



New Year's Greetings

All of the students, parents, and staff of Gyosei International Primary School welcome the year 2022. God has blessed us with a new year. We celebrated the birth of Christ last month and the previous year ended. We are happy to hold the term opening ceremony of the third term. Jesus Christ gave us joy, peace, and hope. God's son opened the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven, and became one of us. God was born as the light of the world, in the form of an infant. It is a wonder. In Latin, "natura mirante" means that nature was amazed. The past year has been a very difficult time. We had natural disasters. However, everything passes away.

On New Year's Eve, I heard the news about Mr. Shohei Otani. His father started coaching him baseball when he was three years old. He went over to the U.S. with the goal of joining MLB and becoming a baseball player like Babe Ruth. Babe Ruth won two championships of both the pitcher of the year and the home run king. Mr. Otani also won two titles and accomplished a great feat. The second hero in history was born. His father told him to respect each of the three baseball skills, throwing, hitting and running. I think that it is important to proceed with a goal in mind as he did. You are all equally given 365 days by God. Please continue to be at peace, have hope, get along well with your friends, and live as a respectable human being as a brother and sister in Christ. If you make mistakes, you will apologize and forgive each other. Like Mr. Otani, you will work hard and grow up day by day. Where there is a match, God will be there. You will do your best to be a source of joy for your beloved family and to fill them with hope. Let us ask God through the rosary to eliminate suffering from the COVID-19 from the earth and to bring us peace.

In the Staff Room on January 8, 2022

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 127,353 yen in donations with your generous support. We remitted to Caritas Japan for its Christmas fund.

◆Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee contest selecting the school representative from grade 3 to 6 champion will not be held since it is not possible for the selection within the school this third term and it will be postponed for next year.

◆Standard Aptitude Tests

The scheduled NRT, standard aptitude tests, on February 8th (Wed) to 14th (Mon) has been changed and will be implemented next school year. It is due to the present situation of COVID-19 that affected the academic abilities of students that needs necessary opportunities to develop better learning processes for the remaining contents of the curriculum.

Schedule of implementation: April 2022 – detailed dates will depend upon the COVID-19 cases and it will be for the current 1st and 5th graders.

The test will be implemented after the completion of learning the contents of the previous school year's curriculum like the 5th graders as the incoming new 6th graders.

Regular course-current 1st to 4th grade with subjects Japanese and Math

Regular course current 5th grade with subjects Japanese, Math, Science, and Social Studies

International course current 1st to 5th graders with subject Japanese

While waiting for the results after the test implementation, replacement test will not be possible for the students who are absent or missed it. Payment will be deducted from students accounts not including the present 6th graders.

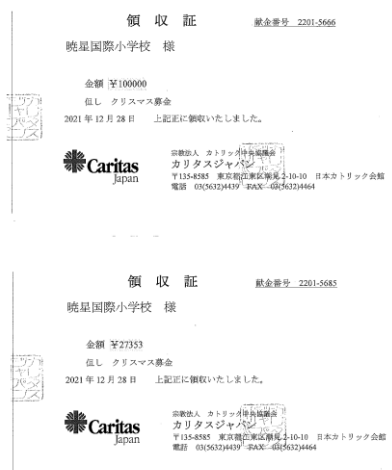
◆Shortened Schedules on Wednesday and Saturday

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 last time, and it is expected to last until the end of February.

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 14:45 dismissal and after lunch on Saturdays. 13:00 dismissal. And also, supplementary lessons and after-school play will not be held for the time being.

◆Parents' Day

The scheduled February 12th (Sat) parents class observation and meetings has been canceled for preventive measures against COVID-19. In addition, the deadline for responding to the school evaluation questionnaire conducted last month has been extended to February 15th (Tuesday).. We will use the collected comments for better school management in the future.



◆ 2021 Music Festival

For this school year's Music Festival scheduled on February 19th-Saturday has been canceled for safety measures against COVID-19. During the preparations, parents are to be invited to witness the performances but unfortunately it will not happen again this year and hoping for parents kind understanding. The prepared song performances will be done during regular Music class.

◆ About 6th Grade Graduation Trip

This year's 6th grade school trip has been planned to visit Nagasaki on Monday, March 7th and stay there for three days and two nights. The students will spend one day each on three themes: pilgrimage, encounters with Western culture, and peace studies. However, due to the spread of the Omicron variant throughout Japan, we regret to inform you that we may have to cancel the trip this year as well as we did last year.

In the event of cancellation, we would still like to make an alternative trip to Disney Sea for 6A on Monday, February 21, and 6B on March 2 as we have booked them.

◆ 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

Maria boutique is closed on February 12th – Saturday due to uniform fitting and measurements for Jr. and Sr. high school. It is also closed during the high school break on February 10th -Tuesday until 14th-Monday. 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.

◆ Donation

Thank you to the family of [REDACTED] for the donation of medical supplies against infectious disease.

◆ Result of Questionnaires during the Online Exchange Meeting with Jr. and Sr. high school students.

Information and results of the said activity that was held last November 23rd are available and posted on our website. Please visit <http://gis.ac.jp/secondary/?topic> (list)" Elementary, middle and high school exchange meeting (January 18 article).

Date	February Schedule	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 st Tue		14:45	-----
2 nd Wed		14:45	-----
3 rd Thu		14:45	-----
4 th Fri		14:45	-----
5 th Sat	Explanation Session (online) for 2022 Grade 1	13:00	-----
6 th Sun			
7 th Mon	P.C. for B Course	14:45	-----
8 th Tue		14:45	-----
9 th Wed	Eiken	14:45	-----
10 th Thu		14:45	-----
11 th Fri	National Holiday – Foundation Day		
12 th Sat		13:00	-----
13 th Sun			
14 th Mon	P.C. for A course	14:45	-----
15 th Tue		14:45	-----
16 th Wed		14:45	-----
17 th Thu		14:45	-----
18 th Fri		14:45	-----
19 th Sat		13:00	-----
20 th Sun			
21 st Mon	P.C. for B Course	14:45	-----
22 nd Tue		14:45	-----
23 rd Wed	National Holiday – Emperor’s Birthday		
24 th Thu		14:45	-----
25 th Fri		14:45	-----
26 th Sat	Transfer Test	13:00	-----
27 th Sun			
28 th Mon	P.C. for A course	14:45	-----
Note	<p>In view of the current situation, the shortened schedule for Wednesday is 14:45 dismissal, and Saturday is after lunch 13:00 dismissal will continue until the end of February. 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>		