



At the End of the First Term

Time passes away. It goes on and on. However, God's words do not pass away. They exist, remain, and stay forever. Our heart-warming words, kind deeds, loving, forgiving, and accepting people will not pass away forever. They will be engraved in God's heart.

It is the end of the first term today. Thank you, God, thank you, Mother Mary, for protecting our students, teaching staff and all the other staff working for our school. I am thankful that we have been safe during the first term.

You learned a lot during the first term. You spent your school days with your friends. Sometimes you played well together, and some other times you might have had fights. How about saying to your friends today? "Thank you for spending time with me." And say to them, "We had a fight, but please forgive me." Moreover, never forget to say to your father and mother, "Thank you for giving me food to eat, clothes to wear, and shoes to wear. I have grown so big during the first term."

Please make good use of each day and have a happy summer vacation. See you again in September.

D. Tagawa S.M.

Funeral for Fr. Tagawa

On the afternoon of the 12th, Fr. Tagawa completed his mission on earth and returned to heaven, and on the 17th, a funeral Mass and farewell ceremony were held at the school's chapel, with about 100 sorrowful attendees and all the junior and senior high school students lining the school sidewalks and courtyard.

The following is an excerpt from the sermon given by Fr. Kato during the funeral Mass.

O God, you have taken from us the most precious person of all. Fr. Shigeru Tagawa of Gyosei International School has returned to heaven. Is this also God's grace? We are only sorry. In the past, Fr. Tagawa was hospitalized many times, maybe five or six times. Each time, surprisingly, he returned to us while we were anxious about him. This time, however, it was different. He was transferred from Kimitsu Central Hospital to St. Marianna University Hospital in Kawasaki. And then he died. We thought, "This should not be the last time. This should not be the last time. We want you to stand up and make the heart of the school strong. We want you to make the heart of the school steadfast. We wanted you to show your determination that the school would walk forward with the desire to become a dawn star in their hearts. Gyosei is a star shining at dawn. People wait for the dawn while it is still dark at night. The day breaks in the twilight. It must be the star that shows the dawn. Those who are in this school will have to be the stars that show the dawn. Each small star becomes tens of thousands of stars before it. They gather together to become the radiance of a big star. All of us find our path in the radiance of the great star. That radiance is God's gracious mercy, warmth, generosity, gentle light, and dazzling light. It is a heart that gazes into God's wonders, a heart that accepts all events. Each of us has to nurture the wonder of dawn stars in our hearts and keeps it burning in our minds.

Fr. Dominic Tagawa Shigeru, please watch over us in Heaven. May Gyosei International School become a star of the dawn! May everyone who works hard at this school feel your spirit."



Verse for September

Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you.
Pardonnez, et vous serez pardonnés. Donnez, et vous recevrez.

(Luke 6:37-38)

Motto for September

Let's make ourselves presentable.

Let's maintain our daily routines. Let's make ourselves presentable.

Monthly Safety Goal

Try to wash your hands, gargle, and drink enough water.

Report Cards

The purpose of report cards is to inform households of their child's progress in all aspects of school life. The information is to be used in a positive way to help students strive for self-improvement. Grade 1 report cards are graded on a three-level grading system for all subjects. In grade 2 Math, English, Japanese, and French are on a five-level grading system and from grade 3, Science and Social Studies are also included in the five-level grading system. From grade 2 to 6 Music, Art, P.E. and grade 5 and 6 Home Economics remain on the three-level grading system. 5 levels are used for core subjects in higher grade levels to provide more detailed information about students' progress. Also included in the report card folders are the physical fitness test results. Please note that the name of the principal has been retained.

Summer Vacation Art craft and Science Research Homework

Being a summer vacation homework for every student in our school, students can choose either from a science research or an art craft work.

Essay Writing Contest

As part of the morning reading and Japanese learning activities, we will hold an essay writing contest in school for all graders. The submission date for the works completed during the summer vacation is September 1st-Friday. After submission, excellent works will be selected by the faculty and staff and will be given awards.

The selection of books and writing instructions were given during the Japanese class of each grade level. We also distributed the manuscript for submission to the students. The manuscript will also be used for writing instruction in Japanese class in the future.

For details, please refer to the letter regarding the summer contest that was distributed separately. It states the recommended competitions sponsored by external organizations. Please try to challenge.

Summer Vacation Office Hours

During summer vacation while the school is on holiday, our administration and primary school office is opened from 9:00 to 15:00 on weekdays and 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturdays.

If you have any inquiries, please contact our office during the times mentioned above.

Please take note that from August 13th -Sunday until the 16th-Wednesday the school office will be completely closed.

Notice from Maria Boutique

During summer holidays the Maria Boutique will also be operating from 9:00 to 15:00 on weekdays and 9:00 to 13:30 on Saturdays but may close periodically depending on the day. If you intend to come to the boutique, please call in advance and confirm whether or not it will be opened. Please inquire from the boutique office for more details. As second term and sports day draw near, orders for P.E. clothes, notebooks and other things increase. Due to this increase, there is the possibility of stock shortages and there may be a wait before orders arrive. With this in mind, please place orders for things you need during the summer break. Please be sure to submit your order forms for items ordered by telephone or fax in the second term. Maria Boutique Contact: TEL 0438-52-2510 FAX 0438-52-3846

Start of Second Term

On September 1st-Friday, second term of school year 2023 will start. The opening ceremony will on the first day-Friday. It will be a regular schedule of classes and lunch will be served.

Second Term Eiken (English Proficiency Test)

The English proficiency test or eiken will be held on October 6th-Friday for second term. The deadline of submitting the application form is on the first day of second term – September 1st-Friday. If your child wants to take the test and was not able to bring the application form on the first day of school, you can send it by email attachment. (elementary@gis.ac.jp) or send it by fax (0438-52-3856)

In addition, students who passed the first part and needs to take the second part (interview) should fill out the necessary information in the application form to apply to be able to take it. A receipt on the right side of the application form will be returned to the applicant for proof of application and if not returned, please consider that the application has not been completed.

Junior and Senior High School Festival

The school festival will be held on September 23rd -Saturday and September 24th -Sunday. There will stalls and stage performances by high school students, as well as a bazaar by the parents supporters` association. Come and visit even if the primary school is closed. Please check the homepage of the Junior and Senior high school for further details.

Sports Day 2023

On October 1st Sunday, the school will hold the annual sports day. A detailed letter will be distributed at the beginning of 2nd term.

The following have been decided as of this moment:

- September 28th -Thursday will be a rehearsal day.
- September 30th -Saturday – Students will leave school at 12:00 to prepare for the event
- In case of postponement, we will notify you by mail at 5:30 in the morning on the day of the event
- If it is held on October 1st-Sunday, the next day October 2nd-Monday will be a school holiday.
- If it will be cancelled on October 1st-Sunday, October 2nd-Monday will be a regular school day and students must bring their own lunch.
- October 8th -Sunday and October 9th -Monday are optional extra days.

Renewal of Commuter Passes

If you get a commuter pass over the summer break, whether for the first time or if you are renewing, you will need a proof of school commuter form from the school.

The passes are valid for one month and if you would like to get it during summer vacation you may either; go directly to the administration office or copy the form below and mail it to the primary with an 84-yen stamp.

通学者の氏名 年齢及び性別	(才) 男・女		
通学者の 居住地	電話	()	
部科及び学年	部	科	学年 (年次)
身分証明書番号	No.		
通学区間	駅	駅間	経由
通学定期乗車券の有効期間	ヶ月		
※通学定期乗車券の使用開始日	年	月	日から
通学証明書の有効期限	発行の日より1ヶ月間		

September Schedule		Departure Times	After School Study / Play
1(Fri)	2 nd term Opening Ceremony	14:45	—
2(Sat)	2 nd Disaster/Emergency Drill	13:55	—
3(Sun)			
4(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up School Bus Group Meetings Library opens	14:45	—
5(Tue)		14:45	—
6(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
7(Thurs)		14:45	—
8(Fri)		14:45	—
9(Sat)	3 rd Explanation Session	13:55	—
10(Sun)			
11(Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
12(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 2 Start of After-School Study and Play (Grade 2-6)	14:45	○
13(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
14(Thurs)	3D Scoliosis Check for Grade 5	14:45	○
15(Fri)		14:45	○
16(Sat)	Entrance Test for Our Graduates' Children	12:00	—
17(Sun)			
18(Mon)	Respect for the Elderly Day		
19(Tue)		14:45	○
20(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
21(Thurs)		14:45	○
22(Fri)		14:45	○
23(Sat)	Autumn Equinox Day School Festival (Day 1)		
24(Sun)	School Festival (Day 2)		
25(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
26(Tue)		14:45	○
27(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
28(Thurs)	Sports Day Practice	14:45	○
29(Fri)		14:45	—
30(Sat)	Sports Day Preparation	12:00	—
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd term starts from September 1st. Regular dismissal time and lunch will be served. • From September 12th after-school study and play resumes. This may be canceled due to school events so please check the dates carefully. • Please be aware of the dismissal time on September 16th-and 30th-Saturday. • Grade 1 after-school study and play is scheduled to start on October 6th Friday. 		

