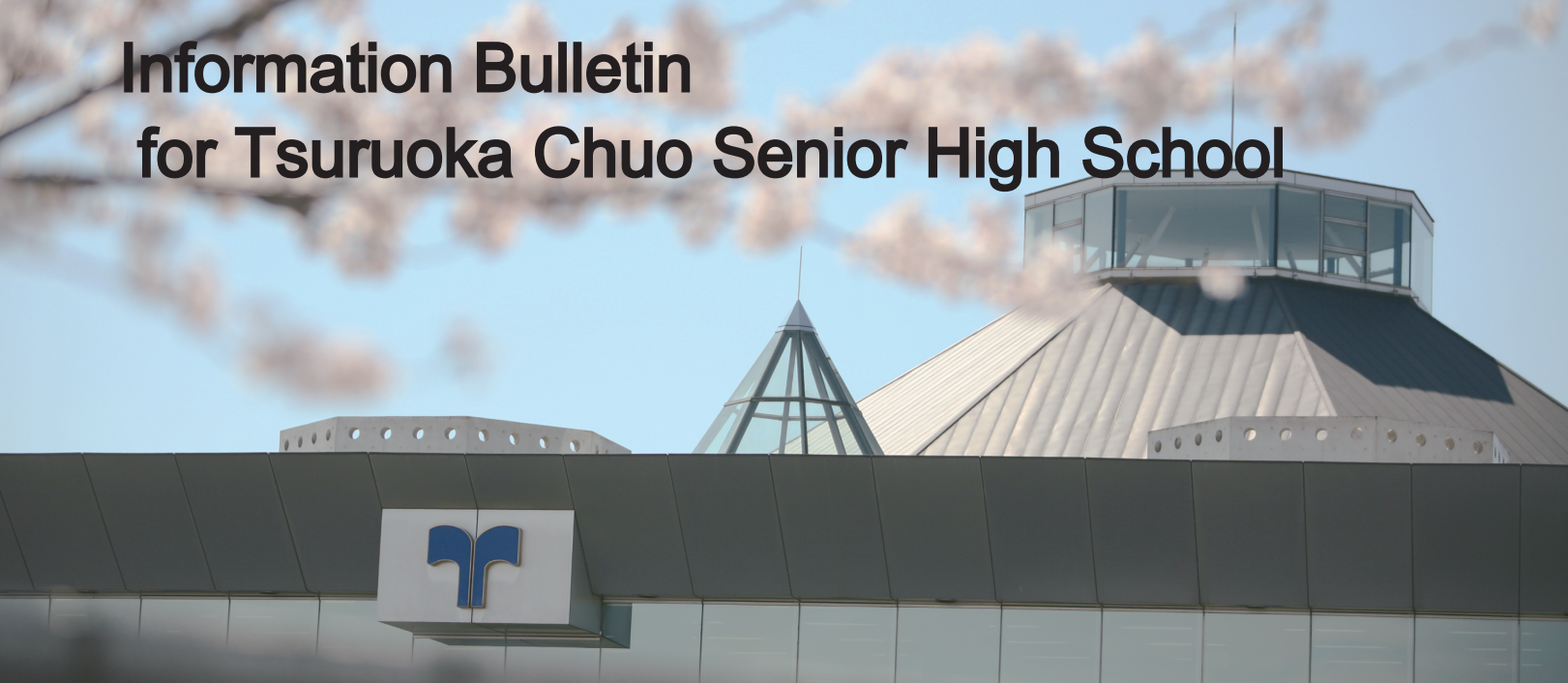


# Information Bulletin for Tsuruoka Chuo Senior High School



Tsuruoka Chuo Senior High School is situated in Tsuruoka city's urban area, a sister city and friend of New Brunswick, America.

This year, our school celebrated the 18th anniversary of its foundation. It is one of the largest schools in the Yamagata prefecture, and has both a general education course and an integrated subject course, with a student population of around 800. Each grade has three general education course classes and four integrated subject classes. Within the integrated course, the classes are divided into five specific areas, with a further four specializations in some of these areas for a total of nine specializations all together.

This school's motto is to develop the students' abilities based on three main points. First is to invoke their own ambitions. Students have to create clear and effective goals, with which they have to plan for and continually practice. Secondly, students adopt a balanced, insightful attitude toward the world, emphasizing consideration for others. Third, community. We hope students gain and develop

interest in their local areas, becoming proactive members of the community.

The General course's motto is 'Designing our own future.'

'Designing our own future' adheres to the idea that students should gain skills that will help them learn outside the school environment. Whether moving into the workplace or undertaking further education, the course is designed in a way to encourage problem solving and creative thinking, and to empower students to develop questioning minds.

The Integrated course aims for students to develop research skills through learning in specialized fields of study.

Through this course, students will become highly skilled in their specific fields. These skills are established and cemented with new technologies and authorized qualifications.

Through "Designing our own future" and "Integrated study," all students can design their own futures, attain informative literacy

and express themselves individually. As a unit, this is the identity of Tsuruoka Chuo High School.

The environments in which a student can work effectively are not the same for all students. There might be 100 paths if there are 100 students, 1000 paths if there are 1000 people who are thinking about the future. In the end it is only the students themselves who can discover their own path.

There is no doubt in our minds that the wide variety of subjects offered by the school, combined with our highly qualified and talented staff, work together to greatly enhance both the school and the students' learning. However, the idea that all students can find their strengths in a single environment is unlikely. In order to accommodate as many students as possible, a school must take chances and be open to trying new things. Only through this can a student really find their true potential.