



On the Occasion of Advent

We are about to enter the last month of the calendar year. Christ lived a life of preaching God's words for three years, choosing twelve disciples and sending them to every corner of the world to let them preach God's teachings and build churches. I would like to tell you a story about my trip to the Sahara Desert in Africa. Sisters from all over the world had built a monastery there and were visiting the tombs. I think it was Father Michel Foucault who wrote on the grave: "As long as this earth continues to rotate, I will keep preaching the Gospel. I will be buried in the middle of this desert, and while I sleep, I will preach God's teachings to the whole world."

Jesus Christ said, "As long as mankind continues to live on earth, I am the King. My kingdom is the kingdom that shines in the sky of heaven. God tells me that the earth will eventually end, but I don't know when." When the earth ends, Jesus Christ will come from heaven with His angels on this earth. The people who have lived on this earth will be resurrected and judged by God. This is what the Bible predicts in the book of Revelation. He will gather all mankind in the Valley of Kedron and hold a public judgment.

Finally, it is the Christmas season. The lights will be turned on all over the world. During the four years of my stay at university in Switzerland, I remember well how the carriages would start playing melodies, greeting the children, and singing hymns in the morning during this season. Your fathers and mothers would prepare gifts for you to celebrate Christmas. You were all born on this earth. Jesus Christ was also born on earth on Christmas day. Advent is the time when we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. The place where Jesus was born is called Bethlehem in Israel.

Why do we celebrate the birth of Jesus who was born so long ago? It is because he is a very great man. There are many great men and women in the world, but Christ is the one who opened the gates to heaven for us and saved us. When life ends on this earth, all human beings will come together as citizens of Christ's kingdom. Jesus Christ is that king.

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Verse for December

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts. (COLOSSIANS 3:15)

Hymn for December

Adeste Fideles
Silent Night

Motto for December

Let's help and be kind to each other.

Safety Reminder for December

Foresee what will happen to keep yourself safe.

2021 Sports Day

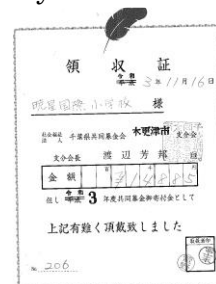
For this school year 2021, we are able to successfully hold the activities of our sports day in the midst of COVID-19. With limited time and days of practice, students cooperated and volunteered giving their best performance until the actual day of the event at the venue even if it is not the usual program of the school's sports day. We are

also thankful for the kind understanding and support of our parents. There will be a commemorative DVD that contains the program of activities to be given to all students at the end of the second term.



Red Feather Fundraising Donation

We are thankful for the cooperation of our students and parents for this year’s fund drive and we are able to collect cash amount of ¥ 14,885. The raised fund was donated and forwarded to the Kisarazu City Branch office.



3rd Term Test

The test listed below will be conducted in the third term.

As shown below, the certification exam will be held in the third semester. Students who wish to take the test should submit the application slip with necessary information to the class teacher until Wednesday, December 1st, kindly observe the deadline.

Test	Grade Level	Date of Test	Deadline of Application
EIKEN/English	Level 4 & 5 Level 2, Pre 2 & 3	January 15 th (Sat.)	December 1 st (Wed.)
Kanji Kentei	Level 2 ~ 10	January 29 th (Sat.)	

School Cleaning

On Friday, December 17th, during the 5th and 6th period, we will have our second term school general cleaning. This time it will be students and teachers only without the support of parents. Students will need to have their P.E. clothes and a cleaning rag, masks and gloves. The school will not be able to lend out supplies to students who forget.

After School Study, Play, Club, and Committee Activities

From December 1st – Wednesday, the regular school hours will resume on Wednesdays (7th period), club/committee activities and the dismissal time is 15:35, on Saturdays (5th period) dismissal time is 13:55. After school studies with homeroom teachers and play will resume also with Eiken supplementary lessons on December 2nd - Thursday, and 3rd-Friday only. Third term activities will resume on Tuesday, January 11th.

Donation Request of Used Keyboards.

We are asking for your kind cooperation of donating used keyboard that your household no longer need. It will be a great help for our students to use for Music lessons and for the coming Music Festival next year. Please feel free to contact Mr. Yamazaki our Music teacher for more details.

School Safety Measures

For safety reasons, please refrain from entering the school building without permission. If you have any inquiries, kindly drop by the school office for acknowledgement. We appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation on this matter.

School Library

Students will still be able to borrow books from the library until Saturday, December 4th for one week. All borrowed books must be returned by Saturday, December 11th. Please return the borrowed books accordingly.

Bringing Home of School Supplies

From Saturday, December 4th students will bring back some of their school supplies. Please follow the instructions of your child's homeroom teacher on what to take home. It is convenient to bring a large and durable bag, so please prepare it if necessary.

Notice from Maria Boutique

This is to inform you that it would take about one month for the uniform and some items to be delivered from your order. So kindly place your order in advance, do not forget to fill in the size and quantity. If you are concerned about size, please visit the boutique to try it on or contact the boutique directly. Please take note that the boutique will not issue school items if your child's student account don't have the sufficient fund. Students are not allowed to shop in the boutique alone so please make sure to accompany your child.

Maria boutique be closed on Saturday, December 4th due to the fitting of uniform and purchasing school items session of the incoming 2022 1st grade students.

Christmas Mass, Closing Ceremony and Donations

On Saturday, December 18th we will hold the Christmas Mass and closing ceremony with students ,Grade 1 & 6 parents and teachers only.

Please be sure to confirm the method your child will return home on the day. If it differs from the regular way, please inform your child's homeroom teacher by communication notebook.

Date: Saturday, December 18th

Time: 9:30 – 11:00

Place: The Primary School Gym.

Schedule:

Time	Activity
8:25	Arrive at School
8:25 ~ 9:10	Short Homeroom/Reading Time
9:10	Proceed to the gym (bring shoe bags & indoor shoes)
9:30 ~ 11:00	Christmas Mass/Closing Ceremony
11:00	Lunch
12:00	School bus departs



Donations

From Monday, November 29th there will be a donation box placed outside the staffroom. Donations will go to the Caritas Catholic Central Japan. If you wish to make a donation, please put it in the envelope that was distributed with the Christmas Mass letter. Seal the envelope and put it in the donation box.

Online Lessons

We are asking for your kind understanding and cooperation to refrain from requesting an online lesson with family reasons. Please be informed that it is a heavy burden for teachers and most of the students in the class to focus on both task.

	December Schedule	Dismissal	After School
1(Wed.)	Christmas Donation starts, Committee (Grade 5 and 6) Grade 6 students Entrance Tests for Jr. High School: Japanese & Math Deadline of submission of Eiken/Kanken application form	15:35	—
2(Thurs.)		14:45	○
3(Fri.)	Last day of after school study/play	14:45	○
4(Sat.)	Transfer Test Uniform fitting for 2021 SY grade one students (Club House) Last day of borrowing books from the library	13:55	—
5(Sun.)			
6(Mon.)	P.C. for A Course Students	14:45	
7(Tue.)		14:45	—
8(Wed.)	Club	15:35	—
9(Thurs.)		14:45	—
10(Fri.)		14:45	—
11(Sat.)	Marathon Activities Last day of returning borrowed books from the library	12:45	—
12(Sun.)			
13(Mon.)	P.C. for B course students/Marathon (Optional Day)	14:45	—
14(Tue.)		14:45	—
15(Wed.)	Committee	15:35	—
16(Thurs.)		14:45	—
17(Fri.)	2 nd Term School General Cleaning (5 th &6 th Period)	14:45	—
18(Sat.)	Christmas Mass, Closing Ceremony for 2 nd Term	12:00	—
Winter Vacation December 19, 2021 until January 6 2022			
Jan 7(Fri.)	3 rd Term Opening Ceremony Regular school periods and dismissal time	14:45	—
Reminders	After school play and study ends on the 3 rd - Friday 3 rd term after school activities begin from January 11 th - Tuesday. Third term opening ceremony to be held on January 7 th with regular dismissal time. Please be informed that dismissal time on Dec. 18th - Sat. 12:00.		