

Japanese Reciprocal Exchange 2025



Dear Parents,

I am happy to announce an amazing opportunity at Archbishop Jordan Catholic School, St. Andre Bessette Catholic School, Louis St. Laurent Catholic School, Sturgeon Composite High School and Jasper Place High School; a Japanese Reciprocal Exchange program. This program occurs every three years and 2019 was the last year Edmonton and area participated. The students who are coming to Alberta are from Yamate Gakuin High School, located in Yokohama, Japan. An international excursion is an integral part of the school's educational program and is compulsory for all Grade 11 students at the school.

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. 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 the fall of 2024, the promotion of the Japan exchange will begin in earnest. Travel dates for the exchange are:

North America Exchange

- a) Yamate arriving in Edmonton: April 11/25
- b) Departing: April 25/25

Return Visit to Japan

- c) Edmonton students arriving in Japan: July 18/25
- d) Departing Japan: August 2/25

This Exchange has a limited number of spots, approximately 12 students/ school. In order for your child to qualify for a spot, the following information MUST be completed.

1. **Deposit and Subsequent Payment Proposal**

- **Deposit Deadline Nov 4th** (to hold the spot): \$500 (non-refundable)
- *****ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE ONLY ACCEPTED VIA E-TRANSFER TO**
- **edmontonyamate2025@gmail.com (**Please include the students First and Last Name and School Abbreviation - ABJ, SAB, LSL, JP, STU.)**
 - First payment Dec. 2/24- \$900
 - Second Payment Jan. 6/25- \$900
 - Final Payment Feb. 3/25- \$900
- **Security Question- Where is my child traveling to?**
- **Security Answer- Japan (Case sensitive)**

- 2. **[Edmonton and Area Yamate Exchange 2025 Quest for Billets-](#)** This form is to be completed by the student and their parent/guardian.

3. **[Medical Information and Treatment Release Form](#)**

4. **[Reference Form](#)**

A teacher reference form will be required by those students who wish to participate. The Teacher name and email will be collected in the "Quest for Billets" form.

Should you have any questions, I am available to answer them by email indicated in the signature below. Mr. Barnaby is also the contact at Louis St. Laurent and can be reached at chayne.barnaby@ecsd.net

Sincerely,

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