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Message for the Month of Mother Mary

It is the most beautiful season of the year. May is Our Lady's Month.

"Ave Maria Stella" "Blessed, the Star of the Sea"... "The Star of the Sea" is the evening star, Venus, and is traditionally referred to as Mother Mary in the Catholic Church. Once, a ship traveling through the ocean sailed with a star shining in the night sky as a landmark. It is the Virgin Mary who guides us on the journey of life toward God like the stars of the sea shining in the night sky. Let's get closer to Jesus Christ while praising Mother Mary and meditating on her life.

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Monthly Verse: Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Marie dit: «Je suis l'esclave du Seigneur; qu'il m'advienne selon ta parole!» Et l'ange la quitta.
LUKE 1:38

Monthly hymn: *Immaculate Mother Ave Maria de Lourdes*

Monthly Motto: Let's be on time for our classes.

Monthly Safety Goal: Let's walk quietly in the corridor.

Easter Assembly

We wish you again the joy of the resurrection of the Lord. After 40 days of Lent from Ash Wednesday, people could finally celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9th. We held an assembly at the school entrance space and celebrated Easter together on Thursday, April 13. In Part 1, children representing each homeroom class from 2nd grade and above took turns to recite the Way of the Cross prayer in English and Japanese, following the lead of the servers, and everyone recalled the suffering of Jesus' Passion. In Part 2, teacher servers read the Bible before they talked to the students about the Lord's resurrection. We sang and listened to hymns and shared the joy of the Lord's resurrection for an hour. May the joy of Lord's resurrection be with you and your family!

Grade 1 Welcome Party

On April 15th (Saturday), the annual welcome activity for first graders was held within the school building. The planned orienteering around the campus was cancelled because of the rainy weather. Groups were formed and gathered in every classroom familiarizing with all members by self-introductions and talk about the incoming school spring field trip.

Spring Trip to Futtsu Beach Clam Digging Site

On April 19th (Wednesday), the school body went on the spring field trip to Futtsu Beach Clam Digging Site for the second time since 2017. It was first time clam digging for some students so they were a little bit confused at first, but were able to enjoy getting used to it with the help of older students from their groups. Students in groups gathered in the nearby park and enjoyed eating lunch together. After returning to school, they reflected on the experience from the activity and decided to make use of the knowledge and experience learned from it on the next occasion. Through the group activity, students were able to understand better the importance and challenges of cooperating with their peers.

Class Observation and Parents' Meetings

On the 29th (Saturday/holiday), the first class observation and parent's meetings will be held. A detailed letter was distributed on the 20th (Thursday). Contact your child's homeroom teacher if you need a copy. We are asking for your kind cooperation and understanding with regard to the number of students in the class being crowded.

Student ID Photos and Distribution of ID Cards

Student ID photos and ID cards are ready for distribution on the 29th (Saturday) and to be kept in the student's school bag everyday. If students need photos for such things as registering for certification tests, please ask your homeroom teacher to provide a photo for you. The students will receive a total of 4 pictures. The photo fee of **980 yen** will be deducted from their student account.

Supplementary Lessons and After-school Play

From May 9th (Tuesday), students in grade 2 and up may join the after-school play and supplementary study sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. There will be **no after-school play on rainy days**. Please refer to the newsletter for the monthly schedule because they may be cancelled due to our school events. If your child plans to play after school, we ask that the homeroom teacher be informed via the communication notebook. Your child's homeroom teacher will inform you as to whether supplementary study sessions are required. Supplementary lessons in French will be given to new/transfer students thru the recommendation of the subject teacher. Details of the supplementary lessons in Math and Japanese will be given by each homeroom teacher. Only one school bus service is available for students joining the supplementary study sessions and after-school play. The bus going to **Kisarazu Station** (including stopovers) will depart at **15:35**. After-school study and play for grade 1 will begin in the second term.

Kisarazu/Sodegaura Area Track and Field Meet

The annual track and field meet for Kisarazu/Sodegaura area is scheduled to be held on May 17th (Wednesday). Representatives from 5th and 6th graders will be selected during the P.E. class. Families of the selected student's will be notified later for more details. In case of bad weather, it will be rescheduled on the 23rd (Tuesday).

Grade 5 Camping Trip

This year's camping trip will be held from May 19th (Friday) to May 20th (Saturday) at [REDACTED]. Students will live together for two days and will be able to experience many different things.

Uniform Change Over Period

The month of June is the changing period of winter uniform to summer uniform. Due to the high temperature forecast this year, the changing period will start from May 8th (Monday). From that day on, students will be allowed to come to school without wearing a blazer still with pants and a skirt of winter uniform. Please decide on the adjustment at home judging from the weather forecast and your child's physical condition on that day.

P.E. Clothes

Students are instructed to take home P.E. clothes after they are worn. We ask that students keep an extra set of P.E. clothes at school. When red and white hats become visibly dirty, please take them home to be cleaned. As students use them during disasters, they should be kept in the pocket of lesson bags on the side of their desk for easy access.

Submission of Commuter IDs

In case your commuter pass from the previous year has expired and you want to purchase a new one in the new academic year, you will need to submit a commuter ID prepared by the school. Commuter IDs are valid for one month from the date of issue. Please make arrangements in advance with your homeroom teacher and upon receiving the form, please fill in the necessary information needed before submitting it to the school. It will be returned afterwards.

Maria Boutique

The boutique will be closed from May 4th (Thursday) to 8th (Monday) due to the high school mid-term break. From June, students will be wearing their summer uniform. Please place an order early as some items may take a few days to be delivered. If you need to change the size of the purchased items from Maria Boutique, kindly do it within a week after it was purchased. Please be sure to present the copy of the receipt. In addition, items without its box or tag, or items that are not the same as when they were purchased will not be accepted for replacement.

If you have any inquires and questions kindly call the Maria Boutique directly: Tel. 0438-52-2510.

Traveling to and from School

If the method your child will use to either come to the school or return home will be different from usual, then please be sure to inform your child's home room teacher via the communication notebook. Please refrain from informing the school by telephone on the day as this can lead to confusion.

School Parking Lot Space, School Bus using Highway Route

We are requesting you to share the few spaces of the primary school parking lot by not staying long when you drop off and pick up your child. Please refrain from having long conversations with other parents in the parking lot. Also, for families using School bus with highway route for drop off and pick up, please use the paid parking lot to avoid being warned by the police authorities.

GIS Mail Address

We have received many reports that school emails are not being delivered to children's gis email accounts. This is due to server over capacity. Since the space given is small, please delete the emails remaining in the inbox or trash box. Also, in the future, please change the settings so that emails are not left on the server. Email addresses for first-year students and transfer students will be distributed on the 29th.

Junior and Senior High School Briefing

On May 13th (Saturday), an explanation session will be held for those who are interested in our junior and senior high school. Parents of 3rd to 6th graders are invited to attend.

DVD

Thank you for ordering the DVD. It will be completed at the end of GW. Please wait for a while until delivery.



National Road Safety Spring Campaign

The National Road Safety Spring Campaign will be held from May 11th (Thursday) to 20th (Saturday). We will also provide safety guidance lessons in school and we are asking for your kind cooperation talking about the importance of it at home.

Date	May Schedule	Departure Time	After School Study/Play
1 (Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up General Assembly	14:45	-----
2 (Tue)		14:45	-----
3 (Wed) – 7 (Sun) Holidays			
8 (Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up Preliminary period for School uniform change until May 31 st	14:45	-----
9 (Tue)	After-school play and supplementary study begins for grade 2 and up Urine Test (for those who have not finished)	14:45	○
10 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
11 (Thurs)		14:45	○
12 (Fri)		14:45	-----
13 (Sat)	1 st Open School for Parents with Prospective Students Junior and Senior High School Briefing	13:55	-----
14 (Sun)			
15 (Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
16 (Tue)		14:45	○
17 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (Selected Students)	15:35	-----
18 (Thurs)		14:45	○
19 (Fri)	5 th Graders Camping Trip to 20 th	14:45	○
20 (Sat)		13:55	-----
21 (Sun)			
22 (Mon)	P.C. for B Course for Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
23 (Tue)	Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (replacement day in case of rain)	14:45	○
24 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up Mother Mary Celebration	15:35	-----
25 (Thurs)	Dental Check for All Graders (wear smock)	14:45	○
26 (Fri)		14:45	○
27 (Sat)	Eiken (1 st test)	13:55	-----
28 (Sun)			
29 (Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
30 (Tue)		14:45	○
31 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ears and Nose Check schedule was changed from May 17th to June 21st. • After school activities for grade 1 begin from second term. • Sports Test until May 31st • Maria Boutique is closed on May 9th. • Uniform change over period from May 8th to May 31st. Students may not wear their jacket. Summer uniform starts from June 1st. 		