



Message for the Month of Mother Mary

It is the most beautiful season of the year. May is Our Lady's Month. "Ave Maria Stella" "Blessed, the Star of the Sea"... "The Star of the Sea" is the evening star, Venus, and is traditionally referred to as Mother Mary in the Catholic Church. Once, a ship traveling through the ocean sailed with a star shining in the night sky as a landmark. It is the Virgin Mary who guides us on the journey of life toward God like the stars of the sea shining in the night sky. Let's get closer to Jesus Christ while praising Mother Mary and meditating on her life.

D. Tagawa S.M.

Monthly Verse: Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
Marie dit: «Je suis l'esclave du Seigneur; qu'il m'advienne selon ta parole!» Et l'ange la quitta.
LUKE 1:38

Monthly hymn: *Immaculate Mother Ave Maria de Lourdes*

Monthly Motto: Let's be on time for our classes.

Monthly Safety Goal: Let's walk quietly in the corridor.

Easter Assembly

Happy Easter! Let's share the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection. Easter usually falls on spring vacation while the students are not in school. This year, we were fortunate to celebrate Easter with the students as it was after the students were back to school. On Monday April 18th, we had an assembly to celebrate Easter. For the first part, we commemorated Jesus' suffering through the Stations of the Cross. Prayers were led by the 6th graders and altar servers. For the second part, we shared the joy of the Resurrection. Father Tagawa delivered his sermon after the Gospel reading. Then, we prayed to Mother Mary for peace in Ukraine. May the joy of the Resurrection be in your family as well.



Grade 1 Welcome Party

On April 16th Saturday, the annual welcome activity for first graders was held in the 1-A and 1-B classrooms. They received a present from the 2nd graders and representatives from 3rd to 6th graders delivered their welcome messages to them. The first graders listened intently to their seniors.



Student ID Photos and Distribution of ID Cards

Student ID photos and ID cards are ready. If students need photos for such things as registering for certification tests, please ask your homeroom teacher to provide a photo for you. The students will receive a total of 4 pictures. The photo fee of **980 yen** will be deducted from their student account.

Supplementary Lessons and After-school Play

From May 10th Tuesday, students in grade 2 and up may join the after-school play and supplementary study sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. There will be **no after-school play on rainy days**. Please refer to the newsletter for the monthly schedule because they may be cancelled due to our school events. If your child plans to play after school, we ask that the homeroom teacher be informed via the communication notebook. Your child's homeroom teacher will inform you as to whether supplementary study sessions are required. Supplementary lessons in French will be given to new/transfer students thru the recommendation of the subject teacher. Participation in supplementary classes for preparation for the English proficiency test is on a voluntary basis. Information was distributed yesterday. Details of the supplementary lessons in Math and Japanese will be given by each homeroom teacher. Only one school bus service is available for students joining the supplementary study sessions and after-school play. The bus going to **Kisarazu Station** (including stopovers) will depart at **15:35**. After-school study and play for grade 1 will begin in the second term.

Kisarazu/Sodegaura Area Track and Field Meet

The annual track and field meet for Kisarazu/Sodegaura area is scheduled to be held on May 17th Tuesday. Representatives from 5th and 6th graders will be selected during the P.E. class. Families of the selected student's will be notified later for more details. Parents will not be allowed to watch the competition. In case of bad weather, it will be rescheduled on Wednesday the 8th or Tuesday the 24th.

About the Excursions

At present, we are planning to have spring trips and still considering the different destinations with their availability that is suitable for every class and grade. Details will be announced as soon as they are finalized.



5th Graders' Camping Trip

For safety reasons concerning COVID-19, the camping trip which was scheduled for May 20th (Friday) to 21st (Saturday), will be cancelled and changed to a day trip activity on the 20th (Friday). More details will be provided to parents of the 5th graders on a separate sheet.

Regarding future camping trips, we will strive to implement them while taking into account social initiatives on the coronavirus issue.

P.E. Clothes

Students are instructed to take home P.E. clothes after they are worn. We ask that students keep an extra set of P.E. clothes at school. When red and white hats become visibly dirty, please take them home to be cleaned. As students use them during disasters, they should be kept in the pocket of lesson bags on the side of their desk for easy access.

Submission of Commuter IDs

In case your commuter pass from the previous year has expired and you want to purchase a new one in the new academic year, you will need to submit transportation information. Commuter IDs are valid for one month from the date of issue. Please make arrangements in advance with your homeroom teacher.

Maria Boutique

The boutique will be closed from May 5th (Thursday) to 9th (Monday) due to the high school mid-term break. From June, students will be wearing their summer uniform. Please place an order early as some items may take a few days to be delivered. If you need to change the size of the purchased items from Maria Boutique, kindly do it within a week after it was purchased. Please be sure to present the copy of the receipt. In addition, items without its box or tag, or items that are not the same as when they were purchased will not be accepted for replacement.

If you have any inquires and questions kindly call the Maria Boutique directly : Tel. 0438-52-2510.

Traveling to and from School

If the method your child will use to either come to the school or return home will be different from usual, then please be sure to inform your child's home room teacher via the communication notebook. Please refrain from informing the school by telephone on the day as this can lead to confusion.

School Parking Lot

We are requesting you to share the few spaces of the primary school parking lot by not staying long when you drop off and pick up your child. Please refrain from having long conversations with other parents in the parking lot. For families using Kawasaki Station for drop off and pick up, please use the paid parking lot to avoid being warned by the police authorities.

Junior and Senior High School Briefing

On May 14th (Saturday), a briefing session will be held for those who are interested in our junior and senior high school. Parents of 3rd to 6th graders are invited to attend.

Reception: 8:45 - 9:00 at High School Sunroom

Briefing: 9:00- 10:00 in Audiovisual Room

Date	May Schedule	Departure Time	After-school Study/Play
1 (Sun) – 5 (Thurs) Holiday			
6 (Fri)		14:45	----
7 (Sat)		13:55	----
8 (Sun)			
9 (Mon)	P.C. for B course students	14:45	----
10 (Tue)	After-school play and supplementary study begins for grade 2 and up	14:45	○
11 (Wed)	Club Activities for grade 4 and up Urine Test (for those who have not finished)	15:35	----
12 (Thurs)	Eye Check for all graders (wear smock)	14:45	○
13 (Fri)	Internal Medical Check for 3 rd and 4 th graders (wear P.E. clothes)	14:45	----
14 (Sat)	1 st Open School for Parents with Prospective students Junior and Senior High School Briefing	13:55	----
15 (Sun)			
16 (Mon)	P.C. for A course students Preliminary period for School uniform change until May 31st	14:45	----
17 (Tue)	Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet XXXXXXXXXX	14:45	○
18 (Wed)	Committee for grade 5 and up Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (replacement day in case of rain)	15:35	----
19 (Thurs)		14:45	○
20 (Fri)	5 th Graders Outdoor Activities XXXXXXXXXX	14:45	○
21 (Sat)		13:55	----
22 (Sun)			
23 (Mon)	P.C. for B course students	14:45	----
24 (Tue)	Mother Mary Celebration Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (replacement day in case of rain)	14:45	○
25 (Wed)	Club Activities for grade 4 and up	15:35	----
26 (Thurs)	Dental Check for all graders(wear smock)	14:45	○
27 (Fri)	Eiken (1 st test)	14:45	----
28 (Sat)	2 nd Open School for Parents with Prospective Students	13:55	----
29 (Sun)			
30 (Mon)	P.C. for A course students	14:45	----
31 (Tue)		14:45	○
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school activities for grade 1 begin from second term. • Uniform change over period from May 17th to May 31st. Students may not wear their jacket. Summer uniform starts from June 1st •Sports Test until May 31st. •Maria Boutique is closed on 6th, 7th and 9th. 		

