

Club Activity Introduction (1)

Clad in hakama, members of the kyūdō (Japanese archery) club line up on stage. One member steps up and, bow in hand, stares down a nearby target while gently pulling back the bowstring. The gymnasium, previously full of noise, is smothered in silence in just moments. A few long seconds pass. Thwack! The arrow hits the mark, and applause follows.

During the club activity introduction assembly on April 11th, each club, just like the kyūdō club above, took turns trying to entice new first year students to join their club through speeches or demonstrations.

Many different methods were put on display. The club president of the literature club stood alone on stage and, appealing to his loneliness, asked for someone to please join his club. The basketball club promised

that you would become jacked and popular with girls if you joined. The English and manga clubs were introduced as clubs perfect for slacking off or joining multiple clubs.

There are a total of 30 clubs, and with most having less than ten members, each wanted to increase their ranks by even one person. Hopefully this year's batch of first years all found at least one club they want to join.



部活動紹介(上)

袴を身に着け、弓道部員がステージに立っています。近距離の的を睨んで、ゆっくり弓を引き始めます。雑音に満ちていない体育館が、一瞬にして静寂に覆われます。何秒か立ち、だんだん緊張が高まり、ピークに達しているところでは、矢が放たれます。見事な中して、拍手が続きます。

四月十一日の部活動紹介の話です。前述の弓道部のように、各部が演説や技術を見せることで新しい一年生を勧誘する行事です。

一人でステージに立つて、一人ぼっちの自分の部に入らないかとアピールする文芸部部长、入ったらムキムキになり、女性にモテると主張するバスケット部、楽で兼部できる部活動として紹介された英語部とマンガ部、様々な口説き方が披露されました。

全部で三十部あります。十人以下の部が多く、みな一人でも部員を増やしたかったようです。今年の一年生も全員入りたいたい部を見つけたらいいなと思います。