

MUSTARD ROOT

The Better ALT – Josh Fandel

Welcome back to school, and welcome to the latest issue of our monthly English newsletter. The 2nd year and 3rd year students already know me, but I haven't met the 1st year students, so I'll introduce myself!

Hi, my name is Joshua Yoshioka Fandel (ジョシユア 吉岡 ファンデル), but please call me Josh. I'm 26 years old (but many people think I am younger than Valeria-sensei), and I've been at Daini for 1.5 years. I'm from California in the USA. My hometown is Sebastopol, and it is famous for wine and apples. It is near the city of San Francisco, which is my favorite city.

I studied Immunology (免疫学) at university. I really love science. When I go back to America, I hope to study science a little more.

My hobbies are: running, photography, and wadaiko. I often visit the Track and Field (陸上) Club and the Photo (写真) Club, and I help with the English Club! Also, I love bread! If you know some delicious bread shops, please tell me their names.

I hope that everyone at Daini—students and teachers—can enjoy English in and out of class. English is a useful tool, and you can only improve if you practice. I hope we can all improve together!

The Best ALT – Valeria Magallan

I hope everyone enjoyed their spring vacation! I hope you were able to recharge in order to start the new school year well.

First, I'd like to quickly introduce myself to the new 1st-grade students, in case you forgot... Hello, my name is pronounced ヴァレリア マガヤーン. Please call me Valeria. I am 23 years old (younger than Josh-sensei). I am from Texas, USA, but I have been living in Kumamoto and since August 2019.

I studied Asian history and Chemistry at university. I like humanities (文系) as much as I like the sciences (理系). In the future, I hope to become a helpful and kind doctor.

My hobbies are: cooking, photography, and watching movies and K-dramas. I also enjoy trying and learning new things. This is why I came to Japan: because I wanted to experience a culture that is different from mine. If you think there is something I would enjoy, please tell me about it!

I used to teach the current 3rd year students, so I miss them. However, I'll be the main ALT for 1st-grade students this year. I look forward to working with you in class! Let's have fun together!

Pictures of the Daini ALTS



ALT English Whiteboard!

Eiken Exams are coming soon!

If you want to practice for the second part (interview test), come talk to us or sign up on the ALT Whiteboard!



English Department Introductions

Takefumi SAKATA

I've been teaching English and Badminton in Daini high school for six years. I hope we can enjoy studying English and school life together.



Mikyuki SIMS



This is my third year here at Daini. Looking forward to talking with you! English is great. If you speak English, you can go anywhere you want in the world!

Midori GOTO

Hello! English is a tool, not only a language. Just know that English is not the subject you STUDY by memorizing. You need to learn how to USE IT EFFECTIVELY.

TRY TO USE English in this global society so that you can live your life confidently.



**Welcome
to Daini!!!**

Kazuhito HIRAI

I've taught in Daini for 10 years. I like English because it is the key to open the door to communicate with foreigners and to know new things that I don't know. English always broadens my view!!



Toshiya TANAKA

This is my third year here at Daini, and I have 3 years left to teach English to you. Time flies, doesn't it? I want you to build a strong foundation for your English study. Don't skip to something beyond your ability. Slow but steady wins the race after all. Let's enjoy studying English!



Kotaro NAETOKO



This is my second year here at Daini. I would like you to enjoy studying English and hone (master) your English skills.

English is one of the great ways to broaden your perspective, so with this in mind, try to do your best!!

Atsushi TSUTSUMI



I would like to think that learning English is similar to practicing sports or music. Step by step, we will brave the challenge, and see the new and wider world! See you in class!

Reiko FUJIWARA



I have been working for Daini for 8 years. I want all of you to enjoy learning

English!! English is a tool to communicate with people around the world. You can make friends with many foreigners using English!

Nami ASARI

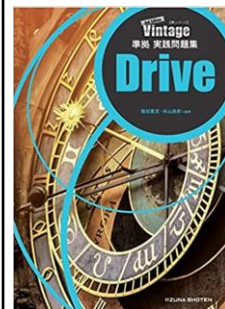


I have been teaching here in Daini for ten years. This year is my 11th year, I teach 3 nennsei students and 2 nennsei classes. I'm really looking forward to

meeting you in the classroom.

I have three children. The youngest will be five next month. I love spending time with her very much.

Tateo SHIROMOTO



This is my tenth year here at Daini High School. And I am a member of Rindokai.

I would like all of you to enjoy learning English and broaden your mind. I would be pleased to help you.

