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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!



D. Tagawa S.M.

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

"Let's not run in the corridor."

2021 Marathon

This year's marathon event was held last Saturday – December 11. 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 for 1st and 2nd grades, 1.8km for 3rd and 4th grades, and 2.0km for 5th and 6th grades.

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place
Grade 1& 2 Boys	2B Dingwei Chang	2A Ryunosuke Yamaguchi	2B Yuto Takahashi	2A Shido Yokoyama	2B Kaira Ishiwata	2A Keito Ko
Grade 1&2 Girls	2B Miyu Asano	2B Jiayu Han	2A Sara Okajima	2B Rei Yamada	2B Rose Elkhebir	1B Hana Asakura
Grade 23&4 Boys	3A Yotaro Yamada	4B Andrew Dan	4A Hutoshi Kojima	4A Yoshimasa Hiraiwa	4B Leo Tsuruoka	4B Ryoza Iwatsuka
Grade 3&4 Girls	4A Mai Hirai	4A Nao Takeda	3A Aika Shijuku	3A Machi Iga	3B Nanon Shibata	4A Rino Maita
Grade 5&6 Boys	6B Ayuki Adachi	6B Yoshiki Arakawa	6A Haruki Isogai	5B Aki Okano	5B Keigo Kurihara	5A Hiroshi Kojima
Grade 5&6 Girls	6B Mito Matsumura	6A Maiko Kamata	6A Coco Kamiya	5B Yuika Ono	6A Nene Ebihara	6A Waka Hanada



Notice from Maria Boutique

During winter vacation, Maria Boutique will be open from 9:00 until 15:00. It will be closed from December 29th (- Wednesday) until January 3rd – Monday.

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
A	Japanese & Math	Japanese · Math · Science · Social studies
B	Japanese & Math	Japanese · Math · Science · Social studies

Calligraphy Works

All students from grade 1 to 6 are usually invited to submit works for the 74th Primary, Junior, and High School Chiba Prefecture Calligraphy organization contest. But for this year it has been decided that our school will not participate and instead students are requested to participate during the summer season.

After School Study and Play

After school study and play for the third term will begin on January 11. 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 15th Chiba Prefecture Private Primary School Joint Art Exhibition

The annual exhibition of students art work has been cancelled for this year again due to COVID-19.

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.

School Holidays during Winter Vacation

From December 29th -Wednesday until January 3rd – Monday, the whole school and office will be closed for winter vacation. Primary school will be closed on December 24th – Friday and 25th – Saturday. If you have any inquiries, please contact our office on the days that are not mentioned.

Issuance of School Certificate

Any school documents or certificates will not be issued during the dates December 24th- Friday until January 5th – Wednesday. If possible, apply in advance.

Notice of Changes in School Staff

Miss. Ruffa Pioquinto – English teacher for grade 1A to 4A will leave school.

Ms. Sheka Placido will return in 3rd term after her maternity leave and will teach English for grade 1A to 4A.

2021 Music Festival

As of December 18, 2021, the Music Festival will take place in third term with following details.

1. February 19-2022- Saturday. The program is divided into three parts.
 - a. Part 1 – Grade 1 and 2
 - b. Part 2 – Grade 3 and 4
 - c. Part 3 – Grade 5 and 6
2. Each class will present an instrumental performance and a choral performance with final choral performance by all classes together. The final choral performance could be in recording together with the French song performance.
3. The French song performance will recorded in advance and to be played before and after performances.

Please be informed that there could changes or a possible cancellation depending on the status of COVID-19.

	January Schedule	Departure	After school Play/Study
1(Fri)	Winter Vacation until January 6 th - Thursday		
2(Sat)			
3(Sun)			
4(Mon)			
5(Tue)			
7(Fri)	Opening Ceremony. Regular class schedule	14:45	—
8(Sat.)	School bus Group Meetings	13:55	—
9(Sun)			
10(Mon)	Coming of Age Holiday		
11(Tue)	Start of after school study and play Start of borrowing books from the Library	14:45	○
12(Wed)	Club	15:35	—
13(Thurs)		14:45	○
14(Fri)		14:45	○
15(Sat)	Eiken	13:55	—
16(Sun)			
17(Mon)	P.C. for A Course	14:45	—
18(Tue)		14:45	○
19(Wed)	Committee	15:35	—
20(Thurs)		14:45	○
21(Fri)		14:45	○
22(Sat)		13:55	—
23(Sun)			
24(Mon)	P.C. for B Course	14:45	—
25(Tue)		14:45	○
26(Wed)	Club	15:35	—
27(Thurs)		14:45	○
28(Fri)		14:45	○
29(Sat)	Kanken	13:55	—
30(Sun)			
31(Mon)	P.C. for A Course	14:45	—
Note	※3 rd term after school play and study begins from the 11 th . In some cases, they maybe cancelled due to the implementation of other events. ※Spelling Bee Contest information will be announced later.		

