



GOD IS CLOSE TO US!

You will be happier if you learn to talk to God when you are happy, when you are sad, and even when you study or play as if he were your friend who is always close to you. God is not far away. God is in the people around us, so how about trying to see him in them? Jesus tells us in the holy Bible, "What you do to others is what you do to me." People often say that we should do at least one good deed in a day. Your good deed for others will make them smile. Please put yourself in the other person's shoes. By doing so, we can forget ourselves and eliminate our selfishness. Self-centeredness or selfishness, which leads us to think only of ourselves, is the source of all misfortune. If we put ourselves in other people's shoes and do what we think is good, we will be able to improve ourselves, and, in the end, it will make our society a brighter place to live.

D. Tagawa S.M.

Monthly Verse

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

《Heureux les miséricordieux, car ils obtiendront miséricorde.》 (Matthew 5:7)

Monthly Hymn

"Everyone"

Monthly Quote

"Let's find the good points in our friends and appreciate each other."

Monthly Safety Goal

"Let's keep silent on the bus."

Sport Day

On October 1st (Sunday), the annual Sports Day was held on a clear and fine day. It was the first experience for the 1st graders and last for memories for the 6th graders. Students happily cheered to each other that echoed throughout the soccer ground. This year, the white team won. A lot of thanks to all the parents who came to support and helped during the clean up after the activities. We are hoping for your kind understanding in observing the rules and manners.

English Test

On October 6th (Friday) Eiken was held. Notifications of the test result and the admission ticket to the second test will be mailed to your home on October 31st (Tuesday). The second test will be held on November 12th (Sunday) for level 3, level pre-2, and level 2. Please consult your application forms for test locations. On November 5th (Sunday) is the second exam for pre-1 grade level and grade 1 level. Results for the second test are expected to be sent on November 28th (Tuesday). We encourage students to take the English Proficiency Test at least once a year. Students who have not yet taken the test this year are requested to take the English test that will be held in the 3rd term.

Grade 6 Graduation Trip

Grade 6 students arrived in Nagasaki on the afternoon of October 20. On the 1st day, they visited two historical buildings in Hirado and experienced the solemn atmosphere there. On the 2nd day, they visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and attended the peace lecture, basis of peace education. The exhibits and lectures in the museum seemed to touch their hearts with the tragedy of war and the power of the atomic bomb. In the afternoon, the students visited cultural heritage sites related to Christianity. Through the trip of 2 nights and 3 days, it seems that they had an opportunity to think of the important values of peace and everyday life.



Memorial Service for Fr. Shigeru Tagawa

A farewell ceremony and gathering for Fr. Shigeru Tagawa will be held at Hotel Okura Tokyo from 16:00 on November 20th (Monday). Information was distributed on the 17th. The deadline for attendance is October 25th. If you would like to attend, please contact the primary school by phone, fax, or email. On the 20th (Monday), classes will be held until the 3rd period in primary school. Lunch will be served. School buses for return will depart at 12:00 o'clock.

Autumn Educational Field Trip

On November 8th (Wednesday), each grade will go on an excursion. For details, please check the letter distributed in each class.

Parent Teacher Interviews

From November 13th (Monday) to 18th (Saturday) we will begin holding parent teacher interviews in school and students will be dismissed at 13:00. When you come to the school, please observe the following:

1. Please bring your indoor shoes/slippers and shoe bag.
2. Please register your name and time of arrival at the entrance.
3. After registration, please wait beside the classroom. (If the meeting is not held in the classroom, please wait for the teacher to guide you).
4. Students and parents will wait in different places. Students will be waiting in the cooking room. If parents have to wait for an interview, please wait in the library.
5. If your child's way of going home differs from the regular dismissal way, please inform your child's homeroom teacher of the change by communication notebook.

Class Observation Day

The second term class observation will be held on November 18th (Saturday). For details, please read the letter that will be distributed at a later date.

Time: 3rd period (10:35-11:20) and 4th period (11:25-12:10) Time to leave school: 13:00 after lunch

Japanese Proficiency Test

The Japanese Language Proficiency Test will be held on November 11th (Saturday). 22 students will take the exam.

French Proficiency Test

On November 19th (Sunday), the 2023 Autumn French Proficiency Test will be conducted in our school, in 4B, 5B, and 6B classrooms. There will be 18 examinees in total including Junior and Senior HS. There are no school bus services because it is Sunday.

The admission ticket and the notification of results will be sent to each home from the Association.

Schedule: Level 3: 15:20-16:35, Level 4: 2:10-13:10, Level 5: 10:20~11:05

***Suken* or Math Proficiency Test**

Applications for the math exam scheduled on January 27th (Saturday) are due on November 2nd (Thursday). This test is held only once a year, so please give it a try.

Red Feather Donations

Students of Beautification Committee will be working on the red feather donations next to the staff room during lunch recess. Donation boxes will be placed in the school from November 6th (Monday) to 11th (Saturday). We appreciate your support.



Dismissal Time

For the month of November, please be informed about the different time of dismissal, kindly check with the November schedule.

Entrance Tests for Our Junior High School

For our 6th grade students, our junior high school department will be holding an entrance examination on December 1st (Friday). The tests will cover Japanese and Math. For international course, the math test will be in English. For further detail, please see the letter and application form distributed on October 28th (Saturday).

Winter School Uniform

A letter was distributed to all students, which contains the details of the rules on what to wear, bring to school and manners for using the school bus. During cold days, students are allowed to wear tights without socks to be worn. Wearing anything other than tights is not permitted.

While in school, students are supposed to take off their blazers. If the temperature is cold, students can wear a smock, vest or sweater. During P.E. days, students can wear their jersey. Wearing a sweater and blazers on top of P.E. uniform is not allowed. Jerseys are available in the Maria boutique for purchase.

Maria Boutique

Please be informed about the changes of operating time of the boutique from November 8th (Thursday) until the 11th (Saturday) due to the Jr. and Sr. high school's half-term break.

Samples of winter coat are now available in Maria boutique. If you are interested in purchasing it, please try to check with the sample before placing an order. It will take about two weeks to arrive/deliver. Stocks are not available in the boutique. For purchasing, parents are requested to visit the boutique and buy. Students are not allowed to buy items by themselves. When you visit the boutique, please kindly use the parking and do not park your car in front the boutique, which would impede the passage of other vehicles.

Students Account Fund

Deductions of English test payments will be made in October, and school trips and Japanese test payment deductions will be in November.

Details of the statement will be mailed every month, so please make sure if your child's account has enough balance. When making money transfer, please do not forget to input your child's name and ID number.

Account information: Mitsubishi UFJ Bank Kisarazu Branch (Savings Account) 0279121 or
Chiba Bank Kisarazu Branch (Savings Account) 1100029

Swimming Lesson Fee

Swimming lessons for all classes have finished. The fee was 2,200 yen. The Fee for the classes that finished swimming in 1st term has been already deducted.

Schedule for November		Departure Time	After School
1 Wed.	All Students' Monthly Assembly Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
2 Thurs.	Assembly for All Souls Day Deadline for Suken, Math Proficiency Test	14:45	—
3 Fri.	Culture Day		
4 Sat.	2 nd Entrance Test (dismissal after lunch)	12:00	—
5 Sun.			
6 Mon.	P.C. for A course, Grade 3 and up Red Feather Donation (until 11 th)	14:45	—
7 Tue.		14:45	○
8 Wed.	Educational Field Trip	15:35	—
9 Thurs.		14:45	—
10 Fri.		14:45	—
11 Sat.	Nihongo Kentei, Japanese Proficiency Test	13:55	—
12 Sun.			
13 Mon.	Start of Parents-Teacher Conference (until 18 th) P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	13:00	—
14 Tue.		13:00	—
15 Wed.		13:00	—
16 Thurs.		13:00	—
17 Fri.		13:00	—
18 Sat.	Class Observation Day	13:00	—
19 Sun.	French Proficiency Test		
20 Mon.	P.C. for A course, Grade 3 and up Fr. Tagawa Memorial Gathering, Hotel Okura Tokyo at 16:00	12:00	—
21 Tue.		14:45	○
22 Wed.	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
23 Thurs.	Labor Thanksgiving Day		
24 Fri.		14:45	○
25 Sat.	Workshop for Teachers		
26 Sun.			
27 Mon.	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
28 Tue.		14:45	○
29 Wed.	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
30 Thurs.		14:45	○
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 4th Saturday and 20th Monday dismissal time will be after lunch, at 12:00. • From Nov. 13th to 18th Individual Parents-Teacher Conference. No supplementary lessons and activities after school. Dismissal time will be at 13:00 during this period. • Due to preparations for the second entrance exam, there will be no supplementary lessons and after-school activities on the 2nd (Thursday) • Junior and Senior High School break is from Nov 8th (Wednesday) to 12th (Sunday). There will be no supplementary lessons and after-school activities. 		