



Message for the Month of Mother Mary

It is the most beautiful season of the year. May is Our Lady's Month.

"Ave Maria Stella" "Blessed, the Star of the Sea"... "The Star of the Sea" is the evening star, Venus, and is traditionally referred to as Mother Mary in the Catholic Church. Once, a ship traveling through the ocean sailed with a star shining in the night sky as a landmark. It is the Virgin Mary who guides us on the journey of life toward God like the stars of the sea shining in the night sky. Let's get closer to Jesus Christ while praising Mother Mary and meditating on her life.

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Monthly Verse: Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Marie dit: «Je suis l'esclave du Seigneur; qu'il m'advienne selon ta parole!» Et l'ange la quitta.
LUKE 1:38

Monthly hymn: *Immaculate Mother Ave Maria de Lourdes*

Monthly Motto: Let's be on time for our classes.

Monthly Safety Goal: Let's walk quietly in the corridor.



From Deputy Principal

After the hectic month of April, we find ourselves welcoming the month of May in the midst of fresh green leaves. May is the month of Our Lady of the Virgin, as Father Tagawa said in his opening message. It reminds me of Fr. Tagawa's broad smile with which he said to me when I came across him on the street on campus during this month of Our Lady of May, "How refreshing it is!". Children prepare for the Mother Mary's Day scheduled on the 21st by reflecting on Mary's holiness, motherhood, purity, and obedience. Mother Mary encouraged us to pray the Rosary during her apparition at Fatima. If possible, please pray it with your children at home as well.

Easter Assembly

We wish you again the joy of the resurrection of the Lord. After 40 days of Lent from Ash Wednesday, people could finally celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9th. We held an assembly at the school entrance space and celebrated Easter together on Thursday, April 13. In Part 1, children representing each homeroom class from 2nd grade and above took turns to recite the Way of the Cross prayer in English and Japanese, following the lead of the servers, and everyone recalled the suffering of Jesus' Passion. In Part 2, teacher servers read the Bible before they talked to the students about the Lord's resurrection. We sang and listened to hymns and shared the joy of the Lord's resurrection for an hour. Each child was given an Easter card instead of an Easter egg and told to write a message on the card and keep it on their desk at home until Ascension Day on May 12. May the joy of Lord's resurrection be with you and your family!



Grade 1 Welcome Party

On Saturday the 13th, the students formed vertically divided groups and went on a treasure hunt in the school. The 6th graders were very dependable as they lead their groups, staying close to the 1st graders. The winner groups were awarded prizes.



Spring Trip to Futtsu Beach Clam Clamming Site

On Thursday, the 25th, a reserve day, the whole school went clamming at [REDACTED]. The rain of the previous day turned out to be a beautiful day for *Siohigari* or clamming. The children,



who had never gone hunting for shellfish before, were a little confused at first, but as they got the hang of it with the help of the older students, they were absorbed in the search for clam.

The children learned the importance of cooperating with their peers through this group activity. We hope that they will make the most of this experience in their future school life.

Class Observation and Parents' Meetings

Tomorrow, Saturday the 27th, we will hold a class visit and a class parents' meeting. A letter with details was distributed to each student on Saturday the 20th.

Please be aware that some classrooms will be more crowded than usual, so please be respectful of each other's space. Also, please be aware that there will be many vehicles on the campus. Please do not park on the street and use the temporary parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student ID Photos and Distribution of ID Cards

We took photos for student ID cards and our photobook kept at school. The cost of the photos (980 yen for 4 photos) will be deducted from your allowance account. The photos will be kept at the school, so please contact the school through your child when you need the photos for examinations, Eiken for instance.

The ID cards will be distributed on Saturday the 27th. Please put it in the student notebook and keep it in the school bag to carry it with him.

After School Study and Play

From May 9 (Thursday), after school study and play for 2nd grade and above will begin. Please check the following information regarding after school study and play for this school year.

Days of the week: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (After school study will be held regardless of the weather. After-school play will be cancelled in case of rain)

Time: 14:35-15:20

School bus: 15:35, bound for Kisarazu Station by way of Izushima. One service only.

(It stops only at: Izushima Fire Station, Kisarazu Sogo High School, Indian Restaurant, and Kisarazu Station)

Other:

○Some days of the week may not be available due to preparations for events, etc. Please check the monthly schedule in the "Akatsuki" .

○Please be sure to let us know the day of your child's after-school play in the contact notebook.

○It may rain after school and after-school play may be cancelled. In this case, students will be dismissed from school at the regular time.

○French remedial classes are available only for those students who are deemed necessary by the teacher in charge of the class. A letter will be distributed to those eligible by the end of this month.

○Homeroom teachers will inform the students of the remedial classes by letter from the homeroom teachers.

○First grade after-school study and play will begin in the second semester.

Grade 5 Camping Trip

Fifth graders will go to [REDACTED] for two days and one night from May 17 (Fri.) to 18 (Sat.) for a camping trip. They will experience a variety of programs during the two-day stay.

Kisarazu/Sodegaura Area Track and Field Meet

The Kisarazu-Sodegaura Branch Athletic Meet (Venue: Sodegaura Track & Field Stadium) is scheduled to be held on May 22 (Wed.) Representative athletes will be selected from 5th and 6th grade students in the PE class to participate. Families of the children selected as representatives will be notified of the details separately. In the event of rain, the reserve day will be May 24 (Fri.).

Uniform Change Over Period

From June, students will change into summer uniforms. Due to the high temperatures forecast for this year, the transition period will start from May 7 (Tue.), and students may come to and from school without blazers from May 7 onward. (*Trousers, skirts, socks, and hats are winter clothes.*) Please make adjustments at home judging from the weather forecast and your child's physical condition on that day.

P.E. Clothes

Students are instructed to take home their P.E. clothes after they are worn. We ask that students keep an extra set of P.E. clothes at school, so there will be no more forgotten ones. When red and white hats become visibly dirty, please get your child to take them home to be cleaned. As students use them in case of a disaster, they should be kept in the pocket of lesson bags on the side of their desk for easy access.

If the student forgets to bring his/her red and white hat, he/she will not be allowed to participate in PE. Please note that we do not lend out forgotten items.

Submission of Commuter IDs

When your child has been using a commuter pass since last year and after it expires, if you want to purchase a new one for the new school in continuous use, you are required to submit a commuter pass certificate to each transportation agency. Starting this April, students can continue to purchase a commuter pass while in school by registering their graduation date.

The commuter certificate is valid for one month from the date of issue. Please ask us to prepare a commuter certificate through your homeroom teacher well in advance. Please fill out the required information and submit it to the school. After issuance, the certificate will be given to each family.

Maria Boutique

The boutique will be closed from May 3 (Fri.) to 7 (Mon.) due to the high school mid-term break. From June, students will be wearing their summer uniform. Please place an order early if necessary as some items may take a few days to be delivered. If you need to change the size of the items purchased at Maria Boutique, kindly do it within a week after it was purchased. Please be sure to present the copy of the receipt. Please note that items without its box or tag, or items that are not the same as when they were purchased, will not be accepted for replacement. If you have any inquires and questions kindly call the Maria Boutique directly: Tel. 0438-52-2510.

Traveling to and from School

If your child's traveling method is different from usual, then please be sure to inform your child's home room teacher via the communication notebook. Please refrain from informing the school by telephone suddenly on the day as this can lead to confusion.

GIS Mail Address

We have received many reports that school emails are not being delivered to children's GIS email accounts. This is due to the server's over capacity. Since the space given is small, please delete the emails remaining in the inbox or trash box. Also, in the future, please change the settings so that emails are not left on the server. Email addresses for first-year students and transfer students will be distributed soon.

Junior and Senior High School Briefing Session

A junior and senior high school information session for parents of our school will be held on Saturday, May 18. We have recently distributed a letter of invitation. This is an opportunity to discuss what to expect after entering the school internally. We look forward to your participation.



QR code to register for the JH briefing session. ↑

About the school's response to inclement weather and other emergencies, etc.

We apologize for the confusion caused by the closure of the Aqua Line due to the strong winds on the first day of school for the first-year students. Please see the attached sheet for the school's measures .

We have also distributed a letter asking for your cooperation in picking up and dropping off students by private cars and by the school bus. We ask for all parents' understanding and cooperation in this matter.

About Beacon Watch

Children making use of the school bus services to/ from Urayasu, Chiba, Shinagawa, and Yokohama are required to wear a beacon watch provided by the bus operator on their bags to confirm their boarding. The beacon watch is to be returned when the child no longer takes the bus, so please do not lose it. If you lose it, you will have to pay for it.



Date	May Schedule	Bus Departure Time	After-School Study/Play
1 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up General Assembly	15:35	-----
2 (Thurs)		14:45	-----
3 (Fri) – 6 (Mon) Holidays			
7 (Tue)	Transitional period for School uniform change until May 31 st Urine Test No. 2 (for those who have not finished)	14:45	-----
8 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	-----
9 (Thurs)	After-school play and supplementary study begins for grade 2 and up	14:45	○
10 (Fri)		14:45	-----
11 (Sat)	1 st Open School for Parents with Prospective Students	13:55	-----
12 (Sun)			
13 (Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
14 (Tue)		14:45	○
15 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up Ear and Nose Check for All Graders (wear smock)	15:35	-----
16 (Thurs)		14:45	○
17 (Fri)	5 th Graders Camping Trip to 18 th	14:45	○
18 (Sat)	Junior and Senior High School Briefing Session	13:55	-----
19 (Sun)			
20 (Mon)	P.C. for B Course for Grade 3 and up2	14:45	-----
21 (Tue)	Mother Mary's Day	14:45	○
22 (Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (Selected Students)	15:35	-----
23 (Thurs)		14:45	○
24 (Fri)	Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (replacement day in case of rain)	14:45	○
25 (Sat)		13:55	-----
26 (Sun)			
27 (Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
28 (Tue)		14:45	○
29 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	-----
30 (Thurs)		14:45	○
31 (Fri)	Eiken (1 st test)	14:45	○
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school activities for grade 1 begin from second term. • Sports Test until May 31st • Maria Boutique is closed on May 7th. • Summer uniform officially starts from June 1st 		