## Gyosei International Primary School Newsletter

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Joyeux Noël!

The angel of God said to Maria, a girl in Nazareth, "You give birth to a boy."

"Why would that happen? I don't know anything."

"This is God's great and great grace. It is God's heart."

"I am the servant of the Lord. May I be this as you say."

A boy was born in the rural town of Bethlehem on a beautiful starry night.

Oh, the baby's cry echoed.

Father Joseph and mother Maria smiled at each other.

The people who helped the birth also smiled.

A quiet night was filled with everyone's joy.

Today, the Savior Jesus was born in the city of David.

Birth of the Lord! Merry Christmas!



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### Verse for January

"While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light." (JOHN 12:36)

# Hymn for January

"I Am Standing in Front of the Door" No. 411 Catholic Hymn Book

### Motto for January

"Live your life having an aim for the New Year." "Let's give thanks for everything."

### Safety Reminder for January

"Foresee what will happen to keep yourself safe."

### **Red Feather Donations**

Thank you to all who contributed to the Red Feather Donation drive. 10,888 yen was collected and will be used for community support in Kisarazu.



### 2020 Marathon

This year's marathon event was held last week for every grade level during P.E. periods. All participants were able to reach the finish line vigorously without losing against the cold temperature. The names of the winners up to 6th place are posted on the bulletin board in the school. The school marathon distances were 1.5 km for1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 1.8km for 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, and 2.0km for 5th and 6th grades.

#### Student Report Cards Details

For this school year, the school has adopted the new criteria determined by the government. The evaluation fields in the report cards include sentences explaining the content of each evaluation. To make it easy to understand them, the following are the simpler evaluation.

1st-knowledge and skills

2<sup>nd</sup> - Thinking, expression, judgement

3<sup>rd</sup>-Attitude to work independently

#### School Safety Guidance

At present, we are focusing safety inspections in our school facilities and implementing safety guidance in educating our students. We are asking for your cooperation to have the same actions to prevent any accidents and injuries even at home.

#### Achievement Tests

Achievement tests will be held in the third term and the results will be reported with the third term report cards. Testing will be conducted early in February. All A course tests will be supplied by an outside vendor. In B Course, Japanese tests will also be supplied by an outside vendor, but all the other subject tests will be written in-house. Please see below.

	Grades 1 to 4	Grade 5 & 6	
Α	Japanese & Math	Japanese $\cdot$ Math $\cdot$ Science $\cdot$ Social studies	
В	Japanese & Math	Japanese $\cdot$ Math $\cdot$ Science $\cdot$ Social studies	

### **Calligraphy Works**

All students from grade 1 to 6 are usually invited to submit works for the Primary, Junior, and High School Chiba Prefecture Calligraphy organization. But for this year it has been postponed for safety reasons due to COVID 19.

### After School Study and Play

After school study and play for the third term will begin on January 12. Due to various events, there may be days when after school study and play will be canceled so please consult the school schedule in Akatsuki carefully.

### The 14th Chiba Prefecture Private Primary School Joint Art Exhibition

Our school will once again be participating in the Exhibition as advertised in the pamphlet distributed this month. If you have the opportunity to visit, come and see art works of our students.

Exhibit Period:	January 15 to 24, 2021			
Location:	Nikke Colton Plaza, from 10:00 to 18:00			
Access:	10 minute-walk from JR Motoyawata Station on the JR Sobu line			
Gyosei Reception: January 19 from 10:00 to 18:00				

### School Supplies

Please be sure to rewrite your name if it has become faded on any supplies that you take home over the winter vacation, especially on your school bag where the name should be written on the brown leather section on the back in permanent marker. Please also be sure no key straps are affixed to the bags. You do not need to take home locker boxes or desk drawers but if you don't have either one please be sure to purchase a replacement. Replenish any supplies such as glue, tape, color pencils or other items.



### Families using Private cars coming to/from school

Please refrain from using and dropping your child at the entrance of the school bus rotary area. It is order to avoid any accident, inconvenience and delay of arriving and departing school busses. All students must return home after school time and must not stay longer and play around the primary school parking area. Hoping for your kind cooperation on this matter.

### Donation Request for High school's Girls Soccer Team

Our high school girl's soccer team is asking for support to participate in this New Year's National High School Girl's Soccer Tournament due to all the victory results of the prefectural tournament and being runner-up in Kanto area tournament. We are requesting financial support from primary school students and parents to raise fund for the event. The tournament will be held in Hyogo Prefecture from January 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 10<sup>th</sup>. The remittance details are as follows:

Bank name: Japan Post Bank Branch number: 058 Account number: 4464779 Account type: Savings account Account name: Gyosei International School Soccer Club-Parents' Association Sender's name: High School Girls National Tournament Support Fund Please select an item that I do not request to notify the transfer details to the receiver

	January Schedule	Departure	After school Play/Study
1(Fri) 2(Sat) 3(Sun) 4(Mon) 5(Tue)			<u>.</u>
6(Wed)	Opening Ceremony. Regular class schedule Club	15:25	_
7(Thu)	School bus Group Meetings Start of borrowing books from the Library Monthly Safety Check	14:30	_
8(Fri)		14:30	—
9(Sat)		13:40	_
10(Sun)			
11(Mon)	Coming of Age Holiday		
12(Tue)	Start of after school study and play	14:30	0
13(Wed)	Committee	15:25	—
14(Thu)		14:30	0
15(Fri)	Spelling Bee Contest The 14 <sup>th</sup> annual Private School exhibition runs until the 24 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	0
16(Sat)		13:40	—
17(Sun)			
18(Mon)	P.C. for B Course	14:30	—
19(Tue)		14:30	0
20(Wed)	Club	15:25	—
21(Thu)		14:30	0
22(Fri)	Eiken-Grade level 5, 4, & 3	14:30	0
23(Sat)	Eiken-Grade level Pre-2, & 2	13:40	—
24(Sun)			
	P.C. for A Course	14:30	—
26(Tue)		14:30	0
27(Wed)	Committee	15:25	—
28(Thu)		14:30	0
29(Fri)		14:30	—
30(Sat)	New grade 1 students orientation	13:40	—
31(Sun)			
Note	X <sup>3rd</sup> term after school play and study begins from the 12 <sup>th</sup> . In som due to the implementation of other events.	e cases, they mayb	e cancelled

