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会津若松校のMichelが同窓会についてのエピソードをご紹介します。
国は違えど特別な催しのひとつのようです。

A school reunion is a meeting of students from the same school and year after graduation. It is usually held yearly or at some other regular interval depending on the number of students and how often they can get together.

In America the most common school reunion is that of high school and college. Junior high school reunions are rare in America and more common in Japan. Usually there is an **alumnus** or **alumna** who organizes the reunion. It can be one person or a committee. It is their job to tell other students the time and place of the reunion. Sometimes the school may have an alumni newsletter that gives this information.

Reunions are not always held at or near the school. Students from a big college often hold a reunion quite far from their school. Because of work or marriage they may be living far from home or even abroad. In this case the class may hold several reunions in different places that all can easily reach.

Students **gather** at the appointed time and place. Everyone is **eager** to see how others have changed or stayed the same. Men are worried about how much hair they have lost. Women are worried about how much weight they have **gained**. You can hear comments like, "You haven't changed a bit" or "You look so good." Men and women may be surprised that their school sweetheart is now quite different from the image they had before.



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As time passes the subjects at reunions change. From the 5th to 10th year reunions, the subjects may often be marriage or work. From the 10th to 20th year the subject may often be children. After the 20th year the reunion can be **saddened** by the death or **divorce** of a classmate. On the other hand some classmates may become famous and make everyone feel proud.

School is a unique experience for all people. Most people look back on it with good memories. It's when we do many things for the first time and when we learn more and faster than any other part of our life.

The feeling of belonging to a small group or community is necessary for our health and mental **stability**. The only way to **re-live** this is the school reunion.



読み解きのヒント

alumnus	男子の同窓生	gain	得る、手に入れる
alumna	女子の同窓生	saddened	悲しむ
gather	集まる	divorce	分離・絶縁
eager	熱望している	stability	安定
		re-live	再び経験する

SCHOOL REUNION

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ワインな英語

～ワインにまつわる表現～

味の表現

It tastes (sweet)

⇒ (甘口)ですね

★ 他にも・・・

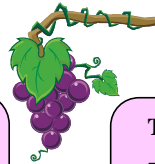
dry (辛口)

full bodied (こくがある・力強い)

light (あっさりした)



ボジョレー・ヌーヴォーもいよいよ解禁となりました。英語ではどのようにワインの味や香りを表現するのでしょうか？



味の描写

There is a hint of (blackberry)

⇒ (ブラックベリー)が微かに感じられます

It tastes like (chocolate)

⇒ (チョコレート)のような味ですね



香りの描写

I can pick up the aroma of (strawberry)

⇒ (イチゴ)の香りが感じられます



It smells like (nutty) ⇒(ナッツ)のようなにおいがしますね



Let's Get Together!

学校の中ではいろいろな集まりがあり、親睦を深めています。

fraternity / sorority

男子 (fraternity) ・女子 (sorority)
学生のための社交クラブ。AXΩ (Alpha Chi Omega) などギリシャ文字が使用されることから、"Greeks" とも呼ばれています。

Student Association

学部・民族・宗教が共通している生徒たちが集まり、人脈作りや就職情報の交換を行ったり、様々なイベントが催されます



Happy Hour

自由参加型のカジュアルな集まりです。通常スナック等軽めの食べ物が用意され、アルコールも解禁になります。



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基礎英語からTOEIC、ビジネス、旅行まで目的に合わせて選べます。Pod castで音声を聴くことも出来、進捗グラフ機能で自分の学習計画も管理できますよ！

◀ GLOBAL TALK 話題受付中! ▶

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