



The Word of God  
Lives within us

**Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior and welcome the New Year.**

In this world full of tension and trouble you can live a meaningful life with an enriched mind and spirit by following these six keys.

**1. Self confidence**

To watch over the inherent merits of the child, guidance is needed. As one merit develops, we gain self-confidence, we develop other aspects of ourselves, and we grow.

**2. Enthusiasm**

Enthusiasm is a fragile thing. When we meet with contempt or repeated failure our enthusiasm can easily disappear. However, enthusiasm is what fuels all our actions.

**3. Compassion**

Most children react extremely and sensitively when they see living things damaged or suffering. That is because we feel sympathy from our hearts and compassion becomes love.

**4. Respect**

Respect is worthy of esteem. We must feel certain that its value will continue on into the future.

**5. Resilience**

Feeling of curiosity, enjoyment, and warmth of spirit can mend our injured spirit. Children are incredibly resilient and can mend quickly. Those around us must possess a kindly protective attitude.

**6. Hope**

Believe every problem has a solution and that every obstacle can be overcome. To raise children full of hope we must also be full of hope. Hope raises everyone to a higher place.

**Trust God and live one day at a time.**

**Behold, I am with you all days!**

**Love is open arms.**

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**Verse for January**

“While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light.” (JOHN 12:36)

**Hymn for January**

“I Am Standing in Front of the Door” No. 411 Catholic Hymn Book

**Motto for January**

“Live your life having an aim for the New Year.”

“Let’s give thanks for everything.”

**Safety Reminder for January**

“Let’s not run in the corridor.”

## 2022 Marathon

This year's marathon event was held last Saturday – December 10<sup>th</sup>. All participants were able to reach the finish line. The names of the winners up to 6<sup>th</sup> place are posted on the bulletin board in the school. The school marathon distances were 1.5 km for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1.8km for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 2.0km for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Essay Contest

To promote reading among children, a book review contest was held in our school. At the school-wide morning assembly on December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday), the four winners were commended.

Grand Prize:



Excellence Award:

lower grades division

middle grades division

upper grades division



## Calligraphy Works

It has been decided that our school will not participate in the 75<sup>th</sup> Primary, Junior, and High School Chiba Prefecture Calligraphy contest. Students are requested to participate in a contest sponsored by a private company.

## Achievement Tests

Achievement tests will be held in the third term and the results will be reported with the third term report cards. Testing will be conducted early in February. All A course tests will be supplied by an outside vendor. In B Course, Japanese tests will also be supplied by an outside vendor, but all the other subject tests will be written in-house. Please see below.

	Grades 1 to 4	Grade 5 & 6
A	Japanese & Math	Japanese • Math • Science • Social studies
B	Japanese & Math	Japanese • Math • Science • Social studies

## After School Study and Play

After school study and play for the third term will begin on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to various events, there may be days when after school study and play will be canceled so please consult the school schedule in Akatsuki carefully.

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Chiba Prefecture Private Primary School Joint Art Exhibition

For the first time in two years, 10 private schools in Chiba prefecture will participate in the exhibit. Please refer to the pamphlet that was distributed the other day.

Please take the proper measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases when you come and see art works of our students. Our school will be on duty from 10:00 to 18:00 on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Exhibit Period: January 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location: Nikke Colton Plaza, from 10:00 to 18:00

Access: 10 minute-walk from JR Motoyawata Station on the JR Sobu line

Gyosei Reception: January 16 from 10:00 to 18:00

## **2022 Music Festival**

As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Music Festival will take place in the third term with following details.

1. February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Saturday.
2. The program is divided into two parts.
  - a. Part 1 – Grade 1,3 and 5
  - b. Part 2 – Grade 2,4 and 6
3. There will be no entry restrictions or audience limit. (Only for families of the performing grades.)
4. The presentations include one instrumental performance by each class, an opening, and a closing choral performance. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will perform a French song.
5. There will be guest performances by the junior and senior high school music clubs.

Please be informed that there could changes or a possible cancellation depending on the status of COVID-19.

## **School Supplies**

Please be sure to rewrite your name if it has become faded on any supplies that you take home over the winter vacation, especially on your school bag where the name should be written on the brown leather section on the back in permanent marker. Please also be sure no key straps are affixed to the bags. You do not need to take home locker boxes or desk drawers but if you don't have either one, please be sure to purchase a replacement. Replenish any supplies such as glue, tape, color pencils or other items.

## **Families using Private cars coming to/from school**

Please refrain from using and dropping your child at the entrance of the school bus rotary area to avoid any accident, inconvenience, and delay of arriving and departing school busses. All students must return home after school time and must not stay longer and play around the primary school parking area. Hoping for your kind cooperation on this matter.

## **Issuance of School Certificate**

Any school documents or certificates will not be issued between December 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and January 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday. If possible, please apply in advance.

## **School Holidays during Winter Vacation**

From December 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday until January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, the whole school will be closed for winter vacation. Primary school will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday. If you have any inquiries, please contact our office on the days that are not mentioned.

## **Notice from Maria Boutique**

During winter vacation, Maria Boutique will be open from 9:00 until 15:00. It will be closed from December 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday until January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday.



	January Schedule	Departure	After school Study/Play
Winter Vacation until January 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday			
6(Fri)	3 <sup>rd</sup> term Opening Ceremony School bus group meetings Regular class schedule	14:45	—
7(Sat.)		13:55	—
8(Sun)			
9(Mon)	Coming of Age Holiday		
10(Tue)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Disaster/Emergency Drill Start of borrowing books from the library	14:45	—
11(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
12(Thurs)		14:45	—
13(Fri)	Start of after school study and play	14:45	○
14(Sat)	Eiken	13:55	—
15(Sun)			
16(Mon)	P.C. for B Course	14:45	—
17(Tue)		14:45	○
18(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
19(Thurs)		14:45	○
20(Fri)	Kanken	14:45	○
21(Sat)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Entrance Test for SY 2023(dismissal after lunch)	<b>13:00</b>	—
22(Sun)			
23(Mon)	P.C. for A Course	14:45	—
24(Tue)		14:45	○
25(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
26(Thurs)		14:45	○
27(Fri)		14:45	○
28(Sat)		13:55	—
29(Sun)			
30(Mon)	P.C. for B Course	14:45	—
31(Tue)		14:45	○
Note	※On Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> , school dismissal time will be 13:00. ※3 <sup>rd</sup> term after school play and study begins from the 13 <sup>th</sup> . In some cases, they may be cancelled due to the implementation of other events		