



Immaculate Mary

Today, all of you were given rosaries. The rosary is a symbol of Mother Mary. You have learned to pray the rosary. I have lived until 96 years old. Thank God for giving me a long life. There have been joyful times. There have been hard times. I have been through many different things, but I always pray because God taught me to pray. And I pray the holy rosary.

The clear blue sky, the green nature, the animals in the wild surrounded with green and young leaves, the birds singing songs, the children living happily – these are all God's blessings. In this place we have a school where children can smile and spend time together. God takes care of us. I will continue to pray to Mother Mary to protect us.

And another thing, as I watch television, I hear about the war in Ukraine. Children as young as you are being killed by the Russian army. It is really sad. The Pope always says that there is nothing good about war. There is not even a single good thing in war. Why do humans, who have been given wisdom and heart, go to war and kill one another and commit robbery?

Mother Mary is the Lady of Peace. Please pray to her to help us, to stop the war soon and give us peace and joy on earth.

(The principal's sermon at Mother Mary's Day Ceremony, 24 May 2022)

◇Monthly Verse

If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Si vous demeurez fidèles à ma parole, vous êtes vraiment mes disciples; alors vous connaîtrez la vérité, et la vérité vous rendra libres.

John 8:31, 32

◇Monthly Motto

Live a healthy life.

Keep your area clean.

◇Monthly Safety Goal

Let's not play or be noisy on the platform of the station.

Track and Field event

On May 18th Wednesday, this year's Track and Field Meet for 5th to 6th grade elementary students was held at Sodegaura Athletic Stadium. Even though the students were not able to practice fully due to the rainy weather, they still gave all their best. Aside from track and field, it was a great experience for our students to learn from students from other schools.

5th Graders Outdoor Experience Trip

On May 20th Friday, the 5th graders went to Mother Farm as an alternative event for the school camping trip. We will encourage the students to make use of what they learned from the group activities outside the school in their daily school life hereafter.

Mother Mary's Day

We held our Lady's Day ceremony on May 24th Tuesday. May is the month of the Virgin Mary. Usually, the Religion Committee members read the Scripture and have a morning prayer through the broadcasting system every morning. However, from nine days prior to this event, we chanted the prayers reminding us of the five virtues of the Virgin Mary instead of chanting the daily morning prayer, and prepared for this event. On this day, the music club members played music as the students sang hymns, and rose bouquets were offered to Mother Mary before we prayed the holy rosary. In the prayer cards prepared by the students in each class and offered to Mother Mary, we found many words to pray for the war between Russia and Ukraine to end.

At the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima, she encouraged people to pray the Rosary. Not long after that, World War I ended. I hope you will continue to pray the rosary at home. If you have lost your mini rosary, you can purchase one at the online store of the Daughters of St. Paul. After purchasing it, please bring it to the school. It will be returned to you after blessing during the Mass.

English Test

The English test Eiken was held on May 27th Friday with 98 examinees. The results of the tests will be mailed directly to examinee's home address from the Eiken Foundation office. The scheduled arrival date of results of the first part is on June 28th Tuesday and the second part (interview) will be held on July 3rd Sunday at the selected venue/place filled out in the application form. Results notifications by mail will be on July 19th Tuesday. Supplementary lessons for Eiken preparations after school will continue every Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Japanese Test

It was previously announced that the Japanese test will be held in the first term, however, due to circumstances, it will be moved to the second term. The examination date is November 11th Friday.

Change of School Uniform June 1st Wednesday

Please remember that on this date, students will change to their summer uniforms. Students are to wear gray skirts or shorts, white socks, and white hats. Students are free to wear either long or short sleeve shirts. Please remember they will need to change to their summer smocks as well.

Joint Excursions

On June 8th Wednesday, we will go on a joint excursion. The destinations are as follows. For details, please refer to the letter that will be distributed.

Parent Teacher Meetings

From June 18th Saturday we will begin holding parent teacher meetings in school. The deadline for your preferred schedule is on May 30th Monday. Please keep the following in mind when you come to school.

Please check your child's class letter for more detailed information. Please bring indoor slippers and put your outdoor shoes in a shoe bag. Your shoes can be placed on top of your child's class shoe locker. As a general rule, meetings are to be held in the classrooms but depending on class schedules meetings may be conducted in other rooms. When entering the school please be sure to check in or register at the school main entrance hall. Proceed directly to the classroom since there will be no waiting room.

Gyosei Parents General Supporter Meeting Cancelled

The scheduled June 25th Saturday Gyosei parents' general supporter meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19. A school letter will be distributed to students about the cancellation.

Maria Boutique

From June 11th Saturday to 15th Wednesday the Maria Boutique will be closed due to the Junior and High School holiday, and it will not be possible to obtain items during this time. The boutique is open from 8:30 to 17:00 (weekdays) and 8:30 to 14:00 (Saturday).

Achievement Test Results

We distributed today the results of the NRT tests conducted in April for the 2nd to 6th graders. The NRT tests are usually executed at the end of the academic year and we distribute the test result with the third term report card, so we would like you to keep it in the report card folder given in March.

After-school Study and Play

Due to holidays at the Junior and High School, parent teacher meeting week, and other factors, there are sometimes changes to the after-school study and play days. Please be sure to confirm days your child intends to stay after school and remember that after school play may be canceled due to unexpected weather changes.

Email Addresses Assigned by the School

The email address assigned to each student by the school with "gis" in the domain will be used continuously while the student is enrolled at our school. It is used for communications with the school and homeroom teachers. Please do the email settings with your email application software, and also do the settings for Zoom with this email account so that you can attend the classes online.

School PR Activities

To spread the word about our school we have created an advertising pamphlet. If you would like some copies of these pamphlets to distribute to acquaintances, you can request for copies at the reception window of our school, or you can also write a message in your child's communication notebook the number of copies and your child can pick them up for you.



Date	June Schedule	Departure times	After School Study/Play
1(Wed)	Start of wearing summer school uniform Committee for grade 5 up Morning Assembly	15:35	—
2(Thurs)		14:45	○
3(Fri)		14:45	○
4(Sat)		13:55	—
5(Sun)			
6(Mon)	P.C. for B course students	14:45	—
7(Tue)		14:45	○
8(Wed)	Joint Excursions	15:35	—
9(Thurs)		14:45	○
10(Fri)		14:45	○
11(Sat)	(Nihongo certification test will be moved to November 11 th Friday)	13:55	—
12(Sun)			
13(Mon)	P.C. for A course students	14:45	—
14(Tue)		14:45	—
15(Wed)	Holiday Chiba Prefecture Day		
16(Thurs)		14:45	○
17(Fri)		14:45	○
18(Sat)	Start of Parent-Teacher Meetings (until July 2 nd) *Students will leave after lunch	13:00	—
19(Sun)			
20(Mon)	P.C. for the B course students	14:45	—
21(Tue)		14:45	—
22(Wed)	Club Activities for grade 4 up	15:35	—
23(Thurs)		14:45	—
24(Fri)		14:45	—
25(Sat)	Open School *Students will leave after lunch	13:00	—
26(Sun)			
27(Mon)	P.C. for the A course students	14:45	—
28(Tue)		14:45	—
29(Wed)	Committee for grade 5 up	15:35	—
30(Thurs)		14:45	—
Notes	<p>*After school study and play days will be canceled due to the Junior High holiday running from June 11th to the 15th and from parent teacher meetings running from June 18th to July 2nd.</p> <p>*Due to parent-teacher meeting, students will leave earlier on Saturdays.</p>		