

# Saitama Heisei Junior High School

## Our Philosophy

In Moroyama Town, a place rich in the natural beauty of Musashino, Saitama Joshi High School — the antecedent of our school in its current form — was founded in 1984.

We believe that true knowledge is not something passively acquired, but rather something gained through active engagement, and is a lifelong treasure.

Adolescence is a period of intense growth. The experiences gained during this time shape individuals into responsible adults who can thrive in society.

The founding spirit of our school, “**Learn by Doing,**” reflects our belief that education should be built on real experiences. Since our establishment, we have continuously provided diverse opportunities for students to engage, learn, and grow.

Our school motto—“**Creativity, Independence, and Kindness**”—represents the essential qualities needed to succeed in life.

At Saitama Heisei, we provide an environment where students can develop these crucial skills and grow into capable adults.

We will continue to create opportunities for students to discover something truly invaluable to them.

Learn at Saitama Heisei and open the doors to your future—we are waiting for you!

We welcome young learners of all nationalities and faiths.

## The Four Pillars of our School

### **English Education**

With diverse programs that build a strong foundation in English, we cultivate individuals who can thrive globally.

### **STEM Education**

STEM education fosters students' independence and initiative.

### **Research Presentation**

Students develop a proactive attitude and gain the skills to adapt to a rapidly changing global society.

### **Experiential Learning**

Through education that engages the five senses, we nurture students through rich and diverse stimuli.

## ICT Education

To meet the rapidly growing societal needs, we are actively enhancing our ICT education.

At our school, each student is issued a unique account, enabling them to utilize Google Classroom as an online learning support service within our ICT environment.

This system allows for the seamless and efficient exchange of assignments and communications online. Additionally, teachers create and distribute original learning materials through Google Classroom.

During the temporary school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this platform facilitated interactive, two-way classes, ensuring uninterrupted learning for students.

Even if remote learning becomes necessary again due to future societal circumstances, this well-established ICT environment will prevent any disruptions to a students' education.

Furthermore, students are required to purchase personal Chromebooks upon enrollment to facilitate online learning. With Wi-Fi installed in all classrooms, students benefit from interactive lessons using electronic blackboards and tablets, engaging multiple senses for a more immersive learning experience.

Beyond lessons, we actively incorporate online tools, including live-streaming school events. Students also frequently use their **Chromebooks** for research and report writing, which enhances their learning outcomes.

At Saitama Heisei, we will continue to further develop and strengthen our ICT education.

## A Day at Saitama Heisei Junior High School

### 8:20 – Arrival

After a five-minute walk from school Kawakado Station, while chatting with friends, students arrive at school.

### 8:20–8:35 - Morning Reading & Basic English

Students start the day by reading books, followed by listening to NHK’s radio program “Basic English” to train their listening skills.

### 8:45 – 12:35 - Morning Classes

Lessons involve group discussions, making studying more engaged.

### 12:35–13:20 - Lunch & Break

Students enjoy lunch in the classroom, refreshing themselves ahead of their afternoon lessons.

### **13:20–15:10 - Afternoon Classes**

Presentations, group and pair works are a key feature of lessons, encouraging active participation.

### **15:15–15:35 - Cleaning & Homeroom**

Students take responsibility for their environment, thoroughly cleaning the school.

### **16:30–18:00 - Club & Extracurricular Activities**

Students engage in club activities or supplementary lessons after school.

### **18:00 - Leaving School**

Students leave by 6:00 PM, with some taking the school bus home.

# Annual School Events

## April

- Entrance Ceremony / Welcome Ceremony
- New Student Orientation
- Academic Progress Assessment
- Student Council Orientation

## May

- Midterm Exams
- Study Supplement Proficiency Test
- English / Math Proficiency Tests
- Sports Festival

## June

- Alumni Gathering
- Language Village Camp (Grade 8 - 1 night, 2 days)
- Kanji Proficiency Tests



## July

- End-term Exams
- Summer Courses
- Career Learning
- CAPS Program
- Summer Seminar & Intensive Lectures

## August

- Summer Seminar & Intensive Lectures
- Summer Seminar & Common Test Camp

## September

- Seiryu Festival (Cultural Festival)
- Academic Progress Assessment
- Student Council Election / General Assembly

## **October**

- Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings
- Mid-term Exams
- English Proficiency Test / Proficiency Assessment
- Overseas Language Training Trip (Grade 9   Singapore)

## **November**

- Japanese Proficiency Test
- Study Observation
- Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings (Grade 9)
- Swimming Lessons (Grade 7 & 8)

## **December**

- End-term Exams
- GTEC
- CAPS Program
- Volunteer Learning

## **January**

- English Proficiency Test / Kanji Proficiency Test
- Karuta (card game) Tournament

## **February**

- Research Presentation
- Arts Appreciation Event
- Academic Progress Assessment

## **March**

- Year-End Exams
- Safety Education
- Career Learning
- Junior High School Completion Ceremony