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# VOICES

## WHERE WORDS CONNECT WORLDS



TNUSS students singing their hearts out on stage!

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## A Symphony of School Spirit

Voices filled the air at the Tsuchiura Civic Hall as Forms 1 through 4 went head-to-head in the annual **TNUSS Choir Competition!** Each class brought powerful harmony, energy, and school spirit to the stage.

This year's competition took place in September, a shift from the usual December schedule. Despite a shorter rehearsal period, the performances blew everyone away!

Once all the classes had sung, the stage came alive again with a lively intermission performance by Form 4 and Form 5 students. Parents in the audience clapped along, showing their support for the performers.

Then came the moment of suspense: the head judge first announced the winners for each Form—Form 1 (B), Form 2 (B), Form 3 (D), and Form 4 (D)—along with the Best Conductor and Best Pianist for each class.

Finally, the spotlight shone on Form 4 (D), crowned the overall winners of the competition! Their voices, passion, and teamwork made the morning unforgettable.



# Theater Day in Tokyo



This September, **Form 4** traveled to Tokyo for an unforgettable theater experience at the Takarazuka Theater.

The first show was **Dracula**, the story of Alucard, the son of Dracula and a human, who must choose between darkness and light. With exciting music, striking costumes, and a mix of love, action, and fantasy, the performance kept everyone engaged.

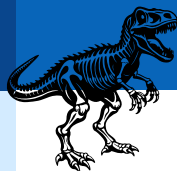
Next came **Love, Revue!**, a bright and cheerful show filled with songs and dances. It celebrated romance and happiness with colorful performances that made the audience smile.

Together, the two shows gave students both a serious story and a fun, sparkling revue. All the roles, both male and female, were played by women—one of the special traditions of Takarazuka. The theater was full, and the three-hour performance was an unforgettable experience.



Form 4 Theater Day in Tokyo

# Dinosaurs and Masterpieces at Ueno Museums



In September, **Form 1** students continued their journey of discovery with a school trip to Tokyo's Ueno District, home to some of Japan's most famous museums.

At the **National Museum of Nature and Science**, students stood in awe before towering dinosaur fossils, explored dazzling space exhibits, and enjoyed interactive displays that made science come alive.

Next, they visited the **National Museum of Western Art**, where masterpieces by Monet, Renoir, and Rodin gave them a glimpse into the richness of European art. They were also fortunate to see the special exhibition from the **Stockholm Nationalmuseum**. Students reflected on what they saw in their worksheets, sharing their ideas and impressions with teachers and classmates.

The day was an opportunity to experience science and art side by side, reminding students that learning is not limited to classrooms. Knowledge and inspiration can be found in every fossil, painting, and idea waiting to be discovered.



Form 1 Day of Discovery at the Ueno Museums



Students continue to travel the world—without leaving the classroom—in Global Learning enrichment classes!

This month, they visited Canada and explored the **Inukshuk** (a stone guidepost), the cozy **toque**, sweet **maple syrup**, **hockey**, Canada’s famous sport, and more.



Next, they headed to the Philippines and tried traditional games for the very first time! Students played **jackstones**, **marbles**, and **yo-yos**, discovering how games bring friends together and spark laughter.



With Global Learning, students continue to **learn, experience, and discover cultures** from all around the world—one exciting lesson at a time!

### Episode 3: Alumni Connections

In Episode 5 of TNUSS Voices, students had the opportunity to connect with alumni as they welcomed Eri Yoshida, a former TNUSS student who is about to graduate from Sophia University in Tokyo.

Hosted by Ms. Zenaida and Ryo, the episode explores Eri’s journey from TNUSS to university. During her time at TNUSS, she was a top speech contestant who won multiple awards. Eri also shared her thrilling experience in New York, giving listeners an insider’s look into the world of media and broadcasting.

Throughout the conversation, Eri reflects on how TNUSS shaped her learning, inspired her passions, and prepared her for new challenges. She also shares practical advice on growth and motivation.

Listen to the full episode and discover how TNUSS alumni continue to make an impact in the world.



Hosts



Guest

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“My favorite symbol is **toque** because it’s cute.” – Kosuke, 1D

“I’m happy I could learn to play yo-yo.” – Rintaro, 1D

“Playing jackstones is very interesting.” – Manaha, 1C





# Creative Spotlight

This month's featured writing comes from an in-class English writing test, where Form 3 students were asked to describe a place they love or a person they admire. Without using dictionaries or computers, they wrote freely to express their thoughts in English.

The two outputs selected stand out for their sincerity, detail, and clear personal voice. Each one offers a unique glimpse into the people, places, and experiences that inspire TNUSS students every day.

## My Favorite Place

by Hikaru S., 3C

There are many places that I know well, but my most favorite is Tsuchiura Nihon University Secondary School. It's in Tsuchiura Ibaraki. It has six floors, so it's very tall. I have two favorite things about this school. First, there are many OC teachers from different countries. They are so friendly, so I don't have to be afraid when I make mistakes. Second, the school has a big cafeteria where we can eat lunch and study. Some students also like to chat there. I can even buy drinks anytime. These are the reasons why I like this place.



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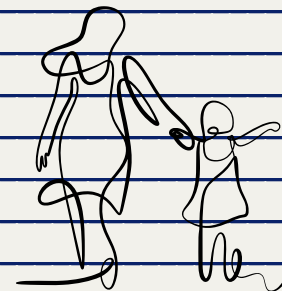
Tsuchiura Nihon University Secondary School



## The Person I Admire

by Misaki O., 3E

I admire my mother the most in this world. She looks very friendly and actually she is very kind. She always helps me with many things. For example, she helps me with studying. Her job is related to cars and she wears her uniform when she works. She loves working, but she also loves watching movies. What makes her so unique is her kindness and areative mind. She teaches me a lot of things such as how to be kind and friendly to people. There are many nice things about my mother. I'm truly thankful to have her in my life.



## TEST YOUR GLOBAL IQ



### Try these fun trivia questions!

- Which Italian city is famous as the birthplace of pizza?
 

A. Rome	C. Florence
B. Venice	D. Naples
- What is the name of the giant statue in New York Harbor that was a gift from France?
 

A. The Liberty Bell	C. The Statue of Liberty
B. Mount Rushmore	D. The White House



Find the answers hidden in one of the images and see how globally smart you are!