

Summer Trip 2017 Information and Recommendations

- ❖ **Student spending money.** Not all cash dispensers (ATMs) in Japan accept foreign debit cards so please bring enough Japanese Yen to last the two weeks.
- ❖ **Friendship Day.** There is no Friendship Day so students are not required to do any cultural performances during their stay.
- ❖ **Welcome Ceremony.** One student from each group will be asked to provide brief comments to the families at the welcome ceremony.
- ❖ **Departure Day.** There is no ceremony on the day of departure. Students arrive at the school, say goodbye to host families, board the bus and leave.
- ❖ **Recommendations.**
 - Students must abide by house rules of host families.
 - Student curfew is 9 p.m. unless with members of host family.
 - Please do not swim in the sea.
 - No fireworks or bbqs are allowed in local parks or beaches.
 - Please be aware of the temperature in Japan and dress appropriately – protecting yourself from the sun’s strong UV rays. Please don’t wear clothing items that would not be allowed here in school. (*Japanese tend to dress more modestly than North Americans.*)
 - Remember to drink lots of fluids while outdoors to avoid dehydration.
 - Spend as much time with your host family members as possible; the focus is on interaction with your hosts.
 - Do not travel to other areas of Japan without a host family member.
 - Please do not use the host family’s home telephone to call the United States – without their consent.
 - Your host family will be paying your train and/or bus fares to and from Yamate High School on excursion days.
 - If host families take you to amusement parks or any facilities that require an admission fee, they will pay the full fee. If you decide to go somewhere, you will be responsible for your own admission fees, transportation fees, etc.
 - Remember, what you buy has to fit into your suitcase on the trip home! No Samurai swords please!!