Gyosei International Primary School Newsletter



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Immaculate Mary

All of you were given rosaries today. The rosary is a symbol of Mother Mary. You have learned to pray the rosary.

I have lived until 96 years old. Thank God for giving me a long life. There have been joyful times. There have been hard times. I have been through many different things, but I always pray because God taught me to pray. And I pray the holy rosary.

The clear blue sky, the green nature, the animals in the wild surrounded with green and young leaves, the birds singing songs, the children living happily – these are all God's blessings. In this place, we have a school where children can smile and spend time together. God takes care of us. I will continue to pray to Mother Mary to protect us.

And another thing, as I watch television, I hear about the war in Ukraine. Children as young as you are being killed by the Russian army. It is really sad. The Pope always says that there is nothing good about war. There is not even a single good thing in war. Why do humans, who have been given wisdom and heart, go to war and kill one another and commit robbery?

Mother Mary is the Lady of Peace. Please pray to her to help us, to stop the war soon and give us peace and joy on earth.

(The principal's sermon at Mother Mary's Day Ceremony, 24 May 2022)

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Monthly Verse	If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know	
	the truth, and the truth shall make you free.	
	Si vous demeurez fidèles à ma parole, vous êtes vraiment mes disciples;	
	alors vous connaîtrez la vérité, et la vérité vous rendra libres.	
	John 8:31, 32	
Monthly Motto	Live a healthy life.	
	Keep your area clean.	
Monthly Safety Goal	Let's not play or be noisy on the platform of the station.	

Track and Field Event

On May 17th Wednesday, this year's Track and Field Meet for 5th to 6th grade elementary students was held at Sodegaura Athletic Stadium. Our school participated with 12 members and were able to practice for about two weeks. They did their best representing our school in the annual sports event. The name of students who participated and the events they took part in are listed below.

Event	Student	
Upper Grade Boys 1000 meter		
Upper Grade Girls 800 meter		
Upper Grade Boys 100 meter		
Upper Grade Girls 100 meter		
Middle Boys 100 meter		
Middle Girls 100 meter		

Grade 5 Camp Trip

From May 19th to 20th the grade 5 students went on a camp trip to the Chiba Prefecture Children's Nature House. Students participated in programs such as orienteering with the goal to develop further their skills in cooperation and caring for each other. Continued guidance of students' awareness learned from group activities can be applied in normal school life.

Mother Mary's Day

We held our Lady's Day ceremony on May 24th Wednesday. May is the month of the Virgin Mary. Usually, the Religion Committee members read the Scripture and have a morning prayer through the broadcasting system every morning. However, from nine days prior to this event, we chanted the prayers reminding us of the five virtues of the Virgin Mary in addition to chanting the daily morning prayer, and prepared for this event. On this day, the music club members played music as the students sang hymns, and rose bouquets were offered to Mother Mary before we prayed the holy rosary. In the prayer cards prepared by the students in each class and offered to Mother Mary, we found many words to pray for the war between Russia and Ukraine to end.

At the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima, she encouraged people to pray the Rosary. Not long after that, World War I ended. I hope you will continue to pray the rosary at home. If you have lost your mini rosary, you can purchase one at the online store of the Daughters of St. Paul. After purchasing it, please bring it to the school. It will be returned to you after blessing by the priest.

English Test

The first stage of English proficiency test, Eiken, for the closed center will be conducted at our school on May 27th Saturday with 94 applicants. The test result and the admission ticket to the second stage test will be mailed to our school on Tuesday June 27th. The second stage test, interview test, will be held on Sunday, July 9th at the open center selected in the application form. The test results of the second stage test will be mailed to our school on Tuesday, July 25th. If you want to take a look at your test result on the web, prior registration on "English Navi." will be required.

Change of School Uniform June 1st

Please remember that on this date, students will change to their summer uniforms. Students are to wear gray skirts or shorts, white socks, and white hats. Students are free to wear either long or short sleeve shirts. Please remember they will need to change to their summer smocks as well.

Swimming Lessons

We will have swimming lessons. Please refer to the letter that will be distributed.

Parent Teacher Meetings

From June 19th Monday to 24th Saturday we will begin holding parent teacher meetings in school. Please refer to the letter that will be distributed.

Gyosei Parents General Supporter Meeting

On June 24th Saturday at 11:00 in the High School Gym there will be a meeting. There will be an open school at the primary on the same day and you are welcome to attend before the general meeting.

We are asking two or three people from each class to serve on the committee of the parent supporters' association. Unlike public school PTA, appointments may continue unless there is reason for them to be discontinued.

After School Study and Play

Due to holidays at the Junior and High School, parent teacher meeting week, and other factors, there are sometimes changes to the after school study and play days. Please be sure to confirm days your child intends to stay after school and remember that after school play may be canceled due to unexpected weather changes.

Email Addresses Assigned by the School

The email address assigned to each student by the school with "gis" in the domain will be used continuously while the student is enrolled at our school. It is used for communications with the school and homeroom teachers. Please do the email settings with your email application software, and also do the settings for Zoom with this email account so that you can attend the classes online.

Maria Boutique

From June 10th Saturday to 14th Wednesday the Maria Boutique will be closed due to the Junior and High School holiday, and it will not be possible to obtain items during this time. The boutique is open from 8:30 to 17:00 (weekdays) and 8:30 to 14:00 (Saturday).



School PR Activities

To spread the word about our school we have created an advertising pamphlet. If you would like some copies of these pamphlets to distribute to acquaintances, you can request for copies at the reception window of our school, or you can also write a message in your child's communication notebook the number of copies and your child can pick them up for you.

Date	June Schedule	Departure times	After School Study/Play
1(Thurs)	Start of wearing summer school uniform General Assembly	14:45	0
2(Fri)		14:45	0
3(Sat)		13:55	
4(Sun)			
5(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
6(Tue)		14:45	0
7(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 up	15:35	
8(Thurs)		14:45	0
9(Fri)	Kanji Certification Test ①	14:45	0
10(Sat)		13.55	—
11(Sun)			
12(Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	_
13(Tue)		14:45	_
14(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
15(Thurs)	Holiday: Chiba Prefecture Day		
16(Fri)		14:45	0
17(Sat)		13:55	—
18(Sun)			
19(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up Start of Parent-Teacher Meetings (until June 24 th) *Students will leave after lunch (until June 24 th)	13:00	—
20(Tue)		13:00	—
21(Wed)	Ear and Nose Check for All Grades (wear smock)	13:00	—
22(Thurs)		13:00	—
23(Fri)		13:00	—
24(Sat)	Gyosei Parents Supporters' General Meeting Open School School Explanation Session for Prospective Students (online)	13:00	—
25(Sun)	μ		
26(Mon)	P.C. for B course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	_
27(Tue)		14:45	0
28(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
29(Thurs)		14:45	0
30(Fri)		14:45	—
Notes	 After school study and play days will be canceled due to the Junior from June 10th to 14th and from parent teacher meetings running f On June 30th(Friday) there will be no after school studies and play school explanation session. 	from June 19 th	$^{ m to}$ to $24^{ m th}$.