



New Year's Greetings

Let me give my new year's greetings to all the children, parents, teachers and staff here at the beginning of the new year. With God's grace and your celebratory prayer for his blessing of the new year, God has blessed us with the new year 2021. I wish you a happy new year!

In the past year, God gave us a lot of light and grace. Mother Mary protected us, too. Let's thank God for that from the bottom of our hearts. However, a storm of corona viruses caught us all over the world, giving us suffering and pain. We have been uniting our hearts to fight together, and we came to welcome the new year today.

What do we think, and how do we spend each day in the new year? Today is the first day of the third term. Please give your whole heart to think about what is important.

First of all, please love God. Love your friends next to you. Love many people who help you. Second, please study hard every day. Accumulate knowledge and get closer to God.

For your heart: make friends, help each other, forgive each other, understand each other, and enrich your mind. For your brain: study hard every day, store knowledge in the piggy bank in your brain, and approach God. Let's pray to God that God's love will permeate the earth, break down the corona virus soon and give us peace.

Please spend each day carefully and do your best so that this year will be a wonderful year for you.

(at the 3rd term opening ceremony on 06/01/2021)

D. Tagawa S.M.

★Verse for February

“Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.” (Matthew 7:12)

★Hymn for February

“Little People”

★Motto for February

“Let's be not discouraged by the cold and play outdoors.”

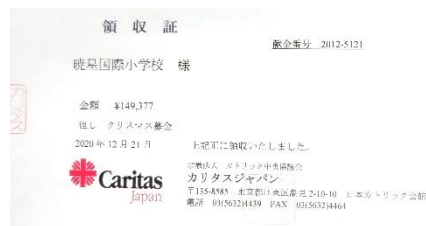
★Safety Reminder for February

“Forsee what will happen to keep yourself safe!”



◆Thank You for Your Christmas Donation

Over the Christmas holiday we were able to collect 149,377 yen in donations with your generous support. We remitted to Caritas Japan for its Christmas fund.



◆National High School Women's Soccer Tournament

The 29th All Japan High School Women's Soccer Championship was held in Hyogo Prefecture from January 3rd (Sun) to 10th (Sun), and our high school girls' soccer team made its first appearance in the national winter tournament and reached the quarter-finals. The game was held last January 6th (Wed) against Okayama Sakuyo High School that won the game.



Our students enthusiastically cheered on the live TV broadcast in the classrooms with the presence of our school principal. Thank you very much for the kind donations and support from our parents.

◆Spelling Bee

On January 15th (Fri), we held our annual spelling bee with winning representatives from the grade three to grade six classes. [REDACTED] won first place for this year and will be representing our school at the national spelling bee which will be held in Tokyo on March 6th (Sat).



◆Standard Aptitude Tests

We will be conducting NRT, standard aptitude tests, on February 10th (Wed) to 13th (Sat). Students in 1st to 4th grade in Regular Course will take two subjects, Japanese and Math, and 5th and 6th graders will take 4 subjects including Science and Social Studies. They are 40 minute tests each. Students in International Course will take only one NRT test which is Japanese, and the rest of the subjects will be prepared by our school staff and be conducted within the scheduled week. Test will not be given to the students who are absent on the day of test to prevent the delay of receiving results. The cost of the tests will be deducted from student's accounts.

◆Shortened Schedules on Wednesday and Saturday

In response to the state of emergency issued this month, our school is currently taking measures to shorten schedules on Wednesdays and Saturdays. It is believed that the status of the spread of the new coronavirus is still the same and higher as before the declaration was issued, and it is expected to last after February 8th (Mon).

Therefore, as long as there is no major changes in the situation, regular schedule will not be implemented temporarily. We will continue to take safety measures to dismiss all students from school after the 6th period on Wednesdays and after lunch on Saturdays. And also, supplementary lessons and after-school play will not be held for the time being.

◆Parents' Day

The scheduled February 13th (Sat) parents class observation and meetings has been cancelled for preventive measures against COVID 19. A DVD containing the recorded lessons from second term was distributed last 26th (Tue). In addition, the school evaluation questionnaire conducted this month is currently being tabulated. We will use the collected comments for better school management in the future.

◆ About 6th Grade Study Trip

Based on the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology and Chiba Prefecture Government with regards to school trips and other school activities, the annual grade six graduation trip in Nagasaki that is scheduled on February 3rd to 6th has been cancelled for safety reasons. A planned day trip for grade six to spend time and share memories together before graduation will be on March 1st (Mon) for 6B, 2nd (Tue) for 6A in Tokyo Disneyland observing and following preventive measures and insurance.

◆Making Sure of Test Levels

Near the mid of February we will pass out a form to find out the most recent levels attained by the students in tests such as Eiken, Kanken and Suken. If your child has taken a test at an outside location, we ask that you please make copies of the certificates and hand them in to the school with completed forms. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆Memorial Album DVD

Please be reminded that we will not issue this school year's memorial album DVD that contains photos and videos of school events.

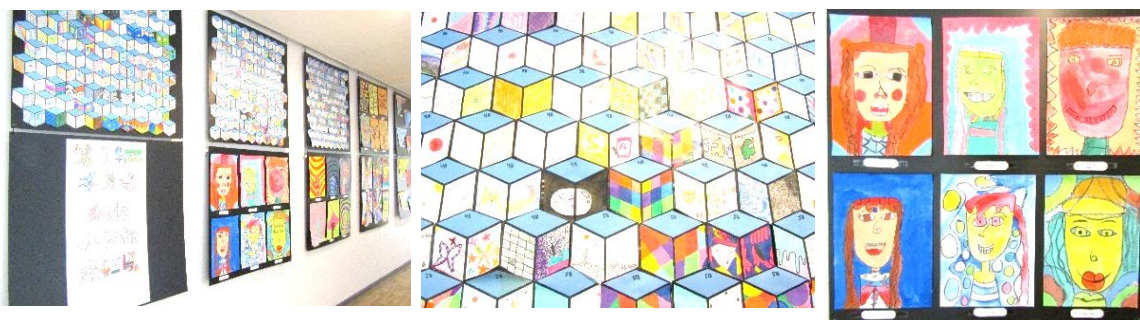
◆Maria Boutique

Students are not allowed to purchase items in Maria Boutique. They should be accompanied by parents. Kindly check the fund of your child's account when using the order slip. Maria Boutique will be closed during the Jr & Sr High School break on February 10th (Wed) to 14th (Sun).

◆Lost and Found

Please be sure to label or write names in every item your child brings to school. Our office received a lot of items with no names, so kindly check with your child if he or she is missing an item and forgetting to bring it home. Please coordinate with your child's homeroom teacher about it.

Selected Art Works displayed in school which were supposed to be on the Art Exhibition



Date	February Schedule	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 st Mon	P.C. for B course	14:30	-----
2 nd Tue	Assembly	14:30	-----
3 rd Wed		14:30	-----
4 th Thu		14:30	-----
5 th Fri		14:30	-----
6 th Sat		12:45	-----
7 th Sun			
8 th Mon	P.C. for A Course	14:30	-----
9 th Tue		14:30	-----
10 th Wed	NRT Achievement Tests	14:30	-----
11 th Thu	National Holiday – Foundation Day		
12 th Fri	Kanji Test	14:30	-----
13 th Sat		12:45	-----
14 th Sun			
15 th Mon	P.C. for B course	14:30	-----
16 th Tue		14:30	-----
17 th Wed		14:30	-----
18 th Thu		14:30	-----
19 th Fri		14:30	-----
20 th Sat		12:45	-----
21 st Sun			
22 nd Mon	P.C. for A Course	14:30	-----
23 rd Tue	National Holiday – Emperor’s Birthday		
24 th Wed		14:30	-----
25 th Thu		14:30	-----
26 th Fri		14:30	-----
27 th Sat	Transfer Exam	12:45	-----
28 th Sun			
Note	<p>In view of the current situation with the declared state of emergency, the shortened schedule for Wednesday is 14:30 dismissal, and Saturday is after lunch dismissal will continue until February 8 (Monday). After-school play and supplementary lessons will be canceled for the time being. We will send notice as soon as possible after the school decided when to resume the regular schedule.</p> <p>* The Student Leader’s election will be held as soon as preparations are completed.</p>		