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Above: Our 7th Grade winners!



Above: Our 8th grade winners and their certificates.
Below: The 9th grade winners after their last JHS speech contest.



End of Term Speech Contest Results

The last week of February Kosei's junior high school students had their last speech contests of the year. The first-year students each brought in a special item for a show-and-tell speech. Everyone did a great job, with five students getting top prizes. Akane Sekiguchi took first prize, Nene Takeuchi came in second, Erika Homma third, and Mako Yamauchi and Yuma Morita tied for fourth place.

The second-year students gave a talk about "Good Day, Bad Day," a book they had just read. For many students, this was the first time reading a graded-reader in English so it was a new and challenging project! The top three book talks were by Marina Nishino (1st), Sayaka Tanno (2nd), and Reyna Ozawa (3rd).

Finally, the third-year students gave their last presentation as junior high school students. The topic was memories of junior high and themselves 10 years from now. There were two categories: a short skit and a speech. In the skit, two students talked about their memories of junior high school. The winning teams were Karen Shiose and Miyu Suzuki (1st), Harumi Isoe and Sayuka Kashiwagi (2nd), and Tomoka Kitamura and Eriko Noguchi (3rd). The winners of the speech category were Karen Tomizawa (1st), Madoka Sugimoto (2nd), and Miyaki Seto (3rd). All the students gave interesting speeches and shared many wonderful memories of their time at Kosei.

学年末スピーチコンテスト結果!

中1生は、「お気に入りの私物」についての説明、中2生は、課題図書「Good Day, Bad Day」の感想、中3生は、「中学3年間の思い出と10年後の私」をテーマとしたスキットとスピーチを英語で行いました。

中1 : 1位 関口あかね 2位 竹内寧々 3位 本間えりか 4位 山内真子・森田結万

中2 : 1位 西尾満里奈 2位 丹野紗矢香 3位 小沢礼奈

中3 : <スキット部門> 1位 塩瀬花蓮&鈴木みゆ 2位 磯辺陽美&柏木沙有加 3位 北村友香&野口絵莉子

<スピーチ部門> 1位 富澤かれん 2位 杉本円香 3位 瀬戸海晶

Karen Tomizawa's Memories of Junior High School

Hello, my name is Karen. I have been a student at Kosei for three years. In this time I have made many memories. Now, I'm going to tell you about my memories of junior high school. In the first grade I went to Kidzania. This was a nice memory because I could experience many jobs. The radio DJ's work was the most interesting. We read news from around the world and the fortune telling for that day. And we could use real microphones and headphones. They were good. In the second grade I went to Kamakura. I had never been to Kamakura before. The Daibutsu was bigger than I had expected and I ate Hato Sable. It was delicious. In the third grade I went to New Zealand on a school trip. It was really wonderful because my host family was very kind to me. So, I could speak English with them many times. I like New Zealand because there are many cute sheep there, and all New Zealanders are kind. So, I want to go there again. My best memory is that I met good friends and teachers. They are and will be precious to me.

Thank you.



Students Shine in 8th District Speech Contest

A speech contest for schools in the Setagaya and Meguro area was held at Tamagawa Seigakuin, in Jiyugaoka on February 16th. Three students from Kosei entered the contest. They were Karen Shiose and Natsuki Kosaka from the 9th grade and Yuri Hosoyama from the 11th grade study abroad class.

All three students had practiced very hard in the weeks leading up to the contest. Karen and Natsuki memorised their long recitations and added their own individual flair to the piece. Yuri, as a returnee, wrote her own speech based on her experiences in New Zealand and also memorised it perfectly.

They all did an excellent job and seemed to thrive under the pressure of being on stage in front of many people. In the end, Karen and Natsuki were very unlucky not to finish in a prize winning position. However, Yuri did! She came in second place in her first ever speech contest and received a trophy. Good job!



L-R: Natsuki, Yuri and Karen after the contest.

第八支部スピーチコンテスト2位！

2月16日に、本校生徒3名が、第八支部（世田谷・目黒・町田地区）の私立中学・高校生によるスピーチコンテストに出場しました。コンテストまでの数週間、塩瀬花蓮(3-1)、小坂菜月(3-1)、細山侑里(2-E)の3人は、本校ネイティブ教員の指導の下、生徒それぞれの個性を活かした形で表現力を高める練習を積み重ねてきました。その結果、参加生徒全員が本番でも実力を十分に発揮することができ、細山侑里さんが海外滞在経験者フリースピーチの部で第2位に入賞しました。おめでとう！



Madoka Sugimoto's Memories of Junior High School



I have been a student at Kosei for three years. I have many memories. Now, I'm going to talk about my memories of 8th and 9th grade. In the 8th grade, I did baton twirling and cheer leading at the Otomesai. First we did baton twirling. I did it with my friends in the same grade. I was nervous, but when I started to dance, it became fun. I really loved dancing to this song. Next we did cheer leading, I danced with all of the members of my club.

In the 9th grade, I went to New Zealand for the school trip. I did many things. For example, I went shopping, spoke in English and ate cupnoodles at night with Karen. They were very yummy! My best memory of New Zealand was talking to the students at Peach Grove school. Everyone was excited and they asked me a lot of questions. But I wasn't able to answer all the questions. Also, I couldn't hear them very well. I wish my English had been better when I went to New Zealand. So my dream is to be like a native speaker. And I want to live in a foreign country and speak English everyday. As for the world in 2022, I hope there will be no war in the world, and that all people will be happy.

Hinamatsuri at Kosei Girls'

The beautiful display of colourful dolls in the school's main foyer was not the only way that "Hinamatsuri" was celebrated at Kosei Girls' this year. On the second of March the girls could enjoy a special menu of traditional "Hinamatsuri" dishes in the canteen. The menu included hina-arare and some delicious tri-colour donburi!



Important Dates

- Saturday 16th - High School Graduation
- Wednesday 20th - Vernal Equinox Day
- Friday 22nd - Junior High School Graduation
- Saturday 23rd - Closing Ceremony

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