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Preparation for camp of the outdoor club



Practicing offense of the American football club

There are many interesting club activities in high schools in Japan. In Tokyo, there are 428 high schools. One of the 428 high schools in Tokyo, Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School has a rare club called “outdoor club.”

The attention of the outdoor club is that you can see beautiful scenery, rare animals and nature that you cannot see if you are in Tokyo. Moreover, students and teachers often communicate with each other. Therefore, their relationship is close. And they

have training camps in summer and autumn. The club members need to prepare tents, foods and tools.

In addition to the rare club, there is a club connected to Nihon University. It is American football club, “Fires.”

In American football, there are 240 tactics in offense and defense in total. These will be changed depending on the location and movement of the opponent team. For this reason, American football is accompanied by judgment. As a result, American football is called the unlimited sport. All the club members are full of energy and concentrate on practicing. Also, since all the members are inexperienced, it is a recommended club activity even for beginners.

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The History of Sakurajosui



Sakurajosui station on Keio Line



Sakurajosui Shopping Street in the North of the station

Sakurajosui has old history. The name, Sakura-Josui refers to be delivered from the fact that a rows of cherry blossom trees have been popular on the bank of Tamajosui, which flows 200 meters north of Sakurajosui station. Sakurajosui merged with various municipalities and separated from Kamikitazawa to its current form. Sakurajosui was included in Kitazawa Station when the five general

branches were set up at the Setagaya branch.

In the immediate vicinity of Sakurajosui Station, there is Sakurajosui Shopping Street, where you can find unique shops such as a bakery that has been working on homemade yeast bread for many years and a coffee bean shop that is roasted in-house.

Next to the shopping street is the Mitsuzoin, which has a

history dating from around 1572. According to one theory, it may be the fort of Mr. Kira, who was a powerful family in the Setagaya area and had tremendous power to divide military and political affairs in the Tohoku region in the latter half of the 14th century.

Now, people in Sakurajosui

walk on the path with a rows of cherry blossom trees and enjoy watching the flowers every spring.

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The Path Taken by the Beloved Keio Line

People usually take the Keio Line every day without thinking of it. However, do you know how it was created? Maybe most people don't know.

It's been over 100 years since it opened. In April 13, 1913, Keio Electric Railway opened and Keio Line started to run between Sasazuka and Chofu two days later. Three years later, 1916, it started to run from Shinjuku. On October 1, 1963, express service began between Shinjuku and Higashi Hachioji. On July 1, 1998, the company name was changed to Keio Dentetsu Corporation.



Keio train coming to the station

The name "Keio" comes from Tokyo and Hachioji. It's because Keio Line goes through between Shinjuku, one of the largest stations in Tokyo, and Hachioji.

The Keio Line is still loved by everyone. The Keio Line, which you may use without thinking about it, may become more familiar to you if you know that it had this kind of history.

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Trains Waiting for Traffic Lights



Setagaya Line leads to Sangenjaya.



Sangenjaya is one of the main stations in Setagaya.

The Tokyu Setagaya Line, which connects Sangenjaya Station and Shimotakaido Station, is used by approximately 57,000

people every day and has been loved by local people since its opening in 1925. It is also called a streetcar and popular with railway fans. On April 1, 2000, the Setagaya Line Supporters Club, an enthusiast group consisting of railroad fans on the Setagaya Line, was established. Along the Setagaya Line is Shoin Shrine, where Yoshida Shoin is enshrined.

The Setagaya Line is famous for "trains waiting for traffic lights." Unlike other railroad crossings, the Setagaya Line crosses Kan-Nana Road, and traffic is

controlled by traffic lights. When the Setagaya Line passes, traffic on the seven streets of Kan-ichi is not stopped, but trains are made to wait until the traffic lights change.

Setagaya line sells "Setagaya Line Walking Tickets". If you purchase this, you can use it as a ticket that you can get on and off all day long.

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Which Station should People Live around?

The nearest stations of Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School are Sakurajosui and Shimotakaido. Which should people choose if they want to live around these two stations?

The area around Sakurajosui station is calm and safe. Because a lot of students live, and there are many parks and child halls, too. People can go to Shinjuku, which is one of the main stations in Tokyo by Keio Line in 13 minutes. There are many one-room apartments for university students in Sakurajosui. On the other hand, there are not so many supermarkets and

convenience stores, and traffic volume of this station is heavy.

It is very comfortable to live around Shimotakaido station. There are many food stores. People don't worry when they want to buy something because there are convenience stores, supermarkets and drug stores near the station. There are a few playgrounds like park or indoor playground other than karaoke. The daily number of passengers at Shimotakaido station is 4,833. Compared to 63,198 at Meidaimae station, there are fewer passengers. It can be said that this is an attractive point for



Ticket gate of Sakurajosui station

those who want to avoid the rush to work and crowded trains when they go out.

From these, Sakurajosui is for family, and Shimotakaido is for man who lives alone and elderly people.



The South gate of Shimotakaido station

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The Rice Store “Kashiwagi Seimai-ten”

The Kashiwagi Seimai-ten opened in 1993. Before that, the area was a field. Surprisingly, the store was run in Shimotakaido for 86 years. It seems to be a building that does not look strange even it has been there from the Edo period.

Hard rice such as Koshihikari and Sasanishiki, soft rice, bran, udon, and wheat were sold. Koshihikari is one of the most

famous rice produced in Japan.

According to the owner, the rice riots in 1929 were the most impressive event.

The Kashiwagi Seimai-ten had a lot of customers. Nosaka Akiyuki, the author of the masterpiece “Grave of the Firefly,” was one of them. He often visited the store. However, many of the customers were taken to a supermarket built near the

store, and they stopped visiting the rice store. In 2015, Kashiwagi Seimai-ten was closed. After 86 years of history, the curtain is finally over.

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The building still remains in Shimotakaid.

The History of Shoin Shrine in Setagaya

Shoin shrine is in Wakabayashi, Setagaya-ku. It was founded on November 21, 1890. At Shoin shrine, Yoshida Shoin, a thinker and educator at the end of the Edo period, is enshrined.

Yoshida Shoin was born in Yamaguchi in 1830. His family was poor, but his father learned Chinese classics. When Shoin was 11 years old, he gave a lecture on home economics which is academic succession on a clan basis to a feudal lord man at school. Shoin continued to strengthen him. After that, he began to learn not only about home economics but also about foreign civilization and military science. For that reason, he visited many places. During that time, he had a strong desire to learn and was caught twice. While he was in captivity, he



The main building of the Shoin Shrine in Setagaya

continued his studies thinking about how to defend Japan from abroad.

In 1855, he was allowed to go home. He lectured on Chinese literature to his family. Then, young people visited him to attend his lecture. And he opened “Shokasonjuku.” Young people who studied there were Ito Hirobumi, who was first Japanese prime minister. Akiyoshi

Yamada, the founder of Nihon University, was also the member. Yoshida Shoin was arrested because his idea that should change Japanese political system was regarded as the threat of Edo shogunate. After that, he was executed. He was 30 years old. Four years later, his students, Ito and Takasugi transferred his tomb to Wakabayashi in Setagaya because chousyu feudal lord’s



Yoshida Shoin is enshrined at Shoin Shrine

house was there. He has slept at there since then.

Now, he is famous for a god of study. Therefore, he admired by many people who want to do well for study.

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Setagaya, a Ward of Smiles Created by Greenery



The logo of “Setagaya Midori 33”



A parking with greenery

Setagaya Ward has a project called “Setagaya Midori 33”. 33 is that people set a goal of increasing greenery more than 33

percent of it by 2032. It has five main policies. These are mainly aimed at securing the amount of greenery and improving the quality of greenery. Examples of these include to increase gardens, to promote farming, to conserve farmland, and so on. Through the project, people aim “Setagaya; various greenery ties smile to smile.” Here is another example.

There are a lot of parking areas which are deserted. Therefore, Setagaya Ward has a plan about turning them into greenery. The plan has advantages that to

prevent ground becoming too hot, to form beautiful view, and so on. This project is important not only for Setagaya City but also for the earth. Maybe everyone’s action which have been conscious of environment may help the present earth.

Humans may have to try thinking about what it can do for environment.

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Page of Youth—Unforgettable Memories of the School Festival



The main gate decorated by festival executive committee members

Nihon University Sakuragaoka High school has an annual School Festival called Sakura Kou Sai. It is a festival surrounded by the gorgeousness like a cherry blossoms and the liveliness of the students. Unfortunately, this year's festival could not be held.

At last year's festival with the theme of "Seishun Ōka," students fascinated visitors with unique games and delicious food and filled the festival with their beautiful singing voice.

Every year, freshmen do "Chorus Festival" at Centennial Hall of the Collage of Humanities and Sciences of Nihon University. Sophomores set up a mock shop such as fair, dolly, struck-out and so on. Seniors provide various foods such as sweets. Among them, ice cream is especially popular. Student can enjoy every year as it is different from what to do for each grade. Also, there is a photo contest. In the photo contest, each class compete

their photos. For the purpose they take pictures which represents their class well. Then, visitors and students vote the photo they like the best. At a main stage and a mini stage, audience can enjoy various performances, such as bands, comedy, magic tricks and so on. The computer club shows off programming, and the cheerleading club give stage announcements. Also, the parade performed by both the brass band club and the baton twirling club is more exciting with the area involved. Students can see the appearance of classmates that they can't usually see.

Besides, the school holds Mid-Evening Festival. It is one of the most popular events among students. It is held at the gymnasium after the first day of the festival. Students can make class T-shirts beforehand for each class. Wearing the class T-shirts, Sophomores and Seniors hold a



Mosaic art made of cards with dreams written by all the students

performance competition such as dance. By wearing the class T-shirts, they get a stronger sense of unity. Seniors and Sophomores perform while being excited by Freshmen. It is a time to be like a live show and have a lot of cheers. The performers are judged and ranked by the grade chief teachers. Sometimes teachers join the dance.

This year's Sakura kou Sai was

canceled to prevent the spread of Corona virus infection. Instead, club activities provided their short videos of performances and exhibitions.

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From "Logical Thinking" to "Critical Thinking"

Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School began an educational program called "Critical thinking" last year. It is spreading throughout Japan because it is important for the development of human resources.

By gaining critical thinking skills, students can look at the contradictions of the text and doubt. They can find the aspect that is new and develops a variety

of points of view. Next, when they think about things, they can do it not primarily but objectively. Finally, critical thinking enables them to speak effectively. In modern society, people need a unique way of thinking that is one step away from the idea just addicted to templates.

In the future, AI will be developed, but the skill of thinking and judgment that only humans have will be stronger. In "Critical Thinking," students can strengthen the ability to survive in society.

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