



Central Catholic – Myojo Gakuen High School Exchange Program

Mitaka, Japan | April – June 2026

Central Catholic High School is excited to continue our cultural exchange partnership with **Myojo Gakuen High School** in Mitaka, Japan. This three-month exchange program offers students a unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture, language, and daily life while representing Central Catholic abroad.

Program Overview

- **Hosting Commitment:**
Students selected for the program agree to host a Myojo Gakuen student in their home from **January through March 2026**.
- **Travel to Japan:**
Central Catholic students will travel to Japan from **April through June 2026**, attending classes at Myojo Gakuen High School and living with a Japanese host family.

Academic Details

- **Grade Freeze:** Central Catholic will freeze grades on the last day of classes attended for the semester prior to departure.
- **Eligibility:** Students must have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher** to apply.

Program Coordination

This exchange is facilitated through **ETC Travel**, which coordinates:

- Flights
- Visa processing
- School registration
- Insurance and liability

Cost: Students are responsible for airfare and fees. Program fees are approximately **\$850.00**. Families continue to pay Central Catholic tuition for the remainder of the school year.

The Value of International Exchange

This program provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to:

- Deepen understanding of Japanese culture, traditions, and daily life.
- Build lifelong friendships with students from across the globe.
- Strengthen language and communication skills.
- Gain independence, resilience, and a broadened worldview.

At its heart, this exchange reflects Central Catholic's mission to form individuals of faith, compassion, and global awareness. By stepping into another culture and welcoming others into ours, students live out the call to recognize the dignity of every human person and to build bridges of understanding across borders.

Application Information

Students interested in applying should contact Ms. Mariko Tokoyoda with any questions. The application is [linked here](#) and is due to Ms. Tokoyoda on or before October 1, 2025