



# October, Month of Rosary

Greetings to the students and their parents at Gyosei International Primary School! The second term has begun and September is about to end. For Catholic churches, October is the month of the Rosary. Rosaries were distributed to you during May, the month of Mother Mary. October is a month for celebration and prayers all over the world. It is also a month of peace. We spend a difficult life every day due to the COVID-19. We struggle against the difficulty and hardship that God has given to us. We will pray once again to Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, to protect the people of the world so that the coronavirus will disappear from this earth.

Here are French words, une médaille miraculeuse. It means "a miraculous medal," which is called "fushigino medai" in Japanese. It's the medal attached to the Rosary distributed to you in May. My parents gave one to me when I was a child. Whenever I went out, I always had it with me so that I wouldn't get hurt at any time. It was a time of war when I was in Europe. Soldiers were given miraculous medals by their parents and went out for the war with them on their chests. War is nothing but sad because they fight each other. Strangely, however, there were cases where cannon bullets avoided soldiers with "miraculous medals" and they were saved. The "Miraculous Medals" saved people not only during the wars but also during storms. There were various miraculous events due to the Miraculous Medals. There are many examples of sick people getting better while chanting Hail Mary after receiving a Miraculous Medal. There are various people in the world. There are people who have no home or food. We will pray to Mother Mary for these people that they will be protected by God through the Rosary and through the "Miraculous Medal." Let's pray with a string of rosary every day. While chanting Ave Maria, we pray through Mother Mary that our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ's mother will protect us and that peace will come in this beautiful country of Japan. D. Tagawa S.M.

#### Verse for October

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Si le grain de blé tombé en terre ne meurt pas, il reste seul; mais s'il meurt, il donne beaucoup de fruits.

(John 12:24)

# Holy Hymn for October

"On the Hill of Galilee"

#### **Motto for October**

Remember the rules when coming and going to school.

#### Monthly Safety Goal

Let's keep silent on the bus.

#### About Online and School Lesson for October

Since September 15th (Wednesday), it is possible to choose between attending classes in school or online lessons. For the time being, it will be implemented again with the same system of choosing classes in school or online only. Please contact your homeroom teacher if there are any changes. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## Sports Day

On Saturday, October 23 we will hold our annual Sports Day and below are details on how it will undertake this school year.

- 1. For safety and prevention measures against COVID-19, we will have a shorter sports day program this year. In addition, only the presence of parents of grade 1 and 6 are allowed.
- 2. After the sports day event, students are to return to their respective classroom to have school lunch together and parents do not need to prepare their lunch from home.
- 3. If the sports events is not possible on the 23rd (Sat), we will notify you by activating the simultaneous mail delivery service at 5:30 in the morning of same the day. There will be a regular class with lunch and 13:00 dismissal.
- 4. If the sports events is cancelled on the 23rd (Sat), it will be rescheduled on the 24th (Sun). School lunch will be served and dismissal time is 12:45. And if the 24th (Sun) is cancelled it will re-scheduled on the 31st (Sun) and dismissal time will be 12;45 after lunch.
- 5. On the day of the sports day, students must come to school wearing school uniform and change to P.E. clothes in school with white socks. Please remember that students are wearing navy blue socks coming to school so if they forgot to bring white socks, a new one will be given as purchased from the boutique.
- 6. There will be no school bus services for parents this year, and also parents are not allowed to ride the regular school bus for students.
- 7. Parents must check with their child regarding leaving school after the events. Kindly notify the class teacher thru communication notebook for any changes.
- 8. Please observe the rules and manners regarding the use of all school parking area. The primary school ground will be available also for parking.
- 9. All event materials used for each grade are purchased and will be deducted from students' account. Make sure to label or write names on it. Headbands used by the cheering and relay members are school property, so please wash and iron them. Please return it to each class teacher by Saturday, October 30.

# Change Over to Winter Uniforms

From October 1st the change over period from summer to winter uniforms will begin until the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Be sure that students come to school with navy blue skirts or trousers, navy blue socks, and beret hats. Blazers and short sleeve shirts and blouses are optional until the 16<sup>th</sup> but needed to be worm from the 18th. Winter smocks will also be changed so be sure that all buttons are in place and name tags are affixed with the current student's grade year.

#### Halloween

On October 30, the A course students will have a Halloween party during English lessons and the B course students will have a Halloween party during one of the lessons. This school year, the school will not provide snacks and drinks for safety reasons. All students are encouraged to change into costume on the day and we ask that costume preparation not pose any undue burden. Please do not bring costumes that expose the skin and any other items that will be bulky and hard to carry to and from school. Photo Create will be in the school taking photos of the classes and some will appear in the graduation album. Please be sure not to forget your costumes.

# Bags and Belts

Black sub bags are being sold at the Maria boutique to be used by students in grade 4 and above although it should be noted that the purchase is not mandatory and the continued use of shoulder bags is perfectly acceptable. Grades 3 and under are to use shoulder bags but if these will not accommodate belongings please consult the appropriate persons about solutions. The blue lesson bags are to be used in the school for file storage and to hold items needed for lessons in other classrooms. These bags are to be hung on the hooks on the right side of student desks. If these bags have become lost please order a new one. Belts may be worn by grade 5 and 6 students with Gyosei issued buckle only.

# Maria Boutique Announcement

If you wish to submit your backpack for repair, please be sure to write a note detailing the part you wish to be repaired along with the necessary forms. Ordering P.E. jerseys will be accepted until October 16.

It is the season to change summer school uniform to winter version. Please be aware that it would take a month to prepare to be ready with it as soon as orders are requested.

If you are considering a replacement of any product, or if you are buying for the first time, please order it after trying of fitting the sample from our boutique. If you do not know the size of the product you want to purchase, please visit and try on at the boutique or in primary school and remember that bringing items home for trying or fitting is not allowed. We are asking for your kind understanding and cooperation.

# Notice of Postponement of Autumn Educational Field Trip

The autumn educational field trip for grade 1 to grade 5 that was scheduled on October 27 (Wednesday) is still under careful consideration of checking with the destinations and purpose of activities at present situation. It has been decided to postpone it until next year, March 1, 2022, so it will be a regular school day on the October 27 – Wednesday.

## Notice of postponement of 6th grade school trip

The planned grade 6 trip to Tokyo Disney Sea scheduled for October 21 (Thursday) will be postponed from the end of February to March.

### Educational Planning for Jr. & Sr. High School Consultations

On November 23, there will be a session via zoom with some of our Jr. and Sr. High school students talking about joining and studying in our high school. It will include school life, club activities and others. Further details will be announced later.

## French Test

Our school will be the venue to hold this school year 2021 Autumn French Proficiency Test. For those who applied, please make sure to submit the necessary reply form with a request receipt slip for payment which will be thru deductions from student fund so refrain or do not transfer any payment. The due date is until October 6<sup>th</sup> and for those who are interested to take the test feel free to ask for the application form. Details of the review lessons will be given later.

# Schedule for October

Date	Plan	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 (Fri)	Winter uniform change over period until the 16th	14:45	
2 (Sat)	Eiken Children of Graduate Students	12:00	
3 (Sun)			
4 (Mon)	Computer Class for B (Grade 3 above)	14:45	
5 (Tue)		14:45	
6 (Wed)		14:45	
7 (Thurs)		14:45	
8 (Fri)		14:45	
9 (Sat)	1st Entrance Examination for SY 2022 Pvt. School Association Promotion Gathering		
10 (Sun)			
11 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above)	14:45	
12 (Tue)		14:45	
13 (Wed)		14:45	
14 (Thurs)		14:45	
15 (Fri)		14:45	
16 (Sat)	Suken (Math Test)	13:00	
17 (Sun)			
18 (Mon)	Computer Class for B (Grade 3 above)	14:45	
19 (Tue)		14:45	
20 (Wed)	Sports Day Practice	14:45	
21 (Thurs)		14:45	
22 (Fri)	Sports Day Preparations	12:45	
23 (Sat)	Sports Day	12:45/ 13:00 if postponed	
24 (Sun)	Sports Day (Replacement day 1)	12:45	
25 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above) Holiday if the sports day was held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	14:45	
26 (Tue)		14:45	
27 Wed)		14:45	
28 (Thurs)		14:45	
29 (Fri)		14:45	
30 (Sat)	Halloween Activities	13:00	
31 (Sun)	Sports Day (Replacement day 2)		
Note	Committee and Club activities discontinued temporarily. Committee activities supplementary guidance if necessary. After school studies and play discontinued temporarily. Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday dismissal is 12;00 due to the entrance test. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> Saturday-Halloween activities without drinks and treating	at snacks.	