

Misawa International Association News

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

Survival Japanese

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 and 15, 22 Friday 10 a.m. - Noon
Fee: ¥3000 for 10 classes
Free childcare available

Intermediate Level

January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 5 and 12, 2013, Tuesday 6 - 8 pm.
Fee: ¥2100 for 7 classes

All the classes will be held at the Misawa International Center.
For more information, please call the Misawa International Association at 51-1349.

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

Tonami Winter Fantasy

Dec 8 - Dec 25, 2012 at Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village
With an opening Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on 8 Dec, Saturday!
Come one, come all!

There will be fireworks, Mochi Tsuki (rice cake pounding), photos with Santa*, live music by the Graces & Gospels, the Mini Veedol Children's Chorus, and other groups.
Feast on such Misawa dishes such as yam dumplings, burdock udon, grilled surf clams, crab soup, Air Force burger, and more, to be sold by local food vendors.

*The first 200 children (age 0-12) to visit Santa will receive a free gift.

~ O Holy Night ~
a Luglio Concertino
Part of the Heart Full Concert series

at the Misawa City Hospital
in the Atrium (on the 1st Floor)
on Dec 16, Sunday, from 4 pm.

Come hear such classic favorites as
"White Christmas", "Ave Maria", "Christmas
Carol Medley", and more!

Featuring the soprano vocalists, Ms. Shigeko Hatai, Ms. Nakako Inada, Ms. Yuriko Soejima, Ms. Ruka Kameyama, Ms. Saho Nakano, Ms. Yukiko Tsukidate. Accompanied by Ms. Becky Jantz on flute and Mr. Shingo Sato on piano.

Ring in the New Year Concert

performed by
several local music college students and graduates
on Jan 5, 2013, Saturday
from 3 p.m.
at the Misawa Civic Center

Admission: Free!

Harmonica Concert

Performed by
Misawa Harmonica Club
on Dec 16, Sunday
from 2 pm.
at the Misawa Civic Center
in the Lobby

Admission: Free!

Light the Way with a Snowman Lantern!

Dec 8 - 9, Weekend, from 9:20a.m. - 4p.m.
Misawa Aviation Science Museum
in the Special Exhibition Room (located behind the gift shop)
Make a Snowman Lantern with balloons, paper, and a mini LED light!
Fee: ¥400
Limited to the first 50 participants, each day.

Misawa High School Brass Band Annual Winter Concert:

~ Never Ending Story "Dream" ~
on Dec 23, Sunday
at 5 p.m.
at the Misawa Civic Center
Admission : ¥500
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.



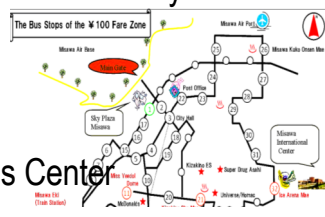
Misawa International Center

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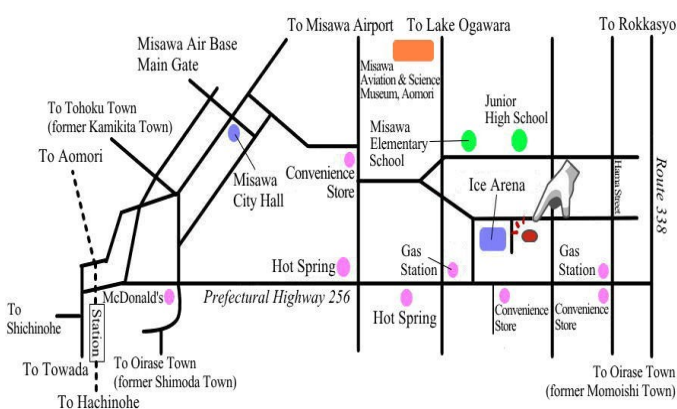
The Misawa City Community Bus "Mi-Bus" English Map is Available Now!

This map show only the ¥100-zone fare areas. We hope this map will help you get around Misawa! Pick up copy at any of the locations below:

- Citizens Affairs Division of the Misawa City Office (on the 1st floor)
- Misawa International Center
- Sky Plaza Misawa
- Airmen and Family Readiness Center



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, Wednesday through January 5, 2013 Saturday for year-end and new year holidays. Thank you very much for your understanding.

温泉へ行こう！ Let's go to the Hot Spa! Part II

The first part having been published in last months' issue.
(<http://www.city.misawa.lg.jp/index.cfm/9,5870,86,html>)

木崎野温泉 Kizakino Onsen

Directions: Across the street from the Universe-Homac corner.

Hours	6:00 - 22:00
Days Closed	Open 7days a week
Pricing	Adult: ¥250. Children, 6-12 yrs: ¥120. Children, 5 and under: ¥50.
Water Type	Alkaline chloride Spring
Bathing Amenities	2 temperatures of hot water, cold water tub, massaging waterfall, Sauna

やすらぎ荘 Yasuragisou

Direction: Located in the Misawa Citizens' Forest Park

Hours	9:30 - 21:00
Days Closed	Every 3rd Monday of the month
Pricing	Misawa residents-- Adult: ¥100. Children, 6-12 yrs: ¥50, Children, 5 and under: Free. Non-residents-- Adult: ¥150. Children, 6-12 yrs: ¥100. Children, 5 and under: Free.
Water Type	Common hot underground spring
Bathing Amenities	Hot water, sauna

青葉温泉 Aoba onsen

Directions: From Max Value Grocery Store, take Route 8 --north, towards Tohoku Town. Once you see the sign “三沢中央自動車学校” Misawa Chuo Driving School on your left, slow down and look for the sign, “青葉温泉”, and turn left, onto a narrow road, which will lead into the large onsen parking lot.

Hours	6:00 - 23:00
Days Closed	Open 7days a week Except on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: 16:00- 23:00
Pricing	Adult: ¥350. Children, 6-12 yrs: ¥120. Children, 5 and under: ¥60
Water Type	Sodium chloride spring
Bathing Amenities	2 temperatures of hot water, cold water, ice water, children's water tub, outdoor tub, electric-pulse tub, 2type of Jacuzzi soak, wet sauna and kettle (kama) sauna.

スパハウス・かわむら Spa House Kawamura

Directions: The yellow and green building, located behind the Sky Plaza Misawa (in front of the Main Gate).

Hours	10:00 - 24:00
Days Closed	Every 1st Monday of the month.
Pricing	Adult: ¥350. Children, 6-12 yrs: ¥150. Children, 5 and under: ¥50.
Water Type	Sodium chloride spring
Bathing Amenities	2 temperatures of hot water, cold water rinse, outdoor tub, and seated soaking chairs.

Winter Road Safety Campaign Dec 11-22, 2012

Driving Tip of the season:

Turn on your headlights during snowy weather and as soon as the daylight begins to dim in the early afternoon.

The days are long, the nights are short, and winter snow turns into ice. Please use more caution when driving off-base as the roads are not salted as in other countries. Fatal traffic accidents--involving seniors citizens, drunk driving, and skidding on ice --increase during this time of the year.



Misawa Onsen Family Days Dec 8, 2012 and Jan 12, 2013 (Saturdays)

三沢空港温泉 Misawa Airport Onsen
スパハウスかわむら Kawamura Spa House
岡三沢温泉 Okamisawa Onsen
市民の森 温泉浴場 Citizens' Forest Onsen

太郎温泉 Taro Onsen
あおば温泉 Aoba Onsen
木崎野温泉 Kizakino Onsen



Several onsens of Misawa have joined together to provide you and your family an opportunity to relax and spend time tighter. On these Family Days, children 15yrs and under (junior high school age and younger) are free at these participating onsens:



For 2 nights, the old unused Misawa railway will be resurrected as the “Friendship Candle Road”.

This public artwork will be lit from 4:30 - 9:00 pm.

Stop by Sky Plaza Misawa to enjoy *Christmas dinner cooking before viewing the Friendship Candle Road!

Dec 22, Saturday

1:00 - 3:00 pm *Christmas Dinner Cooking at Sky Plaza Misawa.

4:00 - 4:30 pm Opening Ceremony at American Park.

4:30 - 9:00 pm Friendship Candle Road is lit.

Dec 23, Sunday

1:00 - 3:00 pm *Christmas Dinner Cooking at Sky Plaza Misawa.

4:00 - 9:00 pm Friendship Candle Road is lit.



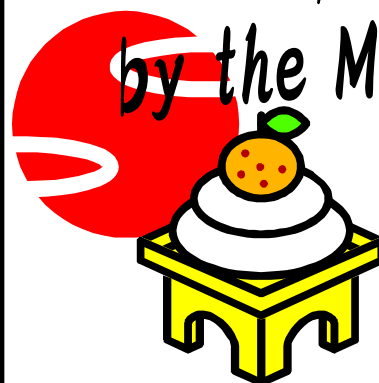
Bring your original candle in small jar to join the Friendship Candle Road!

The first 200 participants will receive a free gift!

*Limited to the first 15 family each day who sign up can participate to Christmas Dinner Cooking.

For more details and to sign up, please contact the Misawa Art Project at: Email: misawa.art@gmail.com

2013 Shogatsu Celebration by the Misawa International Association



Take part in a memorable experience that you will be able to share with your family and friends back home. 正月Shogatsu (New year) is probably the most important holiday in Japan.

School and business are closed, and people return home to be with their families for the many special foods that are eaten and the holiday games, which are played. We would like to share this holiday with you.

**January 27, 2013, Sunday
from 1:30~3:30PM
at the Misawa International Center**

What will we do...

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

Please join us for Japanese SHOUGATSU!!



Please sign up and pay in advance at the Misawa International Association (in the Misawa International Center) by 25 Jan 2013.

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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)