

Misawa International Association News

All classes are on break for December but will resume in January!

Christmas Potluck

Dec 11, Wednesday, 10:30 am ~ noon
Please bring your favorite dish and a gift (about 500yen) for gift exchange with local friends!
Sign up is not required!

Survival Japanese

January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2014, Fridays, 10 am - Noon
Fee: ¥2,700 for 9 classes
Free childcare available
** The class days of Feb 7 and Mar 7 will also include a Japanese cooking class session. The cooking class will be from 10 am - noon. Then the language class will be from 12 noon - 2 pm.

Intermediate Level

January 28, February 4, 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2014, Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm.
Fee: ¥2100 for 7 classes

All the classes will be held at the Misawa International Center.
For more information, please contact the Misawa International Association.
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Sign up TODAY

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May the joy and happiness
of the holiday season
be with you and your family
Now and throughout
the coming year!

Tonami Winter Fantasy

Dec 7 (Sat) - Dec 25 (Wed) 2013

at Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village

With Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on 7 Dec (Sat)!

Get into the spirit of Christmas with this 1st of the season event! There will be fireworks, Mochi Tsuki (rice cake pounding), live music by The Graces and other groups. Feast on such Misawa dishes such as yam dumplings, burdock udon, grilled surf clams, crab soup, the Air Force burger, and more, to be sold by local food vendors. There will even be a Lotto (food lottery)! Between 12:30 - 6:30 pm, when you spend ¥500 on a dish, you will receive 1 stamp. Once you collect 3 stamps, bring your card to the Information Table to enter your chance to win a prize! See the event schedule below!

The Christmas Tree lighting will be on 16:00 - 18:00 during the schedule above.

Events Schedule

11:10 ~ 11:50 am songs by a Children's chorus
12:00 noon Mochi Tsuki (rice cake pounding)
12:40 ~ 13:00 Meet and greet Hokkina & Hokinosuke
(Misawa's local mascots)
13:20 ~ 13:50 Performance by Megu
14:00 Mochi Tsuki (rice cake pounding)
14:40 ~ 15:00 Meet and greet Hokkina & Hokinosuke
15:30 ~ 16:30 Performance by Nakayashiki Yuta & K-Project
16:45 Christmas Tree Lighting
17:00 ~ 18:00 The Graces
18:00 ~ 18:30 More live music and fireworks

Heart Full Concert by the Luglio Concertino

Dec 15, Sunday, starting from 4 pm

At the Misawa City Hospital in the Atrium
(on the 1st Floor)

Take a break from your busy holiday season to hear the ethereal voices of this singing group, Luglio Concertino, as they perform many Christmas Classics such as "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and more! Fee is FREE!!!

Misawa Commercial High School Brass Bands Annual Winter Concert

Dec 22, Sunday, starting from 5 pm

At the Misawa Civic

Enjoy the lively, robust sounds of the MCHS Brass Bands as they perform classic and new favorites! Best of all, you'll be supporting one of the best schools in Misawa! Admission: ¥450 in advance (now available at the MCHS and Misawa Civic Center) or ¥500 at the door. Doors open at 4:30 pm.

Ring in the New Year Concert

Jan 5, Sunday 2014 starting from 3 pm

At the Misawa Civic

Start off the new year on a good note! Sit back and enjoy the musical talents of the students and graduates of several local music college. Plus, it's FREE! Doors will open at 2:30 pm.



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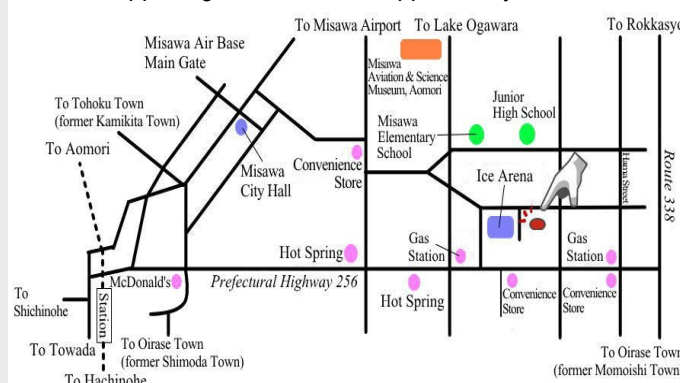
Intercultural Exchange Message Board

Come see our new message board! Located in Misawa International Center Lobby, near the International Exchange Lounge (if you're standing in the entrance way, the board is off to the left). This is message board is for you!

Please post courteous messages or announcements of an intercultural nature such as English lessons, play dates, advice and more. We look forward to hearing from you!



Misawa City International Relations publishes the monthly free paper, "Misawa City News". We keep you informed of what is happening in Misawa. We appreciate your feedback!



Year-end and new year holiday closures

We will be closed on December 26, 2013 Thursday through January 5, 2014 Sunday for year-end and new year holidays. Thank you very much for your understanding.

What's Going On in December & January?

Beeswax Honeycomb Candle Craft Class:

Every Sat & Sun of Dec, at the Misawa Aviation & Science Museum.

Want to give a useful Christmas present this year that you have made? Learn to make a candle with sheets of honeycomb! Honeycomb is a natural wonder, with its perfect hexagons. And beeswax candles are naturally scented, burn longer, and don't produce soot! Fee: ¥200yen

Supplies are limited to the first 20 people each day. Sign up will be available 30 minutes before start at the Science Lab. (Inside the Museum) 1st Session: 11 am, 2nd Session: 2:30 pm

Make a LED Holiday Decoration!:

Dec 14 & 15 Weekend, 9:30 am - 4 pm in the Entrance lobby

Draw your own original artwork on a clean piece of acrylic plastic and insert it in a small lamp-base (battery-operated). No advance sign up is necessary but supplies are limited to the first 60 people each day. Class fee is only ¥250!!!

**Note: the museum will be closed for the New Year holidays, 30 Dec 2013 - 1 Jan 2014 (Mon - Weds).

New Year Mochi Pounding: Jan 4, Saturday 2014, at 10 am & 2 pm

At the Lake Ogawara Citizen's Forestry Park

Experience this Japanese New Year's tradition--- and maybe make it one of your own, during your stay in Japan! Nowadays, mochi is more commonly made by machine-- which makes this traditional method all the more endearing. Today, the Japanese pound mochi together for good luck and for community--- it's fun to see how strong you are and to enjoy the sweet reward of your combined labor!

新春日本の正月遊び

2014 Shogatsu Celebration

by the Misawa International Association

January 26, 2014, Sunday, 1:30~3:30PM
at the Misawa International Center

New to Japan? Or, want to start off the New Year on a good food? Come join us as we demonstrate how to celebrate the New Year, Japanese-style! The New Year season is one of the most important holidays in Japan. Everyone goes home to spend time with the extended family and many activities are done to ensure good luck for the year--- such as eating lucky dishes, writing beautiful calligraphy, and pounding mochi!

Fee for MIA member s :

¥600 for adults (7 years/+)
¥300 for children (3-6 years)

Fee for non-member s :

¥800 for adults (7 years/+)
¥500 for children (3-6 years)



Some of the activities planned:

- * Mochi Tsuki (Rice cake pounding)
- * Makizushi (Rolled-sushi) Making
- * Kakizome (New Year Calligraphy)



Please sign up and pay in advance by 24 Jan 2014, with the Misawa International Association, at the Misawa International Center.

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Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 2

Believe it or not, even though Japan is a small country, it has variety of colorful accents and dialects. Not far from Misawa-- the area from southern Aomori to northern Iwate Prefectures--one of the main dialects is Nanbu-ben (ben 弁 means "dialect; speech-type"). Here are some useful expressions!



Water is cold now!

みず しゃっこくなつた *Mizu shako-ku na-tta*

Water : みず *Mizu*

Cold: しゃっこい *Sha-kko-i*

I shove through on snowy street.

ゆき こいで あるく *Yu-ki koide A-ru-ku*

Shove through (walk through) : こぐ (こいで) *Ko-gu*

Snow : ゆき *Yu-ki*

Misawa artrain: "Friendship Candle Road"

Dec 8 - 22, 2013
by Misawa Art Project

Join the Misawa Art Project group as they recreate the old, unused Misawa railroad into a public artwork of a candlelit walkway! To view, the candles will be lit from 4:30 - 9pm, each night of the Dec 21 - 22 weekend. To contribute, attend the Candle Art Workshop (see below) on either Dec 8 or 14.

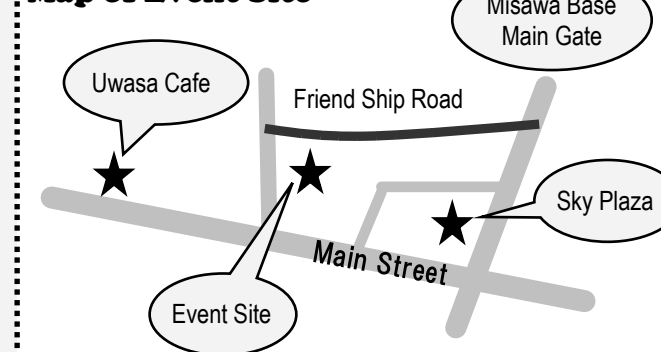
Make a Candle & Artwork for the Train! Dec 8 (Sun) and Dec 14 (Sat) at Uwasa Cafe (see map below)

1st session: 1 - 3 pm

2nd session: 3:15 - 5:15 pm

What to bring: ¥300 fee, 2 small glass jars (to be used as candleholders), and wear some casual clothes that you don't mind getting paint on.

Map of Event Site



Winter Bar

Chilly? Enjoy our hot drinks surrounded by fantastic candle-light, under the starry sky! Warm up with some hot tea, warm cocktail, or soup!

Christmas Cooking Class & Dinner

Let's share Christmas Dinner with Misawa! This unique experience is open to all families (Japanese & American) and limited to the first 10 families to sign up, per day.

*Fee: ¥500 per family (of up to 4 people; larger families may pay a little more.)

*Please sign up by email or phone with the Misawa Art Project. When you contact us, be sure to give us your name, phone number, and the date of the dinner which you want to join (the 21st or 22nd).

Dec 21, Saturday

1 - 3:30 pm Christmas Dinner Cooking at Sky Plaza Misawa

4 - 4:30 pm Opening Ceremony

5:00 pm Dinner at the Train

Dec 22, Sunday

1 - 3:30 pm Christmas Dinner Cooking at Sky Plaza Misawa

5:00 pm Dinner at the Train

For more details & for dinner sign up

Please contact the Misawa Art Project at:

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Christmas in Hacchi

From Now to Dec 25 (Wed), from 5-9 pm

Have you been "Hacchi" the portal museum? It five-story tower and located in Central Hachinohe city. Many events will be held during the schedule such as Wood-craft exhibition, Christmas concert and more!!!

Komakko Land Christmas Fiesta

From Dec 14 (Sat) - 23 (Mon)

At "Towada Horse Park"

Come out and enjoy this winter wonderland!

On Dec 15 (Sun), there will be a day full of activities: bingo, live music.

Christmas Market in Kosaka

Every Saturday before Christmas: Dec 7, 14, 21 & Christmas Eve, Dec 24, Tuesday, from 5-7 pm

At Meiji-Hyakunen-Dori street in Kosaka Town, Akita Pref.

Enjoy Germany in Japan--in Akita! Get your Christmas shopping done; enjoy good German beer, gluhwein & foods; live shows, Christmas light displays and more! Fun for all ages!

Check out their website for more info!

<http://www.town.kosaka.akita.jp/kokusai/index.html>

Art Towada Winter Light Displays

from Dec 4 (Wed) - Dec 25 (Wed) from 4:30 - 10 pm

Around Koma Kaido Art Park (located in front of the Towada Art Museum) Enjoy a magical world of fantasy art, illuminated with about 300,000 blue LED lights!

