Gyosei International Primary School





February 26, 2021 No. 11

For the Day of Commemoration of the 26 Martyrs of Japan

February 5th is a memorial day for the 26 martyrs of Japan. Among the 26 martyred people there was a boy named Ludovico Ibaraki. He was just 12 years old. In the present society, the age of 12 corresponds to the 5th or 6th grade in elementary school. Nearly four hundred years ago, Ludovico was willing to give himself up to be captured by an official. He travelled from Kyoto to Nagasaki with the desire to be martyred and give his life to Jesus Christ. Among the 26 martyrs, Ludovico was the youngest at only 12 years old. However, he dared to say, "I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I want to give my life to heaven under his teachings." In the cold days of winter, he was compelled to walk a long way from Kyoto to Nagasaki. The magistrate of Nagasaki felt sorry for the 12-year-old boy, Ludovico, and asked him why he would choose such a difficult and tough path of being crucified and killed. "You have come this far, captured just by believing in Christ. Why don't you say you don't believe in Jesus Christ? You'll be free if you just say that." The magistrate suggested that he should give up his belief. Ludovico said, "Life has two kinds, one in heaven and the other, life on this earth. He replied that he would rather choose to believe in Jesus Christ and be crucified, killed, and go to heaven than choose life on earth. Thus, on the hill of Nishizaka in Nagasaki, he had his heart stabbed by an official with a spear and passed away.

We're in the IT era now, but that's not all. There is heaven. There is a land to live with God. There is a spiritual life. Our physical body has its end. However, we have an eternal life. Considering the feelings of the martyred boy, Ludovico Ibaraki, this February, how about thinking about a life that never passes away, a life which is different from the one that does pass away?

In the Principal's room on 18/02/2021

D. Tagawa S.M.

March Verse

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you. (JOHN 15:16)

March Motto

Let's revise all we have learned. Let's make a clean environment.

Safety Reminder for January

For see what will happen to keep yourself safe!

Student Achievement tests

Student achievement tests were held at the beginning of February in order to check objectively how well students have learned the required materials. The results of the tests will be included with the third term report cards.

School Cleaning

The 3rd term school general cleaning is scheduled on March 18th during the 5th and 6th period by students and faculty members/school staff only. Students must bring rag towels, (gloves) and wear P.E. uniforms please be reminded that the school will not provide or borrow uniforms.

Closing and Graduation Ceremony

On March 19 - Friday, the 3^{rd} term and school year closing ceremony for grade 1 to 5 will be held thru online and the dismissal time is 10:30 am. The graduation ceremony will be in the school gym no.2, for more details please check from the distributed school letter.

Questionnaire for next year's travel method and current test levels

For the new school year, commuting method survey form and a letter confirming the certification test acquired and passed from grade 1 to 5 was distributed last time. If you have not submitted it yet, please send it by mail or Fax: 0438-52-3856. If you need new copies, contact your child's teacher or our school office. Kindly cooperate on this matter even if there is no other changes. The deadline of submission is on March 1^{st} , Monday.

Commuter Passes for the new School Year.

To purchase a commuter pass for a new school year, you will need a certificate of enrollment in school. If you need a copy, please inform us and we will send you the form. Fill in the necessary information in the small area above the dotted line, and submit it with a reply envelope attached with 84 yen stamp. It will be issued after April 1st and will be mailed to your home.

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通学区間		駅駅		経由		
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2021 school year's school items

For the 2021 school year, new notebooks, files, and communication notebooks will be handed in school to students in April. Other school supplies are to be purchased by each household and please replenish or replace if needed.

Notice from Maria Boutique

Maria Boutique will be closed of March 1st due to the High School Graduation Ceremony.

Alumni Activities

Tomokazu Matsuyama, a painter and sculptor living in New York, appeared on NHK E-Tele's "Sunday Art Museum" last February 21st (Sunday), he talked about the turbulent 300 days of struggling with his own creation in the adversity of Corona. Mr. Matsuyama spent 1st to 3rd year in the high school dormitory. He graduated from International course predecessor, the Anglo American Course, in March 1993. After graduating from Sophia University, Mr. Matsuyama's works are in the collection of many famous museums around the world, such as the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. It has also been featured in many media outlets, including TBS's "Jonetsu Tairiku."

Subsidy for elementary school leave due to new coronavirus infection

Information on subsidies for elementary school leave from the prefecture. For details, please check the website of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare by yourself.

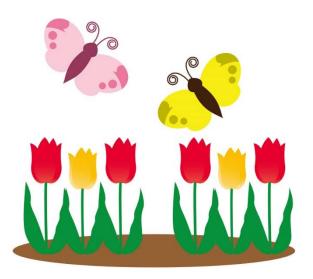
Grant HP

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/koyou_roudou/koyou/kyufukin/pageL07_00002.html Support money HP

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage_10231.html

Unused Postcards and Stamps Donations

Thank you very much for your donations of unused postcards, and stamps. The postcards and stamps we received were sent to the Chiba Prefecture Welfare Association for Visually Impaired.



	Schedule for March	Departure time	After Schoo Study/Play
1 Mon	P.C. for B Course 6B Graduation Trip (High School Graduation Ceremony)	14 : 30	<u> </u>
2 Tue	6A Graduation Trip	14:30	<u> </u>
3 wed		14 : 30	-
4 Thurs		14:30	_
5 Fri		14:30	_
6 Sat	Last Day of online lessons, Explanation Session (online) (Jr. High School Closing Ceremony)	12 : 45	_
7 Sun			
8 Mon	P.C. for A Course	14:30	_
9 Tue		14:30	
10 Wed	Student Council Election (Candidate's Speech)	14:30	-
11 Thurs	Student Council Election (Voting Activity)	14:30	_
12 Fri		14:30	_
13 Sat		12:45	_
14 Sun			
15 Mon	P.C. for B Course	14 : 30	_
16 Tue		14 : 30	_
17 Wed		14 : 30	_
18 Thurs	School General Cleaning Day (5 th and 6 th period)	14 : 30	_
19 Fri	School Year Closing Ceremony $(8:40\sim9:00)$ Graduation Ceremony $(9:30\sim10:30)$ Dismissal for grade 1 to 5	10:30	<u> </u>
	\sim 2021 School year \sim		
April 8 Thurs.	Opening Ceremony(9:15~9:45) Entrance Ceremony(10:00~10:35) **Regular school time for grades 2 to 6. Lunch will be served. **Dismissal time for grades 2 to 6 will be at 12:45	12 : 45	——————————————————————————————————————
Note	 The 2021 school calendar will be distributed on Saturday, March Maria Boutique will be closed during spring vacation. Inquiries during spring vacation-school office from Mon. to Fri. 9:00 to 1! Sat. from 9:00 to 12:00 Please refrain or do not bring any school supplies during the spring 	5:00,	. 1