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Japanese Reciprocal Exchange 2019

Dear Parents,

I am happy to announce an amazing opportunity at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, a Japanese Reciprocal Exchange program. This program occurs every three years and 2019 is the year! The students who are coming to Alberta are from Yamate Gakuin High School, located in Yokohama, Japan. The school 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 at the school. Archbishop Jordan and other Edmonton and greater Edmonton schools have been involved in this program for 30 years. Please feel free to peruse the following links to this school and the program:

 <http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/nie/exchange/Student/Yamate/>

 <http://www.archbishopjordan.ab.ca/japan_exchange.htm>

 <http://www.yamate-gakuin.ac.jp/english/>

Let me inform you how the program works and how you may get involved. First, all students are billeted as they stay in each other’s country. This includes spending time in each other’s school, touring local attractions, attending social functions, spending family time with their host families, etc. Priority to travel to Japan goes first to students who billet Japanese students. 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 opportunity to be involved in the exchange program.

In 2018, the program for the 2019 Exchange year will be planned. In the spring of 2018, the promotion of the Japan exchange will begin in earnest. Travel dates for the exchange are:

1. **North America Exchange**
	1. Yamate arriving in Edmonton: April 12 th (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 have any (many) questions, I am free to answer any of them. I may be reached at the school or by email.

Arrigato,



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