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## MESSAGE FOR THE THIRD TERM

Material and physical joys and pleasures are fleeting. They will eventually wilt and die and fall to the ground like wilting flowers. It is important for us to seek not finite and material, but internal and spiritual joys. Let this year be a beautiful year in which we seek not visible and finite material joys, but internal and infinite joys, joy of the heart, peace of mind, and the joy of good deeds.

The third term is short. In two months, this term will end and this school year will be over. Please make this year a meaningful year, a year of progress and breakthrough.

To the 6th graders, in two months your elementary school days will come to an end. Please keep your many memories in your mind and jump up higher as a junior high school student.

(Excerpted and quoted from “Akatsuki” No. 10, January 2014)

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### ★Verse for February

“Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.” (Matthew 7:12)

### ★Hymn for February

“Little People”

### ★Motto for February

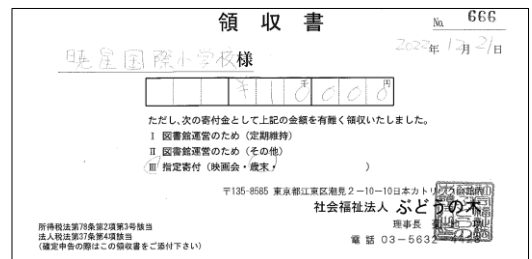
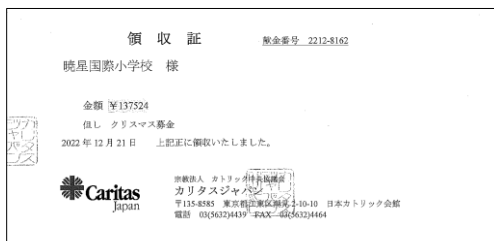
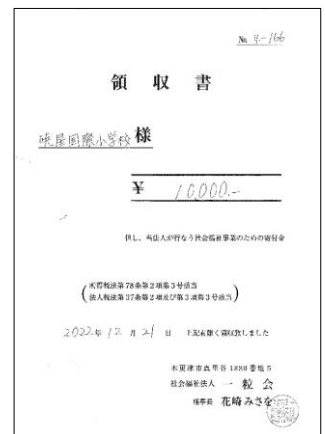
“Let's not be discouraged by the cold and play outdoors.”

### ★Safety Reminder for February

“Forsee what will happen to keep yourself safe.”

### ◆Thank You for Your Christmas Donation

Over the Christmas holidays we were able to collect 168,370 yen in donations with your generous support. We remitted to Caritas Japan, Archdiocese of Tokyo, Group home for children Nono Hanano Ie and Logos Tenji Library for its Christmas fund.

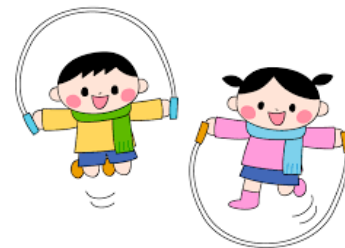


### ◆Standard Aptitude Tests

We will be conducting NRT, standard aptitude tests, on February 7<sup>th</sup> (Tue) to 9<sup>th</sup> (Thurs). Students in 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Regular Course will take two subjects, Japanese and Math, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will take 4 subjects including Science and Social Studies. They are 40minute tests each. Students in International Course will take only one NRT test which is Japanese, and the rest of the subjects will be prepared by our school staff and be conducted within the scheduled week. The test papers will not be given to the students who are absent on the day of the test to prevent the delay of receiving results. The cost of the tests will be deducted from student's accounts. Results are returned with a term-end report card.

### ◆Parents' Day

The third semester class observation and parents meeting will be held on February. For details, please check the letter distributed on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders: February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tue),

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders: February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wed),

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders: February 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri)

Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> period (10:35-11:20) – Class observation

4<sup>th</sup> period (11:25-12:10) – Parents' meeting in each classroom

Time to leave school: 13:00 after lunch (all grades)

Others: • Before coming to school, please check your temperature and health.

• Please bring indoor shoes (slippers), wear a mask, and disinfect your hands at the reception.

• Write your name in the reception book in each classroom

• You cannot visit during school lunch hours.

• If you are waiting for your child to leave school, please wait in your car or in the home economics room.

### ◆2022 Music Festival

The Music Festival will be held as planned with the details discussed in the previous issue. More information will be given at a later date.

### ◆After School Study and Play

From February 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon) to February 16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs), there will be no supplementary lessons or after-school activities due to the junior high and high school holidays.

Please check the schedule for February on the back.

### ◆Spelling Bee

Due to the cancellation of the main tournament, we have decided to postpone the Spelling Bee competition in our school.



### ◆Making Sure of Proficiency Test Levels

Near the mid of February, we will pass out a form to find out the most recent levels attained by the students in tests such as Eiken, Kanken and Suken. If your child has taken a test at an outside location, we ask that you please make copies of the certificates and hand them in to the school with completed forms. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ◆Music Festival and Memorial Album DVD

We are now accepting orders for the 2022 Music Festival and Memorial Album DVD which will be sold for 3,000 yen each. If you are interested in ordering, please submit a separate order form for each by March 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday).

### ◆Maria Boutique

Maria boutique is closed on February 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) due to uniform fitting and measurements for junior high and high school. The elementary school is closed, but 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are planning to go on to the junior high should come to the clubhouse during the reception hours. More detailed information will be sent by mail next week.

From February 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon) to 16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs), business hours will be from 9:00 to 15:00 due to junior high and high school holidays. Students are not allowed to purchase items at Maria Boutique on their own. They should be accompanied by a guardian. The boutique does not accept credit cards or electronic money. Kindly check the balance of your child's account when using the order slip.

### ◆Personnel Change

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### ◆Student Award

[REDACTED] received the Encouragement Prize at the University of Tsukuba's "Sprouts of Science" award for his independent research project "Ecology of Stable Flies". His research showed the results obtained through field observations and experiments.

We hope he will take advantage of this experience and continue to develop his scientific eyes!

### ◆School PR

We will be participating in the school briefing sessions of private schools. Leaflets are placed in front of the staff room. In addition, banners for each briefing session are on our school website. Please let your acquaintances know.

- Chiba Prefecture Private Elementary School Fair  
February 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Venue: Showa Gakuin Ito Memorial Hall
- Christian school joint fair (\*Advance application is required.)  
March 21<sup>st</sup> (holiday, Tuesday) Venue: Aoyama Gakuin Junior High School

Date	February Schedule	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Class Observation and Parents Meeting (For Grade 1 and 2)	<b>13:00</b>	-----
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	Class Observation and Parents Meeting (For Grade 3 and 4)	<b>13:00</b>	-----
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Guidance on School Life for 2023 Grade 1	13:55	-----
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
6 <sup>th</sup> Mon	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in A course	14:45	-----
7 <sup>th</sup> Tue		14:45	○
8 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
9 <sup>th</sup> Thu		14:45	○
10 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Class Observation and Parents Meeting (For Grade 5 and 6)	<b>13:00</b>	-----
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	National Holiday – Foundation Day		
12 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
13 <sup>th</sup> Mon	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in B course	14:45	-----
14 <sup>th</sup> Tue		14:45	-----
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
16 <sup>th</sup> Thu		14:45	-----
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri		14:45	-----
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Music Festival	<b>13:00</b>	-----
19 <sup>th</sup> Sun			
20 <sup>th</sup> Mon	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in A course	14:45	-----
21 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Student Council Candidate Speeches	14:45	○
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Committee for Grade 5 and up Student Council Election Day	15:35	-----
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	National Holiday – Emperor’s Birthday		
24 <sup>th</sup> Fri		14:45	○
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Transfer Test	13:55	-----
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Chiba Prefecture Private Elementary School Fair		
27 <sup>th</sup> Mon	P.C. for B course	14:45	-----
28 <sup>th</sup> Tue		14:45	○
Note	*There will be no supplementary lessons or after-school play from the 13 <sup>th</sup> (Mon) to the 16 <sup>th</sup> (Thurs) due to junior high and high school holidays. In addition, the opening hours of Maria Boutique will be different.		

