



# The Spirit of "Plus haut!"

We usually ask Fr. Tagawa for the opening words for our monthly newsletter, "Akatsuki". However, for this month's issue, you will find my explanatory comments on what Fr. Tagawa often says.

Fr. Tagawa often says, "Study hard. Study hard and get closer to God," as he urged you to "accumulate knowledge in your treasure chest" even in the previous issue. A long time ago, he used to say, "Study hard from morning till late at night. No need of field trips or club activities. Let your clubs be study clubs." In those days, I thought that it was extreme and felt unhappy with it. Recently, however, I often think about his thought in his mind behind these words. On the occasion of our school briefing session held the other day, Fr. Tagawa talked about how Fr. Chaminade, the founder of the Society of Mary, dedicated himself to educating the youth in devastated land of France and ordered his disciples to spread education throughout the world, believing that the way to salvation is through education. Fr. Tagawa talked about his own strong desire for education and the hardships he endured when he established our school. Listening to him, I was reminded of the New Testament verse, "I thank you, Father, the Lord of heaven and earth that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them to little children." St. Matthew wrote in this chapter that Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." I believe that Fr. Tagawa said such an extreme thing because the more we learn, the more we learn of our own ignorance. In other words, when we put aside our arrogance before the omniscient and omnipotent God, we may become humble, and follow God's teachings honestly like an infant, and we will see there the path to salvation. I think that is why Fr. Tagawa said, "The best gift parents can give to their child is education," and also why he values the spirit of his motto, "Plus haut!"

Thanks be to God.

Vice-Principal

Francis Y. Maruyama

#### Verse for October

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Si le grain de blé tombé en terre ne meurt pas, il reste seul; mais s'il meurt, il donne beaucoup de fruits.

(John 12:24)

# Holy Hymn for October

"On the Hill of Galilee"

#### Motto for October

Remember the rules and be safe when coming and going to school.

## Monthly Safety Goal

Let's keep bus rides quiet.



#### Change Over to Winter Uniforms

From October 1<sup>st</sup> the changeover period from summer to winter uniforms will begin until the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Be sure that students come to school with navy blue skirts or trousers, navy blue socks, and beret hats. Blazers and short sleeve shirts and blouses are optional until the 15<sup>th</sup>. All students should wear the blazer from the 17<sup>th</sup>. Winter smocks will also be changed so be sure that all buttons are in place and name tags are affixed with the current student's grade level. Please make sure that the students wear their beret hats even when they ride their own car to school.

#### Sports Day

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> we will hold our annual Sports Day. For more details about the event, kindly check the letter that was distributed on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

- The replacement date has been changed to October 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday).
- On October 1st, please wear your <u>winter uniform</u> when coming by school bus. Students who are riding their own car to school may come in their P.E. clothes.
- Students will be wearing their white socks during the Sports Day event. Please remember that students are wearing navy blue socks coming to school so if they forgot to bring white socks, a new one will be given as purchased from the boutique.
- There will be no school bus services for parents this year. Also, parents are not allowed to ride the regular school bus for students.
- Parents must check with their child regarding leaving school after the events. Kindly notify
  the class teacher thru communication notebook for any changes.
- Please observe the rules and manners regarding the use of all school parking area. The primary school ground will be available also for parking.
- All event materials used for each grade are purchased and will be deducted from students' account. Make sure to label or write names on it. Headbands used by the cheering and relay members are school property, so please wash and iron them. Please return it to each class teacher by Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### After School Study and Play

On October 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and October 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), there will be no supplementary lessons or after-school activities due to the junior high and high school holidays. Also, due to preparations for the first entrance exam, there will be no after school study and play on October 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday). In addition, we announced that after-school play for first-year students would start on October 7<sup>th</sup> (Friday), but this will be changed to October 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). We apologize for the sudden schedule change.

#### October 8th

The school will be closed on October 8th (Sat) due to the first entrance examination.

#### **Autumn Educational Field Trip**

On October 26<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday), each grade will go on an excursion. For details, please check the letter distributed in each class.



#### Halloween

On October 31st, the A course students will have a Halloween party during English lessons and the B course students will have a Halloween party during one of the lessons. This school year, the school will not provide snacks and drinks for safety reasons. All students are encouraged to change into costume on the day and we ask that costume preparation not pose any undue burden. Please do not bring costumes that expose the skin and any other items that will be bulky and hard to carry to and from school. Photo Create will be in the school taking photos of the classes and some will appear in the graduation album. Please be sure not to forget your costumes.

#### French Test

Only 6 students have submitted their application for the 2022 Autumn French Proficiency Test. If the number of examinees does not exceed 10, our school cannot be used as a venue for the test. We ask that you encourage your children to take the proficiency test. Also, please let us know if you would like to join the supplementary lessons in preparation for the French Proficiency Test.

#### Science Presentation

Parents and guardians will be invited to the science presentation scheduled for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and will have the opportunity to listen to the children's poster presentations. For details, please refer to the letter that will be distributed later.

It is also a class observation day for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

# Bags and Belts

Black sub bags are being sold at the Maria boutique to be used by students in grade 4 and above although it should be noted that the purchase is not mandatory, and the continued use of shoulder bags is perfectly acceptable. Grades 3 and under are to use shoulder bags but if these will not accommodate belongings, please consult with your homeroom teacher. The blue lesson bags are to be used in the school for file storage and to hold items needed for lessons in other classrooms. These bags are to be hung on the hooks on the right side of student desks. If bags are lost, please order a new one.



Sub bag【5,500 円】

Belts may be worn by grade 5 and 6 students with Gyosei issued buckle only.

## Maria Boutique Announcement

From October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday) to 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), business hours will be from 9:00 to 15:00 due to junior high and high school holidays.

- If you are unsure of the size of the product you are purchasing, students can try it on with their parent/guardian at the boutique. If you can't go the boutique, fitting can also be done at the elementary school. However, please understand that it is not possible to take some items home and try them on at home.
- The sample of the coat has arrived. You may visit the school to try it on.

If you wish to submit your backpack for repair, please be sure to write a note detailing the part you wish to be repaired along with the necessary forms.

A letter regarding the P.E. jerseys has been distributed. Please submit the order slip by October 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday. Please use a separate slip if you want to order a name tag with it.

#### **Educational Counseling**

The school offers educational counseling for 6<sup>th</sup> graders regarding their future course. If you are interested, please contact your homeroom teacher. We will contact you by phone regarding the date and time.



# Schedule for October

Date	Plan	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 (Sat)	Sports Day Winter uniform change over period until the 15 <sup>th</sup>	14:45/ 13:55 if postponed	
2 (Sun)			
3 (Mon)	Computer Class for B (Grade 3 above)	14:45	
4 (Tue)		14:45	
5 (Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	
6 (Thurs)		14:45	
7 (Fri)	Eiken	14:45	
8 (Sat)	1st Entrance Examination for SY 2023 Pvt. School Association Promotion Gathering		
9 (Sun)			
10 (Mon)	Sports Day (Replacement day 1)		
11 (Tue)	(Holiday if the sports day was held on the 10th Sunday)	14:45	0
12 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	
13 (Thurs)		14:45	0
14 (Fri)		14:45	0
15 (Sat)	Suken (Math Test)	13:55	
16 (Sun)			
17 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above)	14:45	
18 (Tue)		14:45	0
19 (Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade5 and up	15:35	
20 (Thurs)		14:45	0
21 (Fri)	Grade 6 School Trip to Nagasaki	14:45	0
22 (Sat)		13:55	
23 (Sun)	<b>↓</b>		
24 (Mon)	Computer Class for B (Grade 3 above) Substitute holiday for 6th graders	14:45	
25 (Tue)		14:45	0
26 (Wed)	Field Trip	15:35	
27 (Thurs)		14:45	0
28 (Fri)		14:45	0
29 (Sat)		13:55	
30 (Sun)			
31 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above) Halloween Activities	14:45	
Note	<ul> <li>No after school study and play from Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> due to j holidays.</li> <li>After school study and play for Grade 1 starts on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Halloween activities without drinks and</li> </ul>		l high school