



The second term has started.

There are many problems in the world. There are diseases, wars, incidents, and disasters. However, you are now in primary school, focusing on your studies, getting along with your friends, helping each other, forgiving each other, sharing your joys with others, storing treasures in your treasure chest of knowledge, and growing into an honorable person with a great mind. The present time comes only once in a lifetime.

We were created and given life by God. We have been given precious time. We have been given hope. Thank you, God. Let us also thank our families, teachers, friends, and all those who help us. Let's pray to God that he will protect us so that this second term will be filled with hope and that we will be able to move forward toward higher goals.

D. Tagawa S.M.

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/Luc 6,37-38

Hymn for September

"Amen Hallelujah"

Motto for September

"Let's make ourselves presentable."

"Let's maintain our daily routines."

Safety Goal for September

"Let's wash our hands, gargle, and drink enough water"



◆ Announcement of New Director and Principal

With the passing of Fr. Dominico Shigeru Tagawa, who has served as the director and principal since the school founding, Kiyoshi Tagawa has been appointed as the new director and principal. Mr. Kiyoshi Tagawa is Fr. Tagawa's nephew and was an assistant to Fr. Tagawa after retiring from Kouka Gakuen Junior and Senior High School, a Catholic school in Tokyo. He is to carry on the legacy and will of Fr. Tagawa.

◆ Funeral Mass and Farewell Ceremony

On July 17th (Monday) a funeral mass was held with only close relatives and school personnel. And on July 22nd (Saturday) at 9 am a farewell ceremony was held and attended by all the students in the school chapel, in front of Fr. Tagawa's portrait and urn students offered words and prayed to Lord for eternal peace and rest for his soul who has returned to heaven. On the last part of the ceremony, representatives from each class offered flowers and everyone sang his favorite hymns, "Connected to the Lord" and "Look at the Birds in the Sky".

◆Distribution of Textbooks

The following supplementary materials and MEXT-approved textbooks for the second term were distributed today.

Japanese: "Utsushimaru for the 2nd term" and "Akaneko Kanji Skill for the 2nd term"

Math: "Repeating Calculation Drill for the 2nd term" and "Drill Notebook for the 2nd term"

◆Measures to Prevent Heat Stroke

This year's summer continued to be extremely hot, and the forecast is for high temperature even after September. In order to avoid the risk of heat stroke, the school decided to limit outdoor activities based on the heat index (WBGT) announced by the Ministry of Environment.

- If the heat index (WBGT) is 31 degrees or higher, playing outside is not allowed.
- For physical education and outdoor club activities for grades 4 and above, measurements will be taken before the implementation time and the activity location will be determined.
- There will be no after school play in September.

In addition, we encourage students to drink water frequently, ask them to wear red and white hats when going outside, and monitor the students' behavior.

◆Proficiency Tests

The schedule of the proficiency tests to be held at school in the 2nd term is as follows: Please check the schedule and observe the deadlines.

Tests fee will be deducted from the student allowance account. If the balance is not sufficient, it is not possible to apply for the test. Please check the statement you received, and if the account lacks the amount, please make an immediate bank transfer. Families will be contacted individually if necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Date:	Title:	Deadline:
Friday, October 6	Eiken	Friday, September 1
Saturday, November 11	Japanese	Saturday, September 19
Sunday, November 19	French	Please contact the vice-principal before September 20 if you want to take it.

★English Proficiency Test (Eiken)

If a student forgot to submit the application form, please send it within this day by email attachment (elementary@gis.ac.jp) or send it by fax (0438-52-3856).

★Japanese Proficiency Test

The Japanese Proficiency Test will be held on Saturday, November 11th at our school as a closed center. The test will be conducted during class hours. Please fill out the application form for the Japanese proficiency test distributed tomorrow and submit it to your homeroom teacher. The 7th grade test is the second grader's level, the 6th grade test is the fourth grader's level, and the 5th grade test is the primary school graduation level. For the official exercise books, please visit the website of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Committee (<https://www.nihongokentei.jp>).

★French Proficiency Test

The Autumn French Proficiency Test will be held on Sunday, November 19th. If we have 10 or more examinees, we will be allowed to execute the test here at our school as a closed center. Since it is conducted on Sunday, there will be no school bus services. If you want to take the test, please come to the vice-principal. He will give you an application form with instructions. Preparatory lessons will be given before the test. Details will follow.

◆Swimming Class

The swimming class for 2nd graders will be held on Tuesday, September 12th and for 1st graders will be on Wednesday, October 24th.

◆ After School Study and Play

From September 12th students in grade 2 and up may have after school study. As mentioned above, please note that after school play will not be held during September. The supplementary kanji lessons taught by Mr. Sasaki, which are held on Thursdays, will not be held from the 2nd term. Grade 1 students will begin after school study and play from October 6th (Friday).

◆ School Dismissal Time Changes

The dismissal time of September 16th and 30th (Sat.) will change. The school buses will leave at 12:00 after lunch.

◆ Sports Day

Please check from the letter to be distributed at a later date for details. Sports Day practices will start immediately so please be reminded that every day, students need to have their P.E. clothes, hat, towel and water jug (sports drink).



◆ Message from the Life Guidance Department

The *Seikatsu Dayori* or a newsletter from the life guidance department was distributed to the children on September 1st. We hope that all the parents will take a look at it and talk about their school life and personal life during the 2nd term with your children.

The newsletter refers to:

- (i) Helping each other in class
- (ii) Lost or missing items
- (iii) Evacuation/Emergency Drills

◆ Message from the Nurse Room

A reminder to be careful of heat stroke this September.

Heat stroke is a condition in which dizziness, nausea, body convulsions, and consciousness disturbance occur when it is hot. If the condition is bad, it can be a life threatening. For the coming sports day, there will be a lot of scheduled practices so make sure to have enough and good sleep at night and eat proper food to keep the bodies in good shape condition. In addition, some students are still wearing mask due to the effect of covid 19 virus infection, remember that wearing a mask in a hot and humid environment may increase the risk of heat stroke. At home, please remember to hydrate frequently, and avoid wearing it when not feeling well and doing exercises.

◆ Message from Maria Boutique

If you purchase your child's shoes or uniforms, please never forget to write the item name, gender, size, and quantity on the student cheque. You may leave the amount column on the cheque blank. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Boutique.

Please note that if there is not enough balance in the student account, we will not be able to deliver the ordered items.

Winter clothes will be available from October. Please check your clothes as soon as possible to be prepared for the change.

◆ School Personnel Changes

September Schedule		Departure Times	After School Study
1(Fri)	2 nd term Opening Ceremony Deadline for Eiken	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 (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)	Deadline for Japanese Proficiency Test	14:45	○
20(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up Deadline for French Proficiency Test	15:35	—
21(Thurs)		14:45	○
22(Fri)		14:45	○
23(Sat)	Autumn Equinox Day		
24(Sun)	School Festival (Day 1) 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"> • From September 12th after-school study 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. • Students will change into winter uniforms on Sunday, October 1st. • Sports Day will be held on Sunday, October 1st. 		

