

Tokorozawa City

# Mihara Junior High School



Reiwa 5 (2023)  
April 11<sup>th</sup> (Tue)



## Newsletter ①

### School Education Goals:

- Students willing to learn (KNOWLEDGE)
- Thoughtful students (VIRTUE)
- Robust students (BODY)

**You can meet/find the person you should meet.  
It's the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of Reiwa!**

Until a few days ago, cherry blossom petals were fluttering down and I could feel the changing of the seasons. But this morning, the trees are shining with fresh, green leaves and I am amazed at how quickly time flies. Under such circumstances, I would like to express my gratitude for the presence of so many parents and guardians for the 49<sup>th</sup> Mihara Junior High School Ceremony.

Welcome to Mihara Junior High School, 241 students! Congratulations on your studies. Also, today is the start of school life where the Corona Virus infection is subsiding. As normal life is returning one step further than last year, we are able to hold the entrance ceremony which makes me happy. In addition to what I mentioned earlier, Mihara Junior High School also welcomes 232 students to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 239 students to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who have just advanced to the next level today.



Cherry trees planted in March (Amanogawa) have blossomed.

You have all been tossed around in the last three years of elementary school by the Coronavirus, but from today onwards, in your junior high school life, I hope that you will be excited about new challenges, take action and be fruitful so that you can have a fulfilling 3 years.

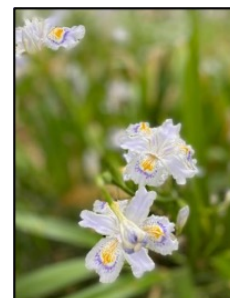
First of all, you will experience a lot of new encounters. The first encounter is an encounter with your new self. If you continue to take on challenges without fear of failure in junior high school life, each of you will achieve remarkable growth during the three years of junior high school. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's hard to feel or notice it, but every once in a while, reflect on your life and take care of yourself. Feel the sensation of growing together.

Growth also comes in the gathering of classmates from multiple elementary schools. Some people may be worried about the start of the first year of junior high school life, but as I said earlier, junior high school students are expected to grow significantly, so, you will be able to spend time with friends who are growing differently from when you were in elementary schools. In addition, through various activities such as; club activities, events, student council activities and committee activities, there are also opportunities to meet seniors who are already in junior high school. At first, you may be confused about the relationship between seniors and juniors, but I hope you will learn what a good senior should be and gain a valuable experience.

Finally, I always tell all who enter Mihara Junior High School about the "truth of encounters", which is the logic of my respected educational philosopher: Shinji Mori. Please listen.

**"Humans can always meet the people  
they should meet in their lifetime."**

**"A moment is not too early  
and a moment is not too late."**



This "butterfly flower" welcomes you at the entrance to the gymnasium.

Shinji Mori

This means that even the things hidden in “encounters” that appear to be coincidental at first glance are all due to the work of inevitability.

Whether you meet someone you like or someone you don't like, through that encounter, you will learn how to connect with society. You won't get discouraged even if you fail, and you will stand up again and again. The correct understanding of “meeting” is to see it as an opportunity to cultivate the ability to take on new challenges. Please cherish the “many encounters that are brought to you”.

From now on, you are all members of Mihara Junior High School, where you can experience genuine smiles. I welcome all of you to have wonderful encounters.

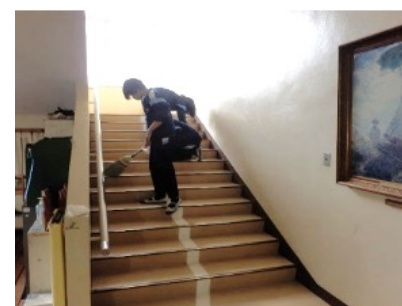
Finally, the three years of junior high school feel very fast. Students really grow big, both mentally and physically. However, with a child growing rapidly while living with a wide range of values, even the parents and guardians must be confronted with worries and concerns that are different from when they were in elementary school. It is precisely at such times that both the school and parents share the desire for the true growth of the child and the growth of “respect”. We believe that what is more important than anything else, is to build trust, which is born from a relationship of gratitude.

The core of Mihara Junior High School's way of thinking is the idea that “Children come first”. Based on our educational philosophy of “I want to get better, I want to learn”, I will do my best to ensure that all faculties and staff practice and achieve education based on the premise of “trust”. From now on, I would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation with Mihara Junior High School.

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Tokorozawa Municipal Mihara Junior High School principal, Kazuo Yoshida.

## The Mihara senior students are in ACTION!

Senior students went to school on the day of preparation on April 7<sup>th</sup>. After school activities in their old classes, we held an assembly in the gymnasium for all the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. This was the first experience for students since entering junior high school as we have been taking stricter precautions against the Coronavirus up to now. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year students entered first and after the Leader gave instructions to line up, they sat down quietly and waited for the lower grade students. I waited at the same time. The 1<sup>st</sup> year students lined up quickly. The meeting included over 500 people including teachers but it was a good way to gather. Afterwards, we teachers were greeted with warm applause and I think we were off to a good start. After that, we started getting ready for the entrance and opening ceremonies. We prepared the inside and outside of the school buildings, including the gymnasium, and although the time available to prepare was short, we were able to get a glimpse of the good awareness of the senior class students in many situations. I also felt that we were finally ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> year of Reiwa to begin.



### Notice

Regarding personnel changes of faculty and staff, we will post on the Mihara Junior High School homepage from April 11<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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