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Happy Easter!

## Congratulations on Your Entrance to Our School for the New Students!

Congratulations on your entrance to all new students. We are very glad to welcome you. From today on, you will spend your school days with your new friends and with a lot of hope in the wilderness of Gyosei International Primary School campus. You will study here every day with the help of your teachers and staff. You will get your mind educated. Both your mind and body will grow each day. You will do your best to get closer to God. You will not waste even a day to grow as an asset for your parents. You will do your best to lay the base for living on this earth and ultimately to become an honorable man as the light of the world. You will thank your parents for raising you up today. You will be friendly with your new friends whom you will meet here for the first time. You will do your best to enable everyone to study peacefully and happily and grow well as a child of God.

Many cherry trees have been planted on our school campus. They have grown significantly and their beautiful blossoms are welcoming you. Again, do your best to be the light of the world while thanking all the people you will meet.

*D. Tagawa S.M.*

This school year, I will be acting as the deputy principal of the primary school in Kisarazu, and Mr. Sasaki, head teacher of the school, will also serve as the vice principal of the school because the school principal concurrently serves as the principal of several schools in our educational corporation.

Father Tagawa's words at the beginning of this month's issue tell us that we, both teachers and students, should live our lives doing our best to carry out our mission given by God, which is service to God. With the spirit of Father Tagawa's motto "Plus Haut!" in mind, we will strive to fulfill the mission of a Catholic school. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Francis Yoshinobu Maruyama  
Deputy Principal

### Verse for April

"You are the salt of the earth. — You are the light of the world."

«Vous êtes le sel de la terre. — Vous êtes la lumière du monde.»

-Matthew 5:13-16-

### Hymn for April

"The Heart of Mother Mary"

## **Motto for April:**

Let's greet each other with a smile.

Let's uphold the school regulations and live properly.

## **Safety Reminder for April**

Let's follow the traffic rules.

### ◆ **2024 Primary School Faculty and Staff**

\* When you visit us, please be sure to write your name in the notebook at the reception.

\* The back entrance on the parking side is for our staff only.

\* The entry of vehicles into the roundabout is prohibited.

### ◆ **2024 Primary School Building Classroom Layout**

### ◆ **Regular classes will begin on Tuesday the 9th**

For 2nd grade and up, please remember to bring a lesson bag (to contain the files for the named subjects and to hang on the right hook of the desk), a tool box, and a blue case for the desk drawer. School lunch started today. Some students left their lunch sets, so please make sure they have them with them every day.

### ◆ **School Term Calendar and April Schedule**

The annual event calendar was distributed to new students today. The first term runs from Monday, April 8 to Saturday, July 20, the second term from Monday, September 2 to Saturday, December 14, and the third term from Tuesday, January 7 to Saturday, March 15. Please note that the school dismissal time may change on certain days such as the class observation day and the term-end ceremony day. In the event of a change, notification will be made in the school newsletter "Akatsuki" and by e-mail service. Details regarding the school field trip on Wednesday the 24th and the parent-teacher meeting and class observation on Saturday the 27th will be announced at a later date.

### ◆ **About the Simultaneous Email Distribution Service**

We will be using NTT Telecom's "Pass Mobile One Time Email Service" to send out school announcements to all parents/guardians; letters were distributed to first-year students today and to current students at the end of the school year. Please register email address for this service.

### ◆ **Notice of Absence and Tardy Report Services**

All students are able to notify the school of absences, tardiness, early dismissals and no use of school bus via the Mimamorme Inc. app. or email. The ID slip for this service was distributed to the new students today. If you are a current student and have lost your ID card, please contact the office to have it reissued. Please be sure to notify the school bus driver as well of your absence. A list of contact information for the school buses using the expressway was distributed today. Please note that as far as Kisarazu bus is concerned, there is no need to notify to the driver. Please report to us by Mimamorume only.

### ◆ **Schedule of Certification Tests**

It is recommended that students should take the English Proficiency Test and Kanji Proficiency Test at least once a school year. The other certification tests are open to anyone who wishes to take them regardless of his/her grade or year. The tests will be held during regular class periods, and the students who are not taking the test will have regular lessons. Letters of application will be distributed later so please make sure to submit the application form to the homeroom teacher by the deadline.

Eiken English Test	May 21 <sup>st</sup> Fri.	October 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri.	January 24 <sup>th</sup> Fri.
Kanji Certification Test	June 14 <sup>th</sup> Fri.	January 31 <sup>st</sup> Fri.	
Math Certification Test	January 27 <sup>th</sup> Sat.	The French proficiency test is scheduled on November 17 (Sunday), please be aware that the school can hold it upon reaching the required number of applicants. A notice letter with details of application period will be distributed later.	
Japanese Certification Test	November 8 <sup>th</sup> Fri.		

### ◆ **Travel To and From School**

#### Boarding and Getting off School bus:

- Except for major delays in public transportation, the school bus departs on time without waiting for the student(s) coming late. Please be sure to go to the bus stop on time.
- Please be sure to confirm with your child how he or she will be going to and returning from school, as a sudden change of schedule or way of picking up can cause confusion and could jeopardize safety.

#### Behavior on the school bus and other transportation:

- For driver's safety driving and consideration of others, keeping quiet is strongly required.
- Always observe proper behavior while waiting on the platform and getting the train to avoid annoying other passengers. Moving or transferring to another train car is not allowed not unless it is an emergency.
- Students are allowed to read books to promote positive education. Parents who are concerned about students getting motion sickness or have concerns about eyesight, please decide on your policy at home. We do not allow the students to lend or borrow books on the bus and train.
- The items like origami, free notebooks, and writing skills drills that can lead to garbage on the bus, should not be used.
- The same rules applicable to the classroom are in effect on the bus as well. Food and drink are not permitted, and we ask that food should not be brought from home.

#### Others:

- Parents are not permitted to take the school bus.
- Travel guidance meetings are scheduled for the beginning of each term and teachers will be instructing students regarding the above mentioned rules and manners.
- If you drop off and pick up your children by car at designated bus stops, please be sure to keep proper manners. Please avoid stopping/parking at no stopping/parking zones on the side of the road or using store's parking lots. Please make use of a coin parking instead.
- Commuting by bicycle is forbidden for safety reasons.
- Grade 1 students are to wear traffic safety badges on their left arm until about the middle of June. The badges will be distributed in the classroom on the first day of school.
- For those of you who pick up and drop off your children at the school, please use the designated parking lot and be sure that your children walk across the cross walk.
- We would like you to tell your child not to play in and around the parking lot for safety while he or she is waiting for you in the parking lot.
- Please refrain from long conversations with other parents in the parking lot.
- If you are concerned about any points regarding manners or safety, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

### ◆ **Notification of Kids Mobile Phone**

Please submit a notification of possession of the kid's mobile phone to the school through the homeroom teacher. Kindly include and register the school phone number (0438-52-3851) in the list. Students from grade 2 and above must resubmit the notification in April every year.

### ◆ **Textbooks**

Students will receive new textbooks today and the payment will be made soon, so please make sure that there is enough balance in the student account. For new students, kindly deposit an additional amount of ¥30,000 yen in addition to the previous ¥230,000 yen, amount for student's miscellaneous expenses due to price increase. Please make the bank transfer to the following account.

### ◆ **School Lunch**

The serving method will change from lunch boxes to eating dishes starting in April. The 5th and 6th graders and cafeteria staff will be serving the food, so please have aprons and triangular hoods ready. 5th and 6th graders are requested to practice using ladles, rice paddles and tongs, and 1st through 4th graders are requested to practice carrying plates on a tray at home.

### ◆ **About Mimamorume GPS**

We have distributed Mimamorume's GPS subscription information. Although subscription is optional, we urge you to subscribe for the double and triple safety of your children.

### ◆ **Maria Boutique**

As the new school year begins, we ask that you should place your orders as soon as possible for any items you desire without writing the amount.

Please be aware of the following matters when purchasing school supplies from the boutique.

- Do not forget to write the item name, size, quantity when purchasing using the slip. Please also fill male or female, short sleeves, long sleeves and others.
- Parents can purchase items in the boutique directly, using cash. The boutique does not accept credit cards or electronic money.
- When you wish to return items to change the size, please do it within one week of purchase and return with tags, bags, boxes etc. as they are new. Please understand that some items cannot be changed depending on the situation.

If you have any question(s), please contact Maria Boutique:

TEL: 0438-52-2510 FAX: 0438-52-3846 E-mail: [boutique@gis.ac.jp](mailto:boutique@gis.ac.jp)

### ◆ **Separate Payment of Tuition from Deposit into Student Account**

Please separate bank transfer payments of tuition from the deposit into the student account.

Tuition: 3072188 (Savings), Chiba Bank, Kisarazu Branch

Student Account: 1100029 (Savings), Chiba Bank, Kisarazu Branch or 0279121 (Savings),

Mitsubishi UFJ Bank, Kisarazu Branch.

### ◆ **ICT**

We are now gradually introducing ICT, which was requested in the school evaluation questionnaire. Please wait for a while for the implementation.

Date	April Schedule	Departure Time	After School Study/Play
8(Mon.)	Entrance Ceremony and Opening Ceremony from 9:30 to 11:00 Grades 2 and up arrive at regular time. School lunch will be served.	<b>Grade 2 and up 12:30</b>	-----
9(Tue.)	Emergency/Evacuation Drill	14:45	-----
10(Wed.)	Committee for Grade 5 and up Coming to/from school bus group meeting	15:35	-----
11(Thurs.)	Student ID Picture Taking	14:45	-----
12(Fri.)	Easter Assembly	14:45	-----
13(Sat.)	Welcome Party of Grade 1	13:55	-----
14(Sun.)			
15(Mon.)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up Medical Check for Grade 1 & 6 (wear P.E. clothes)	14:45	-----
16(Tue.)	Medical Check for Grade 2 & 5 (wear P.E. clothes)	14:45	-----
17(Wed.)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up Medical Check for Grade 3 & 4 (wear P.E. clothes)	15:35	-----
18(Thurs.)	National Achievement Tests for Grade 6	14:45	-----
19(Fri.)		14:45	-----
20(Sat.)		13:55	-----
21(Sun.)			
22(Mon.)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	-----
23(Tue.)	National Achievement Tests for Grade 6 : questionnaire survey	14:45	-----
24(Wed.)	Field Trip [REDACTED]	15:35	-----
25(Thurs.)	Field Trip (Replacement day)	14:45	-----
26(Fri.)	Urine Test All Grades, Electrocardiographic Examination for Grade 1 (wear P.E. clothes)	14:45	-----
27(Sat.)	Parents' Day: Class Observation & Parent Class Meetings dismissal after lunch	<b>13:00</b>	-----
28(Sun.)			
29(Mon.)	Showa Day		
30(Tue.)		14:45	-----
May Schedule			
1(Wed.)	Committee for Grade 5 and up General Assembly	15:35	-----
2(Thurs.)		14:45	-----
3(Fri.) – 6(Mon.) Holidays			
7(Tue.)		14:45	○
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After School Study and Play will begin from May 7<sup>th</sup> for Grade 2 and up.</li> <li>• After School Study and Play for Grade 1 will begin from the first week of October.</li> </ul>		