



Shiwasu, Last Month of the Year

Our God, Jesus Christ, is present among us as the Gospel says, "I am with you until the end of the world". He has ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

This year is coming to an end leaving us many memories. Let us spend the end of the year thanking God and those around us for the many blessings we have received and asking for forgiveness for the mistakes we have made.

Forgiving, understanding, and smiling at others are the most beautiful forms of humanity.

D. Tagawa S.M.

Verse for December

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts. (COLOSSIANS 3:15)

Hymn for December

Adeste Fideles
Silent Night

Motto for December

Let's help each other and be kind to each other.

Safety Reminder for December

Foresee what will happen to keep yourself safe.

Field Trip

On November 8th (Wednesday), all students went on a field trip, to different destinations of each grade's choice. Students were able to discover and experience things that they would not normally be able to experience at school.

Essay Contest

To promote reading among children, a book review contest for the summer vacation assignment was held in our school. At the school morning assembly on November 1st, the four winners were presented with their awards.

Grand Prize: [REDACTED]

Excellence Awards:

Lower Graders: [REDACTED]

Middle Graders: [REDACTED]

Upper Graders: [REDACTED]

Memorial Service for Fr. Dominic Shigeru Tagawa

On November 20th (Monday), we held a farewell ceremony and party for the late Fr. Dominic Shigeru Tagawa at Hotel Okura Tokyo. The alumni of Gyosei International School, Gyosei Gakuen, and Gyosei International School in the U.K., the parents of current students and graduates, people concerned with the parents and other people who were close to Fr. Tagawa, gathered together and enjoyed chatting with one another while

reminiscing about their memories of his days. We hope the current students who attended the event as well as all those who were not able to attend will continue to keep the memories of Fr. Tagawa in their hearts.



Class Visit

The class visit, which was postponed due to the recent inclement weather, will be held on December 9th (Saturday), the same day as the marathon day. Class observation is scheduled for 2nd -4th period. Please see the separate letter for details.

In addition, the third term class visit will be held on February 10th (Saturday) together with the Parents' Meeting. Each homeroom teacher will report on what changes have been made during this school year in the children's situation after the report at the parents' meeting in April.

Marathon

This year's school marathon day will be held on December 9th (Saturday). For more details, please see the letter that will be distributed next week. Students practice for the marathon race in their PE classes. If your child does not feel well or has pain in any part of the body, please be sure to contact the school or your child's homeroom teacher.

Proficiency Tests in 3rd Term

English Proficiency Test, Kanji Proficiency Test, and Math Proficiency Test will be held in the third term.

Registration for the math exam has already been closed. Application form for the English Proficiency Test was distributed the other day. Application forms for the Kanji Proficiency Test was distributed today. The deadline for application for these tests, which will be held on campus, is December 2nd (Saturday). Children who wish to take the test should submit the completed application form to their homeroom teachers. These are the last proficiency tests of this school year. Please make sure not to forget to apply.

Test	Grade Level	Date of Test	Deadline of Application
EIKEN/English	Level 2 ~ 5	January 13 th (Sat.)	December 2 nd (Sat.)
Kanji Kentei	Level 2 ~ 10	January 20 th (Sat.)	
Math	Level Pre 1~11	January 27 th (Sat.)	Closed

Christmas Mass / Closing Ceremony/ Donations

The schedule for the Christmas Mass has been changed. The Christmas Mass will be held on December 14th (Thursday) instead of Saturday, 16th. We would like our students to learn the meaning of Christmas in Catholicism and share the joy of Christmas with you all. We are willing to welcome the parents to attend the Mass.

The closing ceremony will be held on December 16th (Saturday) as scheduled.

Date of Christmas Mass: December 14th (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 – 11:00

Venue: Gyosei International Primary School's Gym.

From December 4th (Monday) there will be a donation box placed in front of the Christmas tree beside the staffroom. Donations will be sent to the people in need around the world through Caritas Japan in the Japan Catholic Central Office. If you wish to make a donation, please put your donation in the envelope provided with the invitation letter to Christmas Mass. Please seal the envelope and put it into the donation box.



School Cleaning (Schedule Changed)

During the 5th and 6th period on December 15th (Friday), we will have our second term school general cleaning. We will conduct it with the students and teachers only. Parents will not be asked to help. Students will need to wear their P.E. clothes and to bring a dust cloth. They can bring rubber gloves if they want to. The school will not lend out supplies to the students who have forgotten to bring theirs.

School Library

Books in the library can be lent to the students until December 2nd (Saturday) for one week. All borrowed books must be returned by December 9th (Saturday). Please be sure to return the borrowed books accordingly.

Bringing Home of School Supplies

From December 2nd (Saturday) students will take home their school supplies. Please follow the instructions of your child's homeroom teacher on what to take home. A large and durable bag will be useful. Please have it ready if necessary.

After School Study and Play

After school study and play for the second term will end on December 1st (Friday). Third term activities will resume on January 12th (Friday).

Fire Prevention Poster Contest

The Kisarazu City Fire Department has notified us of a call for fire prevention posters. If your child would like to join the contest, please contact in his/her homeroom teacher by December 14th (Thursday). At a later date, applicants will be notified of the application guidelines and points to note for the entry. Please note that this application is not mandatory.



Target Grades: 2nd grade to 6th grade

Contents: Items related to fire prevention (Description of fire prevention slogans are not mandatory)

Submission Deadline: January 11th, 2024 (Thursday) / The school deadline is January 6th (Saturday).

School Safety Guidance, Safety Education and Safety Measures

We regularly conduct safety inspections in our school facilities and implement safety guidance in educating our students. We would like to ask you in having the same actions to prevent any accidents and injuries even at home.

For safety reasons, please refrain from entering the school building or talking to the children without our permission. Please contact our office if you need to enter.

Notice from Maria Boutique

Maria boutique will be closed on December 2nd (Saturday) due to the uniform fitting for the incoming 1st grade students.

Notice from Accounting Section

The fees for the field trip on November 8th will be deducted from the student's account. Please note that even the students absent on that day will be charged half of the fee for the trip. Please check your statement of account for November, which will be delivered to you at the end of next month.

1st grade: 7,416 yen 2nd grade: 8,092 yen 3rd grade: 6,052 yen

4th grade: 8,872 yen 5th grade: 5,736 yen 6th grade: 8,015 yen



	Schedule for December	Bus Departure Time	After School Study-Play
1(Fri.)	Internal Entrance Exam for 6 Graders for Acceptance to our JH Last Day of After school Study/Play	14:45	○
2(Sat.)	Deadline for Eiken/Kanken Application Last Day of Borrowing Books from the Library Transfer Exam Uniform Fitting for 2024 New 1st Graders at Club House	13:55	—
3(Sun.)			
4(Mon.)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up School Morning Assembly Start of Christmas Donation	14:45	—
5(Tue.)		14:45	—
6(Wed.)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
7(Thurs.)		14:45	—
8(Fri.)		14:45	—
9(Sat.)	Marathon/Class Observation Last Day of Returning Books Borrowed from the library	13:00	—
10(Sun.)			
11(Mon.)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up Substitute Day for Marathon	14:45	—
12(Tue.)		14:45	—
13(Wed.)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
14(Thurs.)	Christmas Mass	14:45	—
15(Fri.)	General Cleaning in 5 th - 6 th Period (Needed PE Clothes & a Dust Cloth)	14:45	—
16(Sat.)	2nd Term Closing Ceremony (Dismissal after Lunch/ Allowed to Come with a Sub-bag Only)	12:00	—
Winter Vacation December 17th, 2023 - January 5th, 2024			
Jan 6(Sat.)	3rd Term Opening Ceremony Classes as Usual	13:55	—
Reminders	<p>After school play and study will end on Friday, December 1st. 3rd term after school activities will begin on Friday, January 12th. Please take note of the following different dismissal time: Saturday, December. 9th: 13:00 Saturday, December. 16th: 12:00</p>		