



MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

What kind of year did you spend last year? Let us give thanks to God for a safe and successful year. God has blessed us with a new year. Have you set goals for the new year? Is it about your studies? The reason we come to elementary school is to study. The other reason is to get along with our dear friends. I want to make my friends happy by greeting them and saying good and kind words. This is very important. We study many things, but the deepest study is the "heart. The most important thing is to give words, greetings, joy, and smiles to the hearts of others and friends. God's love is given to our hearts like sunlight, like starlight. Let us thank God once again.

D. Tagawa S.M.

★Verse for February

“Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.” (Matthew 7:12)

★Hymn for February

“Little People”

★Motto for February

“Let's not be discouraged by the cold and play outdoors.”

★Safety Reminder for February

“Forsee what will happen to keep yourself safe!”



◆Thank You for Your Christmas Donation

Over the Christmas holidays we were able to collect 96,409 yen in donations with your generous support. We remitted to Caritas Japan for its Christmas fund.

◆School Lunch

School lunches have received a reputation for being warmer and tastier since the third semester. This is due to the cafeteria staff's great efforts to provide warm and tasty school lunches with love and care. The photo shows a January 11 lunch consisting of grilled salmon, thickly fried egg, meat and potatoes, meatballs, rice, furikake, miso soup, fruit, and milk. We are planning to make more innovations in the future. Let's look forward to it.



◆Standard Aptitude Tests

We will be conducting NRT, standard aptitude tests, on February 7th (Wednesday) to 9th (Friday). Students in 1st to 4th grade in Regular Course will take two subjects, Japanese and Math, and 5th and 6th graders will take 4 subjects including Science and Social Studies. They are 40minute tests each. Students in International Course will take only one NRT test which is Japanese, and the rest of the subjects will be prepared by our school staff and be conducted within the scheduled week. The test papers will not be given to the students who are absent on the day of the test to prevent the delay of receiving results. The cost of the tests will be deducted from student's accounts. Results are returned with a term-end report card.

◆Parents' Day

The third semester class observation and parents meeting will be held on February 10th (Saturday). For details, please check the letter distributed on the 21st.

Time: 3rd period (10:35-11:20) – Class observation

4th period (11:25-12:10) – Parents' meeting in each classroom

Time to leave school: 13:00 after lunch (all grades)

Others: • Please bring indoor shoes (slippers).

• Write your name in the reception book in each classroom

• You cannot visit during school lunch hours.

• If you are waiting for your child to leave school, please wait in the library.

1B class visit will be held on January 27th (Saturday) during 3rd and 4th period, but not on February 10th (Saturday).

◆Science Study Presentation

This year, the Science Study Presentation, in which participation is by request, will be held after the class visit on February 10th (Saturday).

Currently, several students have expressed their willingness to participate. They will present their observations and research at a poster session on the day of the event. The event will be held after school, but if you are able to make it, we hope you will be able to listen to the presentations of these hard-working students.

Time: 13:15, end around 14:00.

School bus departs at 13:00, so it is necessary to pick up your children from home.

Place: In front of the staff room

◆2023 Music Festival

The Music Festival will be held on February 23 (Friday, national holiday). We had been planning to move the event back to the previous location before the Corona Disaster, but in order to attract more visitors, we will hold the event in two parts, as we did last year. As in the past, there will also be guest performances by the junior high and high school music club. The schedule is as follows. Please check back later for a letter and program. Please note that the 24th (Saturday) will be a substitute day off.

Time: 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades --- Start 9:00, Scheduled to end 10:20

2nd, 4th, and 6th grades---Start 10:40, Scheduled to end 12:00

Time to leave school: After lunch, 13:00

A DVD of the "Music Festival" will be available for sale. The price is 3,000 yen. If you wish to purchase the DVD, please fill in the name of the DVD "Music Festival" and the number of DVDs you wish to purchase on the allowance slip and submit it by March 16th (Saturday). Please fill out the slip separately from the items ordered at the Maria Boutique. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆After School Study and Play

From February 9th (Friday) to 13th (Tuesday), there will be no after school study and play due to the junior and senior high school holidays. Please check the schedule for February on the back.

◆Making Sure of Proficiency Test Levels

Near the mid of February, we will pass out a form to find out the most recent levels attained by the students in tests such as Eiken, Kanken and Suken. If your child has taken a test at an outside location, we ask that you please make copies of the certificates and hand them in to the school with completed forms. Thank you for your cooperation.

◆Student Award

■■■■■■■■■■, a 6th grade B class student, received the Effort Award at the 18th "Buds of Science" Award, a natural science contest sponsored by the University of Tsukuba. This is the second consecutive year that he has received this award, following the Encouragement Award last year.

[Research title: Ecology of Sashibae (2)].

He worked hard on his fieldwork and spent two years researching and reporting on the relationship between horses and sassafras flies.

We hope that he will use this experience to continue to work diligently in his exploration of natural science. We also hope that many more science-loving children will be found in our school in the future.

◆Maria Boutique

Maria boutique is closed on February 10th (Saturday) due to uniform fitting and measurements for junior and senior high school. More detailed information will be sent by mail next week.

From February 9th (Friday) to 13th (Tuesday), business hours will be from 9:00 to 15:00 due to junior and senior high school holidays. Students are not allowed to purchase items at Maria Boutique on their own. They should be accompanied by a guardian. The boutique does not accept credit cards or electronic money. Kindly check the balance of your child's account when using the order slip.

◆School PR

We will be participating in the school briefing sessions of private schools. Leaflets are placed in front of the staff room. In addition, banners for each briefing session are on our school website. Please let your acquaintances know.

- Chiba Prefecture Private Elementary School Fair
February 25th (Sunday) Venue: Showa Gakuin Ito Memorial Hall
- Christian school joint fair (*Advance application is required.)
March 20th (holiday, Tuesday) Venue: Aoyama Gakuin Junior High School

◆2023 School-related Personal Evaluation

Questionnaires for parents and children were distributed on January 22nd (Monday). We appreciate your cooperation. The questionnaire for parents can also be answered via the web, so please scan the QR code on the right and answer the questionnaire.

◆Present of Oranges

14 boxes of Mikkabi Mikan oranges arrived from JA Mikkabi in Shizuoka. They were served during lunch time on the 24th (Wednesday). They were sweet and sour and very tasty. Some students brought them home saying, "I'm going to eat them at home."

Date	February Schedule	School bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1(Thurs)	General Assembly	14:45	○
2(Fri)		14:45	-----
3(Sat)	Guidance on School Life for 2024 Grade 1	13:55	-----
4(Sun)			
5(Mon)	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in B course	14:45	-----
6(Tue)		14:45	○
7(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
8(Thurs)		14:45	-----
9(Fri)		14:45	-----
10(Sat)	Class Observation and Parents Meeting (except 1B) Science Study Presentation (after school) Uniform Fitting for Junior-high School	13:00	-----
11(Sun)	National Holiday – Foundation Day		
12(Mon)	Substitute Holiday		
13(Tue)		14:45	-----
14(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
15(Thurs)		14:45	○
16(Fri)		14:45	-----
17(Sat)	School Explanation Session for Prospective Students	13:55	-----
18(Sun)			
19(Mon)	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in A course	14:45	-----
20(Tue)		14:45	○
21(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
22(Thurs)		14:45	-----
23(Fri)	Music Festival	13:00	-----
24(Sat)	Substitute Holiday		
25(Sun)	Chiba Prefecture Private Elementary School Fair		
26(Mon)	P.C. for Grade 3 and up in B course	14:45	-----
27(Tue)	Student Council Candidate Speeches	14:45	○
28(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up Student Council Election Day	15:35	-----
29(Thurs)		14:45	○
Note	<p>*Please note that the school dismissal time will be different on 10th (Saturday) and 23rd (Friday).</p> <p>*There will be no after school study and play from the 9th (Friday) to the 13th (Tuesday) due to junior and senior high school holidays. Also, the opening hours of Maria Boutique will be different. Please be aware of this.</p> <p>*The Music Festival will be held on the 23rd (Friday), which is a national holiday, and the 24th (Saturday) will be a substitute holiday.</p>		