



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.



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 19th, 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 5th and 6th 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.

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



Sub bag 【5,500 円】

Maria Boutique Announcement

From October 3rd (Monday) to 6th (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 7th, Friday. Please use a separate slip if you want to order a name tag with it.

Educational Counseling

The school offers educational counseling for 6th 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 th	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)	1 st 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 10 th Sunday)	14:45	○
12 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
13 (Thurs)		14:45	○
14 (Fri)		14:45	○
15 (Sat)	Suken (Math Test)	13:55	-----
16 (Sun)			
17 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above)	14:45	-----
18 (Tue)		14:45	○
19 (Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
20 (Thurs)		14:45	○
21 (Fri)	Grade 6 School Trip to Nagasaki	14:45	○
22 (Sat)	↓	13:55	-----
23 (Sun)	↓		
24 (Mon)	Computer Class for B (Grade 3 above) Substitute holiday for 6th graders	14:45	-----
25 (Tue)		14:45	○
26 (Wed)	Field Trip	15:35	-----
27 (Thurs)		14:45	○
28 (Fri)		14:45	○
29 (Sat)		13:55	-----
30 (Sun)			
31 (Mon)	Computer Class for A (Grade 3 above) Halloween Activities	14:45	-----
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No after school study and play from Oct. 3rd to 7th due to junior high and high school holidays. ▪ After school study and play for Grade 1 starts on Oct. 11th. ▪ Oct. 31st Saturday - Halloween activities without drinks and snacks. 		