

Hi, I experienced “ice day” this month, a day which is too cold and dangerous to go to school.

1. School

The first semester is over, and I just started the second semester. At the end of the semester, we have a final exam, but most of the students don't have to. Because only students who have more than 9 absences are required to take it. So, if you have less than 9 absences it will be optional and become a last chance to improve your final grade. I mean if the grades on the test are good it will be included in your final grade and if not, it won't. I think it is a great system.

My schedules changed a lot in the second semester, so at first, I was scared because my classmates are changing, and I don't have any friends in my new class. But this is a good opportunity to make new friends. Also, for this semester I decided to take a new class; financial management because I wanted to take the class which I can't take in Japan. In this class I study personal finance and investment. My host brother was taking this class before, and he suggested I take it.

2. Cheer

From this month the cheerleading competition has begun in earnest. I do have competitions twice a week, so it is busy but it's fun. There are three rounds of performance and I'm in the first and second one. In the first round every single person must do the same movement. In the second round, we do the same movement and tumbling. In the third round, we stunt. Our team usually plays against 3 to 5 teams which have the same levels of performance. We got first place a couple of times! When we win, our coach always holds an ice cream party as a treat for us. Every time judges gave us the score on how our performance was. I feel so proud of ourselves because our scores are improving every single time.