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Firsts and Lasts at Rose Festival

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On Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th, Bunka Gakuen University Suginami Junior and Senior High School hosted its annual Rose Festival. The theme this year was “Flower”.

For their very first Rose Festival as DD students, the grade 10s opened a store called “Re:Wolf”. At “Re:Wolf”, people used nail polish to make their own keychain accessories.

For their second Rose Festival as DD students, the Grade 11s opened a bakery, “Dan Dan Bakery”, that served different kinds of breads. The “flower bread” was the most popular item on their menu.

For their final Rose Festival as DD students, the Grade 12s opened a food store, “Dipko’s Kitchen”, where they served hamburgers and cakes. Everyone

was surprised when the Gateau Chocolat sold out in 30 minutes.

On Saturday evening, DD students participated in the Saturday Night Performance for the first time. Filled with amazing dance moves and harmonious singing, the evening succeeded in attracting the audience.

Because this year is Bunsugi’s final year as an all-girl’s school, the students worked very hard to make Rose Festival unforgettable for both students and visitors alike. We can easily say that everyone succeeded in doing so. See you at next year’s Rose Festival!



Articles by students

In this newsletter we are pleased to feature a selection of writing done by the Grade 12 Journalism class. Thank you to those students for their interviews and their work on the articles!

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Celebration of Rose Festival

The Annual Rose Festival was a great hit once again this year with over 2000 visitors coming to play games, make crafts, watch the fashion show and enjoy all of our students and our school.

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What Summer Brought Us:

by Miu Aoki, Shibi Ikezaki, and Maily Naruoka

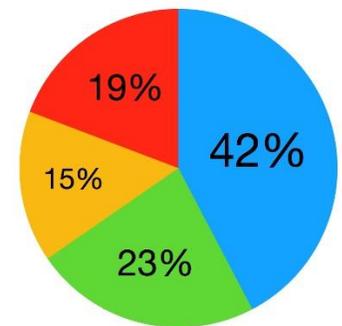
Recently, the grade 12 Journalism class asked all grade 11 and 12 DD students for one adjective to describe their summer. Some of the grade 11 adjectives were “hectic”, “nostalgic”, and “active”. The grade 11s chose these words because many students travelled (to Canada, America, Okinawa, or elsewhere) during their holidays. Some of the grade 12 adjectives were “exhausting”, “self-reflective”, and “productive”. The grade 12s chose these words because many students were busy studying for university entrance exams. But just how much did DD students study during the summer? Overall, the grade 11 and 12 DD students reported an average study time of 28.3 hours per week. (Please see our pie chart for more information).

With summer now behind us, the grade 12 journalists asked the grade 11 and 12 DD students about their goals for second term. As expected, many of the grade 12s answered with something similar to “getting into my first choice university” and/or “doing well on my provincial exam”. The grade 11s are getting into exam-mode, too, with many of them reporting “taking the TOEFL and Eiken test” as their goal for second term. Good luck, grade 11s and 12s!



Reported Study Time Each Week, July and August—Grade 11s and 12s

● 1-14h ● 15-30h ● 31-60h ● 61-90h



Gr. 10 students celebrating their time at Ballenas Secondary School where they learned about Canadian history and BC First Nations. Students also learned about life in BC with their homestay hosts.



A Window into Canada: Gr. 10 DD Students Return to Tokyo

By Journalism 12

“Unforgettable”, “challenging”, “interesting”, and “amazing”—four of the many adjectives that the grade 10 students used to describe their recent summer trip to British Columbia, Canada. In addition to practicing their English language skills and completing grade 10 Social Studies while in BC, many students enjoyed cycling at the beach, talking with new people, kayaking, jumping on backyard trampolines, and more!

And what about the food? When asked about the best thing that they ate while in Canada, multiple grade 10 students reported enjoying poutine, hamburgers, and/or pirogies—dumplings stuffed with a filling such as

potato and/or cheese. Another culinary highlight was the sweet breakfast cereal called Cinnamon Toast Crunch.

Special thanks to the grade 12 Journalism class for interviewing the grade 10 students about their recent trip to Canada, and to the grade 10 students for opening up and sharing about their adventures. Welcome back to Tokyo, grade 10s! And congratulations on completing Social Studies 10.





HALLOWEEN AT BLOOMBERG 2016!



Halloween Theme over the years

After studying hard and performing well on mid-terms, DD students enjoy the Canadian tradition of Halloween in their classes. (Gr. 10-2015 above; gr. 11-2016 below)



Applications for Next Year

There is a lot of interest in the DD High School program as well as the DD prep Junior High program for next year. We have had many, many visitors and we are always pleased to share what we do with our visitors. If you or anyone you know are interested in joining BSCIS next year, please contact the office and make sure you know when the entrance exams are scheduled. You can also check our website at:

<https://bunsugi.jp/>

NOTES FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Grade 12 university applications

Halloween

Students are excited about Halloween! On Oct. 31 all three classes will have a Halloween-language rich classroom special event along with a celebration of costumes. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes but participation is optional. Schedule on Oct. 31:

1. Lunch: Students get on their costumes
2. Period 5: DD Halloween celebration
3. Period 6/7/Homeroom: students can keep on their costumes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact us in the office to find out more information about what universities our students are applying to and what our results have been up to now.

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This time of year is exciting and stressful for all grade 12 students in Japan looking ahead to university. Not only do these students need to complete their academic year for both BC and Japan, but they have to prepare for the intense entrance exams of the universities of their choice.

In DD our students are preparing for graduation in B.C. as well as entrance to Japanese universities. This is our first graduating class and we have worked closely with every graduate to ensure that they do their best as they apply to universities of their choice.

This is the time that the benefits of graduating from the Double Diploma

program are becoming very clear to our students. The benefits that have been explained since students entered but are now being experienced by students:

1. With the Double Diploma, many students are able to apply to Japanese universities in the Early Acceptance Foreign Student option to earn early acceptance in October and November.
2. With the intensive work done in the DD program in English, students' scores for the IELTS and TOEFL are very high and helping them get into the universities of their choice.
3. With the BC Dogwood diploma some of



our students are choosing to go directly to BC for their university education. For many BC Colleges and universities a BSCIS graduate does not need an IELTS or a TOEFL score. They get accepted based on their class and exam grades in grade 12.

We wish all of the students the best of luck as they push themselves to get into the university of their choice. "I CAN do it