What to Learn From the Olympics
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At last the second term has begun. Before the summer vacation, there was concern about a water shortage, but during the holiday, areas were hit with record rain falls and triple typhoons. Amidst all that, the Higashimachi students were able to safely return for the second term and welcome 14 new students to our school.

Thank you to the PTA and community members for hosting the "water play" after the closing ceremony and the Radio *Taiso*. We appreciate your efforts in looking after our students during the summer vacation.

During the breaks, the school hosted pool classes, supplementary classes, summer school, and from the 27th (W) to the 29th (F) the 5th graders went to Haruna for their summer trip. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain before the trip and the thick fog on the day of the trip, the students were unable to hike up the mountain. However, after seeing the students make the most of their trip and take care of their individual duties punctually, I felt that they had matured.

Surely there were many families following the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Although individuals might think different scenes were more memorable than others, if I had to think of a point that would be a good lesson for the students, I would choose Japan's men's track team for the 400m relay. The odds were clearly not in Japan's favor. Jamaica and America had four runners who could run in less than 10 seconds, and China and Canada had strong runners who had finished well in the 100m individual race. However, Japan's team had neither of those kinds of runners. Fans hoped that Japan would place at least close to a medal position. But, Team Japan made baton passing their priority during their practices and was able to take the silver medal.

I believe this is an invaluable lesson for our students. When an obstacle stands in your path between you and your goal, in order to have the courage to overcome those obstacles, it takes more than just trying your best. It takes tangible goals and realistic strategies to open up that path.

Classes and activities about the Olympic Games are being held to prepare for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during the second term.

September

date	day	Event	after-school
1	Th	Opening Ceremony, Cleaning, School Lunch, Safety Lesson	X
2	F		2 - 6
3	Sa	Pick-Up Evacuation Drill	X
4	Su		
5	M	Committee, Summer Project Exhibition	4 - 6
6	Tu		3 - 6
7	W	Swim Meet (G6), 4-pr. Day (G1-G5)	X
8	Th	Music Assembly, Parent-Teacher Conference (G1,2,3,5)	4 - 6
9	F	Swim w/Clothes (G5,6), Pool Closes	2 - 6
10	Sa	Japanese Culture	X
11	Su		
12	M	Pool Closing Ceremony, Club, Measurements (G2,5)	4 – 6
13	Tu	Measurements (G3,6)	3 - 6
14	W		X
15	Th	Student Assembly, PT Conference (G4,6), School Health Committee	4 - 6
16	F	Measurements (G1,4)	2 - 6
17	Sa	Community Festival, Higashimachi Town Council *Mikoshi*	
18	Su	Higashimachi Town Council *Mikoshi*	
19	M	Respect for the Aged Day	
20	Tu	4-pr. Day, Teacher Development Class (G5-2, pr. 5)	3 - 6
21	W		X
22	Th	Autumn Equinox	
23	F	4-pr. day, Roppongi JH Orientation (G6 attends)	X
24	Sa		
25	Su		
26	M		4 - 6
27	Tu	Planetarium Field Trip (G4)	3 - 6
28	W	4-pr. Day	X
29	Th	Committee Presentation (Assembly, Health, School Lunch)	4 - 6
30	F		2 - 6

September's Goal
School Life Councilor   Hiroki Mine

Be the first to greet others.

Ken Naganuma was the president of the Japan Football Association.   He said, "A top athlete has to be good at greetings [as a social skill]." He was asked, "Surely there are top athletes who can't greet well." "No," Naganuma replied, "I have trained over seven thousand soccer players so far, and the top athletes were the ones who greeted each other well."

It is said that those who greet others well get along with people well. It shows that you are able to take the first steps and ask others for help and take care of the things you need to do.