



## Love One Another

Christ said, “Tomorrow, I will be delivered into the hands of my enemies, nailed to a cross, and die. You must help each other, forgive each other, and unite as one to accomplish the mission I have given you. This is my last will and testament.”

Please respect the life given to us by God and live each day as brothers and sisters. No child should be bullied.

*D. Tagawa S.M.*

### Verse for October

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

《Si le grain de blé tombé en terre ne meurt pas, il reste seul; mais s’il meurt, il donne beaucoup de fruits.》

(John 12:24)

### Holy Hymn for October

“On the Hill of Galilee”

### Motto for October

“Remember the rules and be safe when coming and going to school. “

### Monthly Safety Goal

“Let’s keep bus rides quiet.”

### Change Over to Winter Uniforms

From October 1<sup>st</sup> the changeover period from summer to winter uniforms will begin until the 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri.) of the month. Be sure that students come to school with navy blue skirts or trousers, navy blue socks, and beret hats. Blazers are optional until the 13<sup>th</sup>. All students should wear the blazer from the 16<sup>th</sup> (Mon.). Winter smocks will also be changed so be sure that all buttons are in place and name tags are affixed with the current student’s grade level. Please make sure that the students wear their hats specified by the school even when they ride their own car to school.

## Sports Day

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> we will hold our annual Sports Day. For more details about the event, kindly check the letter that was distributed on the 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat.). We distributed the program today.

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, please wear your winter uniform when coming by school bus. Students who are riding their own car to school may come in their P.E. clothes.
- Students will be wearing their white socks during the Sports Day event. Please remember that students are wearing navy blue socks coming to school so if they forgot to bring white socks, a new one will be given as purchased from the boutique. Please submit the slip at a later date. Please be reminded that Maria Boutique will be closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun.) and it is not possible to purchase items directly.
- There will be no school bus services for parents. Also, parents are not allowed to ride the regular school bus for students.
- Parents must check with their child regarding leaving school after the events. Kindly notify the class teacher thru communication notebook for any changes.
- Please observe the rules and manners regarding the use of all school parking area. The primary school ground will be available also for parking.
- Please be reminded that the following items are not allowed to be used on the artificial grass of the soccer field; leisure umbrella, tents, chairs and tables.
- All event materials used for each grade are purchased and will be deducted from students' account. Make sure to label or write names on it. Headbands used by the cheering and relay members are school property, so please wash and iron them. Please return it to each class teacher by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## After School Study and Play

After school play will resume from October.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday) and October 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), there will be no after school study and play due to the junior high and high school holidays. Also, due to preparations for the first entrance exam, there will be no after school study and play on October 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday).

In addition, we announced that after-school play for first-year students would start on October 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday), but this will be changed to October 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday). We apologize for the sudden schedule change.

## October 14<sup>th</sup>

The school will be closed on October 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) due to the first entrance examination.

## Grade 6 Graduation Trip

The grade 6 students will go on a school trip to Nagasaki for 3 days and 2 nights starting October 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday). Currently, grade 6 students are receiving advance guidance and lesson to deepen their understanding of international peace and the religious background necessary for visiting Nagasaki. Representing our school for 3 days and 2 nights, students will be able to learn important things, experience from the scheduled itineraries and safely return home.

## Halloween

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the A course students will have a Halloween party during English lessons and the B course students will have a Halloween party during one of the lessons. This school year, the school will not provide snacks and drinks for safety reasons. All students are encouraged to change into costume on the day and we ask that costume preparation not pose any undue burden. Please do not bring costumes that expose the skin and any other items that will be bulky and hard to carry to and from school. Photo Create will be in the school taking photos of the classes and some will appear in the graduation album. Please be sure not to forget your costumes.



## French Test

The number of applicants for the 2023 Autumn French Proficiency Test has exceeded 10, so we have decided to hold the examination at our school as a venue. The exam will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Since it is a Sunday, there will be no school bus services. In addition, please check the notice information about the schedule of the temporary lessons put up on the bulletin board in front of home economics room. Please encourage your child to attend these special lessons just for the exam if he/she takes the test.

## DVD

This is to inform you that this year the production DVD “Memories Album” is not available for ordering. Our apologies to the families who were looking forward to it. Music Festival DVD is scheduled to be sold. Pictures of school major events and activities will be available thru Photo Create (Snap Snap).

## Bags and Belts

Black sub bags are being sold at the Maria boutique to be used by students in grade 4 and above although it should be noted that the purchase is not mandatory, and the continued use of shoulder bags is perfectly acceptable. Grades 3 and under are to use shoulder bags but if these will not accommodate belongings, please consult with your homeroom teacher. Belts may be worn by grade 5 and 6 students with Gyosei issued buckle only.

The blue lesson bags are to be used in the school for file storage and to hold items needed for lessons in other classrooms. These bags are to be hung on the hooks on the right side of student desks. If bags are lost, please order a new one.



Sub bag [¥5,500]

## Maria Boutique Announcement

From October 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday) to 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), business hours will be from 9:00 to 15:00 due to junior high and high school holidays.

- If you are unsure of the size of the product you are purchasing, students can try it on with their parent/guardian at the boutique. If you can't go the boutique, fitting can also be done at the elementary school. However, please understand that it is not possible to take some items home and try them on at home.
- The sample of the coat has arrived. You may visit the boutique to try it on.
- If you wish to submit your leather school bag for repair, please be sure to submit a slip for payment on which you will detail the part to be repaired.
- A letter regarding the P.E. jerseys has been distributed. Please submit the order slip by October 7<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). Please use a separate slip if you want to order a name tag with it.
- Starting next school year, the prices of shoulder bag will increase from ¥3,300 to ¥4,400 and sub bag from ¥5,500 to ¥6,270.

## Educational Counseling

The school offers educational counseling for 6<sup>th</sup> graders regarding their future course. If you are interested, please contact your homeroom teacher. We will contact you by phone regarding the date and time.

## National Road Safety Autumn Campaign

The National Road Safety Autumn Campaign is scheduled from September 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) to 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday). Student leaders have started making the announcement in school to remind students about the traffic safety. We ask all parents to ensure thorough traffic safety.



## Schedule for October

Date	Plan	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1 (Sun)	Sports Day Winter uniform change over period until the 13 <sup>th</sup>	14:45	-----
2 (Mon)	Substitute holiday (If the sports day is postponed, classes as usual, boxlunch required to bring.)		
3 (Tue)	General Assembly	14:45	○
4 (Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
5 (Thurs)	After school studies and play for grade 1 starts	14:45	○
6 (Fri)	Eiken②	14:45	-----
7 (Sat)	Association Promotion Gathering	13:55	-----
8 (Sun)	Sports Day (Replacement day 1)	14:45	
9 (Mon)	Sports Day (Replacement day 2)	14:45	
10 (Tue)	(Holiday if the sports day was held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> )	14:45	-----
11 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
12 (Thurs)		14:45	○
13 (Fri)		14:45	-----
14 (Sat)	1 <sup>st</sup> Entrance Examination for SY 2024		
15 (Sun)			
16 (Mon)	P.C. for B course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
17 (Tue)		14:45	○
18 (Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
19 (Thurs)		14:45	○
20 (Fri)	Grade 6 School Trip to Nagasaki	14:45	○
21 (Sat)	↓	13:55	-----
22 (Sun)	▼		
23 (Mon)	P.C. for A course, Grade 3 and up Substitute holiday for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders	14:45	-----
24 (Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 1	14:45	○
25 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
26 (Thurs)		14:45	○
27 (Fri)	2nd Scoliosis Check (selected students only)	14:45	○
28 (Sat)		13:55	-----
29 (Sun)			
30 (Mon)	P.C. for B course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
31 (Tue)	Halloween Activities	14:45	○
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please check the schedule above for the dates of after school study and play.</li> <li>▪ After school study and play for Grade 1 starts on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday.</li> <li>▪ Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - Halloween activities without drinks and snacks.</li> </ul>		