of course provide your Japanese student an amazing experience.

Please contact Mrs. Elaan Zaleschuk, Director and Chair of Edmonton and Area Yamate Exchange Committee.

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