

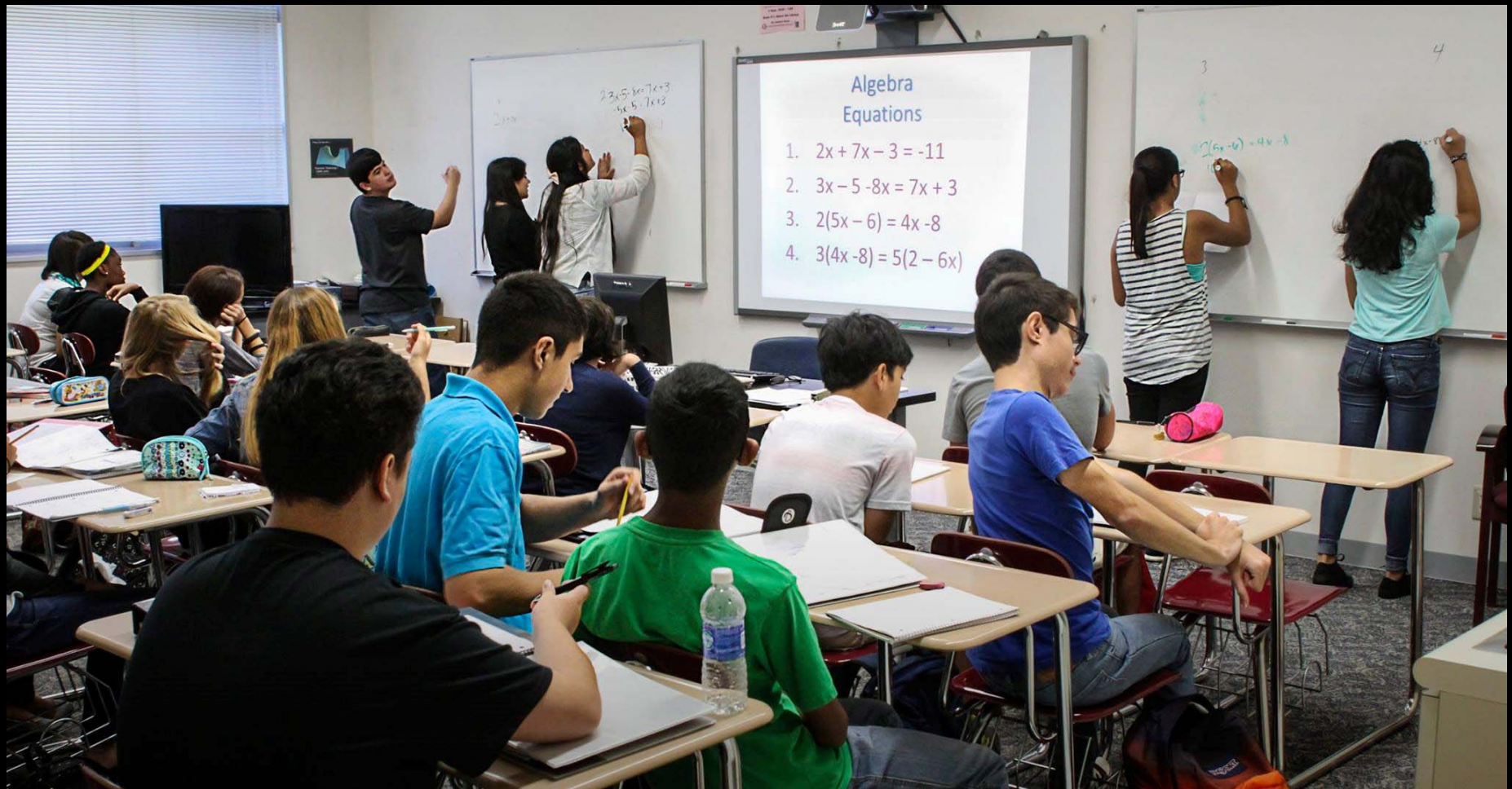
- The School Year through Facebook -
A Chronicle of My Year at Zama American High School



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School Year: 2014-2015

The First Full Day of School... The boys came in and sat on one side of the room, and the girls sat on the other...
The Joy of Freshmen ☺



August 26, 2014



The first week of school ended with the Parent Teacher Organization treating the students to ice cream after lunch. It was fun seeing some of the young students eating seconds and even thirds 😊



August 29, 2014

Opening Football Game tonight against Kinnick: Both bands played, both cheerleading squads performed, and both teams played hard... A good night.



September 5, 2014



After a hard fought game, the team is getting ready both mentally and physically for game II. A great group of young student athletes...

September 9, 2014



Zama Volleyball kicked off the season with its first home game against CAJ (Christian Academy Japan) of Tokyo... Both the JV and varsity girls played hard...

September 9, 2014



Freshmen and
their hair –
Always interesting
😊



September 12, 2014



Seniors and Best Friends, celebrating completing their first full month of senior year in front of the Bamboo Garden of Zama HS

September 19, 2014



"The 5th Quarter" - Tonight the Zama Trojans battled the Iwakuni Samurai in a tough game. Neither team has a JV, so at the close of the 4th quarter the teams played a 5th quarter with all the young players who saw limited action during the game. This is one of the beautiful things about DoDDS :) The photo depicts one of my star freshmen algebra students making a great run...

September 19, 2014



Homecoming - Mystical Monday: It was beyond fun seeing the students dressed up as mystical characters as Zama kicked off its Homecoming Week

September 22, 2014



Homecoming Week - Tuesday was Injury Day... Well when this freshman came to class early this morning, I immediately asked if she was OK... She and her girlfriend just laughed at me 😊 I had forgotten, and her wound looked so real.

September 23, 2014



Homecoming Week - Wednesday is TV Character Day...
Another fun day at Zama 😊

September 24, 2014



Homecoming Week – Class Color Day: Seniors are red, and juniors are blue. Here two friends in my calculus class are exemplifying class pride ☺

September 25, 2014



Powder-Puff Football Tonight: The girls, especially the underclassmen, performed really well... A fun night...

September 25, 2014



Homecoming Pep Rally and the Joy of Freshmen

September 26, 2014



Homecoming Game - Our first play - a touchdown

September 26, 2014



Homecoming Dance Tonight: Even after a heartbreaking football game last night, the students celebrated their new year as students of Zama American High School. A totally fun night...

September 27, 2014



The Surgical Masks of Japan: A common sight in Japanese culture is to see students and adults wearing masks to school or work. The objective is simple. If one is feeling slightly under the weather, the mask serves to protect others, and if there happens to be a high pollen count or sickness in the area, then it protects the user. Even teachers and students with a non-Japanese background tend to wear them at Zama. A simple but functional idea

October 2, 2014



Yesterday was the last day at Zama HS for one of my young freshman girls. After only about two months as a Zama Trojan, her dad was transferred back to the states. The life of a DoDDS student is not an easy one. The majority of my freshmen will graduate from a high school someplace else in the world. So we took a pic of her surrounded by her classmates

October 10, 2014



My freshmen JROTC students preparing for their week of JCLC, Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge: This is an intense week focusing on practical training and leadership development.

October 15, 2014



The Joy and Innocence of Freshmen: After class today as two of my Algebra students were talking, they hugged each other. One then said to the other in the cutest way, "You are my 'best-est' friend ever." They both laughed... and me too. 😊

October 16, 2014



The Final Home Game of the Season: It was a difficult fall for the young Trojans, but the students played with heart. They did Zama proud...

October 17, 2014



The freshmen received their class hoodies today... Oh, pink is the class color 😊

October 17, 2014



The Class of 2018 – Wearing the Freshmen Class Hoodies... The idea was to visually show "2018." We could not quite get high enough 😊

October 20, 2014



National Honor Society Induction Tonight: The NHS officers and new inductees did a great job this evening. It was a joy seeing the new members with their proud parents 😊 However, I could not help remembering my first ceremony at Lake Clifton so many years ago...

October 29, 2014



Pacific Far East Volleyball Tournament: DoDDS and international schools participated in the Division II tournament at Camp Zama's gym this week. I took my Algebra class down today to see one of the semi-final games between Misawa and Iwakuni. The students enjoyed the break from math 😊

November 6, 2014



Students Working Together: Sometimes the best thing a teacher can do is to just get out of the way ☺

November 8, 2014



A Student Directed Play: The drama class presented a play today during seminar to the student body. The play was completely student organized and directed. It was enjoyed by all

November 14, 2014



How many
freshmen boys
does it take to
do a French
braid?

November 21, 2014



A Big Smile – Braces Off: One of the joys of high school is seeing the students showcasing their new smiles the day after their braces are removed. After her enthusiastic smile, the entire class clapped their hands to share her joy 😊

December 3, 2014



Both the JV and Varsity Boys Basketball teams kicked off the season with impressive wins against Saint Maur International School of Yokohama. A good night at Zama... and I love the shoes 😊

December 5, 2014



Zama vs. Yokosuka:
It is always fun
when my old school
comes to town! The
JV looked good and
put up a gallant
fight. Here one of
my great ex-algebra
students from last
year shows how it is
done 😊

December 9, 2014



My freshman algebra student, the only freshmen on varsity, goes airborne against Kinnick 😊

December 10, 2014



Camp Zama's Annual Winter Concert: Young musicians from the middle school, along with members of the US Army Band, joined the students of Zama High School for the garrison's annual winter concert. Musicians both young, old, and "older" entertained an enthusiastic audience. A fun night at Zama ...

December 12, 2014



After proctoring the ACT on this beautiful Saturday morning, I ventured across the field to the gym just in time to see the end of a DoDEA exhibition wrestling tournament to kick off their season. Here a Zama boy is getting ready to pin a Yokosuka girl. It was an exciting match...

December 13, 2014



The JROTC Ball: A ceremony at the beginning of the Ball where a table with an empty chair was served in honor of all the service people in uniform who are far away from home in dangerous places.

December 13, 2014



Zama girls' basketball
first home game
against International
School of the Sacred
Heart of Tokyo: Here
one of my freshmen
algebra students
gives it her best - just
like in class

December 16, 2014



Santa comes to Zama and gets a big surprise...

December 19, 2014



Freshmen and their Socks - Enough said 😊

December 19, 2014



“A Christmas Dream” – Students from the Zama community performed a night of ballet this evening. The students, both young and “old” did a fantastic job...

December 19, 2014



Two of my freshmen algebra students led the way to a great night of basketball at Zama to kick off the new year and the beginning of exam week. The JV (L) played an incredibly exciting game, even though they came up one point short. The varsity (R) dominated from the very beginning with great team play. The girls from both Zama and the Christian Academy in Japan played their hearts out... A fun night ...

January 16, 2015



Last week one of our seniors enlisted in the US Air Force. The JROTC had a ceremony where the student took his oath in front of his fellow classmates. The future airman reports for duty in July 😊

January 19, 2015



No-Student- Friday: What better way to begin finalizing semester grades than having a math department breakfast at the golf course. But then it grew to the math and technology departments, then science was added, and art could not be left out, and finally it simply became a "Building 919 Breakfast." A great way to end one semester and begin another... And we had to invite our principal to keep it legit ☺

January 23, 2015



Spirit Week: Monday is Pajama Day, and it is a perfect way to kick off the 2nd semester.

January 26, 2015



Tuesday is Clone Day... One may have to worry about some of the upperclassmen guys

January 28, 2015



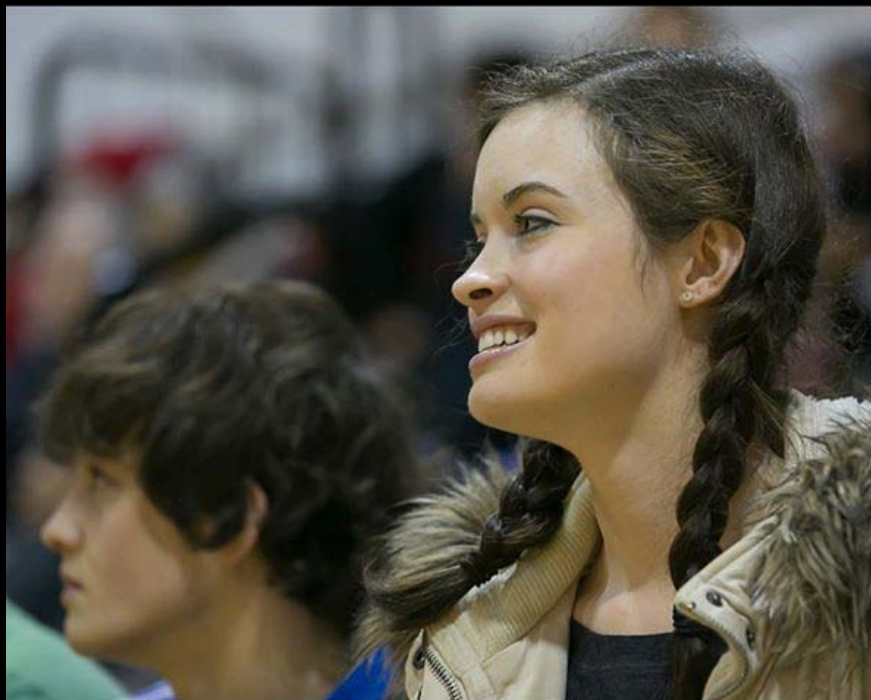
A Hard Fought Game at American School in Japan: If anyone thinks that Girls' Basketball is not a hard hitting physical sport, they should have been at the away game last night at ASIJ. Girls on both teams went home exhausted and full of bruises. We came up a little short on the scoreboard, but not in character. Zama girls are tough... Here the teacher-coach gives last minute instructions to one of my former "great" algebra students ☺

January 28, 2015



Class Colors Day:
Here are two of my
spirited calculus
seniors. Can you
guess what the
senior colors are?

January 29, 2015



Senior Night for Boys
BB at Zama: A rough
night for the boys
against Saint Mary's,
but it does not stop a
sister rooting for her
"little" brother. 😊

January 30, 2015



Brother and Sister Night at Zama Last Night ☺

January 31, 2015



What every modern 21st century classroom needs... A place for students to "charge."

February 4, 2015



Girls' Senior Night and Last Home Game - A hard-fought victory over Kinnick... It was also great seeing my former freshmen girls, now seniors, from Yokosuka.

February 10, 2015



"I got it! I got it! I got it!" Zama girls got it with their first win this morning in the Far East Pacific Basketball tournament against the girls of Osan, Korea.

February 16, 2015



DoDDS Far East
Championship Game
Tonight: The army and navy
girls of Zama HS versus the
air force girls of Yokota HS.
The two schools of the
Kanto plain gave their all in
a truly exciting basketball
game. The Zama Trojans
played their hearts out, but
the Yokota Panthers came
away with the victory. The
girls from both teams
brought pride to their
schools...

February 18, 2015



The Zama Photography Club meets tonight and the topic is "Pets and Animals." After school today two of my star algebra freshmen and I had some fun... It's a shame freshmen have to grow up to be seniors 😊

March 7, 2015



The Boys and Girls Soccer Teams kicked off the beginning of the new season with two strong wins over the students of Misawa from northern Japan. It was a cold night, but the athletes did not seem to mind.

March 13, 2015



The girls of Zama Softball played well in their season opener this beautiful spring evening but gave up a few too many runs. The game was fun, and everyone knows that the team will only improve as the season progresses.

March 17, 2015



The Beauty of Sisters - "Little" sister gives "Big" sister a supportive hug during the girls' soccer game on senior night.

May 1, 2015



Two of Zama's best bringing home the victory on Senior Night - Besides being rather good soccer players, they are even better scholars. After graduation in a few weeks, one is going to the United States Military Academy at West Point, while the other will be attending the Air Force Academy. They will be missed...

May 2, 2015



Softball's Last Home Game – One of my freshman algebra students puts the tag on a girl from Yokosuka. A big win for Zama..

May 8, 2015



Besides being Zama's catcher, she is setter for the volleyball team and point guard on the basketball team. Plus she is a pretty good math student.

May 9, 2015



The Zama girls on the club volleyball team took on the adult military leadership in an exciting game after school today. The girls appeared not to be intimidated by their competition, which included Garrison Commander Colonel Joy L. Curriera and Command Sergeant Major Rosalba Dumont-Carrion. The fact that Col. Curriera previously played volleyball for West Point only added to the excitement. Before the game the girls sat for a photo with the military leadership, and afterwards Col. Curriera spoke to her young competitors encouraging them "to be all they can be." This was much more than a volleyball game...

May 14, 2015



Prom Night at Zama... Took some photos of a really good math student from a really great family... There are only three more weeks until graduation The year went by so fast...

May 16, 2015



The Freshmen Class of 2018 - None better ☺

March 12, 2015



Number 14 – My Freshman Algebra student, who managed to score an astonishing 8 goals Friday night for the opening home game of the season. Should he get 8 extra credit points? 😊

March 14, 2015



Baseball at Zama - The boys of Zama had a big victory over Misawa today after school. A few of my freshmen did really well...

March 20, 2015



The Joy of Freshmen – Only three weeks of school left until summer break, and they are still working 😊

May 26, 2015



You know the school year is coming to a close when Field Day arrives. The highlight of the day is always the Tug-of-War between the classes. Fun was had by all...

May 29, 2015