

# General Information

<http://www.nishimachi.ac.jp> SY2009-2010

**Nishimachi International School** is a private, non-sectarian, coeducational day school founded in 1949 to serve as a center of education for Japanese and foreign children. Nishimachi's educational philosophy is rooted in a spirit of internationalism and humanism that allows children to learn in a supportive caring environment. The tradition has been to provide children with an education in English and Japanese which seeks to develop international perspective and understanding. The program extends from Kindergarten through Grade 9. The school year is divided into three academic semesters beginning in late August and ending in June.

## •ORGANIZATION AND ACCREDITATION

The school is recognized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government as a foundation with nine Directors and nineteen Trustees. It is also fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as well as the Council of International Schools (CIS). The accreditation by WASC and CIS is based on a self-study and the report of a visiting evaluation team, thereby providing a "stamp of approval," as well as a means to systematically evaluate the total school operation by involving the faculty, staff, students, and community. It also provides a common international evaluation criteria link with schools in the United States, in Asia, Hawaii, and the Pacific as well as schools in Australia and Europe.

## •CURRICULUM

The school features a unique, rich international curriculum in English, supplemented with materials from countries that are used to educate students whose thinking embraces global issues. Except for daily mandatory Japanese language for every student, all subjects are taught in English. We also offer an optional Japanese language-based Summer School and many of our students take Japanese national achievement tests. The academic work is complemented by programs in music, physical education, art, drama, exploratory and activities programs, and outdoor education experiences. Extended science study and social studies field trips for grades 4 to 9 are held during the year at the school's lodge "Kazuno", Kyoto/Nara and Hiroshima. Grades 2-5 participate in off-campus swimming programs and grades 4-9 have 3-5 days of ski school in Niigata.

## •FACULTY

There are approximately 60 faculty members. Their nationality includes Japan, U.S.A., Argentina, Australia, U.K., Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and Peru. The faculty members come to Nishimachi with an average 8 years of experience and remain at Nishimachi an average of 9 years. Of the current staff, approximately 33% have advanced degrees.

## •ENROLLMENT

In August 2008 the number of Nishimachi students totaled 440 (K-2, 176; 3-5, 149; 6-9, 115) representing 27 countries. Approximately 60% are U.S. citizens, 20% are Japanese and 20% of other nationalities such as Brazil, Cambodia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Israel to name a few. 40% of all the students hold dual or multiple citizenship.

## •FACILITIES

The campus is located in central Tokyo and comprises six buildings: the Matsukata House, the Ushiba Memorial gymnasium/auditorium, a kindergarten building, the primary building housing grades 1-2 and the upper elementary/middle school building housing grades 3-9. Matsukata House was the original family residence of Nishimachi's founder "Tane Matsukata". The sixth building the "Yashiro Media Center" was inaugurated in August 2007 and contains a library of about 20,000 volumes, 65% in English and 35% in Japanese. Nishimachi's outdoor education center, Camp Rioichiro Arai, is located in Kazuno in Gunma Prefecture, 150 kilometers northwest of Tokyo.

## •TUITION AND FEES

Nishimachi does not receive substantial funding from any government, and operates almost entirely from tuition. The cost of books, field trips, swimming, and ski trips are all included in the tuition. An optional Summer School fee is charged separately. The school fees for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

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| • Application fee (non-refundable)   | ¥ 20,000    |
| • Registration (new students only)   | ¥ 300,000   |
| • Building Fee (new students only)   | ¥ 500,000   |
| • Education Enhancement Fee (annual) | ¥ 100,000   |
| • Tuition: Kindergarten - Grades 9   | ¥ 2,052,000 |

(Enrollment cancellation fee may be requested when applicable).

**Corporate Contribution Plan (CCP):** Corporations and other organizations may participate in a scholarship contribution program that offers significant tax benefits to the corporation. Under this program scholarships granted to dependents of donor corporations and organizations are not taxable as personal income in Japan. More information about CCP is available from the School's Development Office.

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