



Immaculate Mary

All of you were given rosaries today. The rosary is a symbol of Mother Mary. You have learned to pray the rosary.

I have lived until 96 years old. Thank God for giving me a long life. There have been joyful times. There have been hard times. I have been through many different things, but I always pray because God taught me to pray. And I pray the holy rosary.

The clear blue sky, the green nature, the animals in the wild surrounded with green and young leaves, the birds singing songs, the children living happily – these are all God's blessings. In this place, we have a school where children can smile and spend time together. God takes care of us. I will continue to pray to Mother Mary to protect us.

And another thing, as I watch television, I hear about the war in Ukraine. Children as young as you are being killed by the Russian army. It is really sad. The Pope always says that there is nothing good about war. There is not even a single good thing in war. Why do humans, who have been given wisdom and heart, go to war and kill one another and commit robbery?

Mother Mary is the Lady of Peace. Please pray to her to help us, to stop the war soon and give us peace and joy on earth.

(The principal's sermon at Mother Mary's Day Ceremony, 24 May 2022)

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Monthly Verse

If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Si vous demeurez fidèles à ma parole, vous êtes vraiment mes disciples: alors vous connaîtrez la vérité, et la vérité vous rendra libres.

John 8:31, 32

Monthly Hymn

Look at the Birds in the Sky

Monthly Motto

Live a healthy life.

Keep your area clean.

Monthly Safety Goal

Let's not play or be noisy on the platform of the station, bus stop and school parking lot.

Message from Deputy Principal

May is a beautiful month, with fragrant roses blooming everywhere. In this month of the Virgin Mary, we had a chance to say the Rosary with all the students. The Rosary prayer is a prayer in which the Hail Mary is considered as a single rose and a spiritual bouquet is offered to the Virgin Mary. When the angel Gabriel announced that she would conceive and bring forth a Son, Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." How can we have this kind of obedience and humility?

I believe that what makes it possible is patience. When I look at our students, I often think, "If only they could be more patient..., they would ..." Since old days, it has been said that the Japanese are a patient people. Some countries in the world have only spring and summer all year round, but, in the Japanese archipelago, it is very cold in winter and very hot and humid in summer. Our ancestors had to persevere and devise ways to live in such a harsh climate. The Pillow Book of Seishonagon says, "It is good to have it all white. It is also very fitting on a winter morning to hurry to build a fire and take the charcoals to the

various rooms in the early morning when it is very cold, even without snow or frost.” What about now? In this day and age, we have only to turn on the heater if we want to heat the rooms. If we want charcoal, we can ask the delivery service to bring it to us. Perhaps it would be kinder to the children of today if we adults let them experience inconveniences and outdated things, or choose the "difficult" from a choice between "difficult" and "easy". In his chapter on faith and wisdom, James says, "Be patient only. Then you will be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

Grade 5 Camp Trip

Grade 5 Camp Trip will be postponed to September.

Track and Field Event

On 22nd Wednesday, 12 students selected from 5th and 6th graders participated in the Kisarazu-Sodegaura Branch Track and Field Meet. 5B **Dingwei Chang** made it to the final in the 5th grade 100m boys race and finished in 4th place.



Races:	Students:
Boys 1000 meter	5B [REDACTED], 6B [REDACTED]
Girls 800 meter	5A [REDACTED], 6B [REDACTED]
Upper Grade Boys 100 meter	6A [REDACTED], 6B [REDACTED]
Upper Grade Girls 100 meter	6B [REDACTED], 6B [REDACTED]
Middle Boys 100 meter	5B [REDACTED], 5B [REDACTED]
Middle Girls 100 meter	5A [REDACTED], 5B [REDACTED]



Mother Mary's Day

We held our Lady's Day ceremony on May 21st Tuesday. May is the month of the Virgin Mary. Usually, the Religion Committee members read the Scripture and have a morning prayer through the broadcasting system every morning. However, from nine days prior to this event, we said the prayers reminding us of the five virtues of the Virgin Mary instead of saying the daily morning prayer, and prepared for this event. On this day, the students sang hymns and offered rose bouquets to Mother Mary before we prayed the holy Rosary. If you have lost your mini rosary, you can purchase one at the online store of the Daughters of St. Paul. After purchasing it, please bring it to the school. It will be returned to you after blessing by the priest.



English Proficiency Test/ Eiken

The first stage of English proficiency test, Eiken, for the closed center will be conducted at our school on May 31st Friday with 110 applicants. The test result and the admission ticket to the second stage test will be mailed to your home. The announcement of the result of the first test on the website will start at noon on June 24th Monday. The second examination will be held on July 7th Sunday for Schedule A. Please take the examination at the location you selected on the application form for the first examination. The test center cannot be changed. The announcement service on the website of the pass/fail result of the second examination will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16th.

Kanji Proficiency Test/ Kanken

The Kanji Proficiency Test scheduled for Friday, June 14th will be postponed to Friday, July 5th. Application forms will be distributed next week.

Change of School Uniform June 1st

Please let us remind you that students will change to their summer uniforms on June 1st. Students are to wear gray skirts for girls, gray trousers for boys, white socks and white hats. Students are free to wear either long or short sleeve shirts. Students can wear a sweater on a chilly day. Blazers will not be worn. Smocks will change to the summer ones as well.

Swimming Lessons

We will have swimming lessons at the swimming school in the city. Please see the letter that will be distributed when the date comes nearer.

6th Grade: Tuesday, May 28 5th Grade: Tuesday, June 25 4th Grade: Tuesday, July 9th
3rd Grade: Tuesday, July 16 2nd Grade: Tuesday, October 15 1st Grade: Tuesday, October 22

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-teacher meeting week will run from Monday, June 17 through Saturday, June 22. During this week, children will be dismissed from school at 13:00. Please see the letter that will be distributed.

Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting

Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting will be held at the senior high school gym at 11:00 June 22nd Saturday. On that day, open school at the primary school will be held as well, so you are welcome to attend it before you attend the general meeting.

We are asking two or three people from each class to serve on the committee of the parent supporters' association. Unlike public school's PTA, appointments will continue till graduation unless there is a special reason for them to be discontinued.

Junior and High School Lessons by Demonstration

On Saturday June 29th, our junior-senior high school teachers will give lessons by demonstration to our primary school students. We will inform you of the grades given the lesson and other details as soon as they are finalized.

After School Study and Play

Due to holidays at the Junior and High School, parent teacher meeting week, and other factors, there are sometimes changes to the after school study and play days. Please be sure to confirm days your child intends to stay after school and remember that after school play may be canceled due to unexpected weather changes.

Email Addresses Assigned by the School

The email address assigned to each student by the school with "gis" in the domain will be used continuously while the student is enrolled at our school. It is used for communications with the school and homeroom teachers. Please do the email settings with your email application software, and also do the settings for Zoom with this email account so that you can attend the classes online.

Maria Boutique

Thursday, from June 13 Thursday to Monday, 17 the Maria Boutique will be closed due to the Junior and High School short holidays, and it will not be possible to purchase items during this time. The boutique is open from 8:30 to 17:00 on weekdays and 8:30 to 14:00 on Saturdays.

Requests for visitors to the school

When you visit the school, please write your name and time in the receptionist's book at the entrance and ask for the office or the staff room. Please refrain from going in and out to the classrooms without permission. If you come to the school with something left at home to hand it to your child, please give it to our staff instead. Moreover, please note that parents are not allowed to use the back entrance. It is for staff only. Please use the main entrance instead. This is for safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Student Accounts

The foreign language materials fee for this school year will be deducted in May. Although the amount of the fee has not been confirmed yet, it is usually around 20,000 yen for Class A and 60,000 yen for Class B. Please check your monthly allowance statement mailed to you and be careful not to have an insufficient balance. If your balance is insufficient, you may not be able to take the various examinations or purchase school supplies at the boutique. Please contact the Accounting Office (TEL: 0438-52-3291) for information on the bank transfer address.

School PR Activities

For school PR, we have prepared advertising pamphlets. If you would like some copies of these pamphlets

to distribute to your acquaintances, you can request for copies at the reception of our school, or you can write a message in your child's communication notebook the number of copies you need. In addition, we will participate in a school fair hosted by Rieikai on Sunday, June 2nd, (location: Takashimaya Rose Hall, Yokohama Station West Exit). Reservations are required, but if it is convenient for you to come along with your child, please visit us at the fair. Also, please let us know if your friends are interested in our school.

	Schedule for June	School Bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1(Sat)	Start of wearing summer school uniform General Assembly	13:55	—
2(Sun)			
3(Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
4(Tue)		14:45	○
5(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
6(Thurs)	Dental Check for All Grades (wear smock)	14:45	○
7(Fri)		14:45	○
8(Sat)		13:55	—
9(Sun)			
10(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
11(Tue)		14:45	○
12(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
13(Thurs)	Eye Check for All Grades (wear smock) Junior and High School Holiday (until June 17th)	14:45	—
14(Fri)		14:45	—
15(Sat)	Holiday: Chiba Prefecture Day		
16(Sun)			
17(Mon)	P.C. for B Course, Grade 3 and up Start of Parent-Teacher Meetings (until June 22nd) *Students will leave after lunch (until June 22nd)	13:00	—
18(Tue)		13:00	—
19(Wed)		13:00	—
20(Thurs)		13:00	—
21(Fri)		13:00	—
22(Sat)	Gyosei Parents Supporters' General Meeting Open School	13:00	—
23(Sun)			
24(Mon)	P.C. for A course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
25(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 5	14:45	○
26(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
27(Thurs)		14:45	○
28(Fri)		14:45	○
29(Sat)	Junior and High School Lessons by Demonstration	13:55	
30(Sun)			
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school study and play days will be canceled due to the Junior High holiday running from June 13rd to 17th and from parent teacher meetings running from June 17th to 22nd. 		

Summer Uniform

