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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOST JAPAN'S YAMATO NISHI HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

Frederick Douglass HS and the Office of Interscholastic Athletics Sponsor First PGC Baseball Classic

Four Prince George's County public schools will compete against Japan's Yamato Nishi High School's baseball team on March 31 and April 2 in the first ever PGC Baseball Classic. Bowie, Eleanor Roosevelt, Frederick Douglass, and Gwynn Park high schools will host the Japanese students at Bowie Baysox Stadium in Bowie. The opening ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 31.

Twenty-six student baseball players, two teachers, and three managers from Yamato Nishi HS will visit Prince George's County for the PGC Baseball Classic. This is the first visit and match-up of its kind between the Yamato Nishi HS team and county high school teams.

Students at Frederick Douglass HS have participated in a student exchange program with Yamato Nishi HS for the past six years. Currently 16 students and two teachers from Yamato Nishi HS are on a 10-day visit at Frederick Douglass HS and are being hosted in the homes of PGCPs students and teachers. In June, Frederick Douglass HS principal, Monica Goldson will accompany nine of her students and two teachers to Japan to visit their sister school. Yamato Nishi HS is in Kanagawa Prefecture (Maryland's sister state in Japan) and emphasizes English instruction for its student population of 800. Frederick Douglass HS offers Japanese instruction to students via instructional television coursework.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to grow culturally and I am proud of them for hosting their fellow students on and off the baseball field," said Dr. André J. Hornsby, Chief Executive Officer, Prince George's County Public Schools.

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PGC Baseball Classic Game Schedule:

Thursday, March 31	10:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
	11 a.m.	Yamato Nishi HS vs. Bowie HS
	3 p.m.	Yamato Nishi HS vs. Eleanor Roosevelt HS
Saturday, April 2	11 a.m.	Yamato Nishi HS vs. Gwynn Park HS
	3 p.m.	Yamato Nishi HS vs. Frederick Douglass HS

For a schedule of upcoming PGCPs high school baseball games, please visit our web site at www.pgcps.org/~sports/.

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