



Message for Advent

One day, St. Ignatius spoke to Xavier, who was burning with ambition. It moved Xavier a great deal, so that Xavier decided to give up all ambition. The two men set out to establish a Christian society for the expansion of God's Kingdom. Xavier studied theology and eventually, at Ignatius' request, set out on a missionary journey to the Orient. Leaving Lisbon, Portugal, the ship sailed through a storm and eventually arrived in India six months later. From there, he went to Malaya, where he met a Japanese man named Yajiro and set out for Japan. He landed in Kagoshima, then went on to Nagasaki and Kyoto as a missionary. Xavier reported to Ignatius in writing that his impression of the Japanese people was that they were very industrious, polite, and not ashamed of their poverty. Ignatius thanked Xavier for his missionary work in the East, but Xavier died on his way home.

We may celebrate Christmas in splendor with illuminations, but at the root of all this is the image of Christ, who was born into a poor stable. It is the poor and pure heart of Christ. External happiness does not produce happiness. The message of Christmas is to live with a pure heart and compassion like an infant.

(This is a speech spoken at the morning assembly at our junior high school on December 6th, 2005.)

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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 and be kind to each other.

Safety Reminder for December

Foresee what will happen to keep yourself safe.

Class Observation and Science Presentation

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to the visit the classes and watch the science study presentation in November. Thank you for appreciating each student's hard work.

The next class visit will be on the following schedule. Parent meetings will also be held at the same time. Please be advised that there will be some changes to the schedule that was discussed in each class and at the parent meeting in April.

1st and 2nd graders: February 2nd (Thursday)

3rd and 4th graders: February 3rd (Friday)

5th and 6th graders: February 10th (Friday)

Marathon

This year's school marathon will be held on Saturday, December 10th. For more detailed information, please check the document that was distributed today. We are currently practicing for the marathon in physical education class. If your child is not feeling well or has pain in any part of the body, please be sure to contact the school.

3rd Term Test

The test listed below will be conducted in the third term.

As shown below, the certification exam will be held in the third semester. Students who wish to take the test should submit the application slip with necessary information to the class teacher until Monday, December 5th, kindly observe the deadline.

Test	Grade Level	Date of Test	Deadline of Application
EIKEN/English	Level 2, Pre 2 & 3 Level 4 & 5	January 14 th (Sat.)	December 5 th (Mon.)
Kanji Kentei	Level 2 ~ 10	January 20 th (Fri.)	

Christmas Mass and Closing Ceremony

On Friday, December 16th we will hold the Christmas Mass and closing ceremony with students.

Please be sure to confirm the method your child will return home on the day. If it differs from the regular way, please inform your child's homeroom teacher by communication notebook.

Date: Friday, December 16th
Time: 9:30 – 11:00
Place: The Primary School Gym.
Schedule:

Time	Activity
8:25	Arrive at School
8:25 ~ 9:10	Short Homeroom/Reading Time
9:10	Proceed to the gym (bring shoe bags & indoor shoes)
9:30 ~ 11:00	Christmas Mass/Closing Ceremony
11:00	Lunch
12:00	School bus departs



Donations

From Monday, November 28th there will be a donation box placed outside the staffroom. Donations will go to the Caritas Catholic Central Japan. If you wish to make a donation, please put it in the envelope that was distributed with the Christmas Mass letter. Seal the envelope and put it in the donation box.

School Library

Students will still be able to borrow books from the library until Saturday, December 3rd for one week. All borrowed books must be returned by Saturday, December 10th. Please return the borrowed books accordingly.

Bringing Home of School Supplies

From Saturday, December 3rd students will bring back some of their school supplies. Please follow the instructions of your child's homeroom teacher on what to take home. It is convenient to bring a large and durable bag, so please prepare it if necessary.

After School Study and Play

After school study and play for the second term will end on Friday, December 2nd. Third term activities will resume on Friday, January 13th.

School Cleaning

On Thursday, December 15th, during the 5th and 6th period, we will have our second term school general cleaning. This time it will be students and teachers only without the support of parents. Students will need to have their P.E. clothes, cleaning rags, masks, and gloves. The school will not be able to lend out supplies to students who forget to bring theirs.

French Culture Immersion

On December 6th (Tuesday), 9th (Friday), and 13th (Tuesday), two French teachers will conduct French sweets cooking classes in the home economics room from 2:30 P.M for students from third grade and up.



Contest

The Kisarazu City Fire Department has notified us of a call for fire prevention posters. If you would like to join, please let the person in charge (Mr. Karakama) know by December 14th (Wednesday). At a later date, applicants will be notified of the application guidelines and points to note for the submission of entry. Please note that this application is voluntary.

Target grade: 2nd grade to 6th grade

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

Submission deadline: January 11th, 2023 (Wednesday)

*The school deadline is January 6th (Friday).

School Safety Guidance and Safety Measures

At present, we are focusing safety inspections in our school facilities and implementing safety guidance in educating our students. We are asking for your cooperation to have the same actions to prevent any accidents and injuries even at home. For safety reasons, please refrain from entering the school building without permission. If you have any inquiries, kindly drop by the school office for acknowledgement. We appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Notice from Maria Boutique

Maria boutique will be closed on Saturday, December 3rd due to the fitting of uniform and purchasing school items session of the incoming 1st grade students.

Notice from Accounting Section

The fees for the field trip on October 26th will be deducted from the student's account. Please note that non-attendance will incur costs. Please check your statement of account for November, which will be delivered to you at the end of next month.

1st grade: 4,624 yen 5A: 7,452 yen

2nd grade: 8,027 yen 5B: 10,750 yen

3rd grade: 7,280 yen 6A: 5,492 yen

4th grade: 4,514 yen 6B: 11,035 yen

December Schedule		Dismissal	After School
1(Thurs.)	Christmas Donation starts Grade 6 students Entrance Tests for Jr. High School: Japanese & Math	14:45	○
2(Fri.)	Morning Assembly Last day of after school study/play	14:45	○
3(Sat.)	Last day of borrowing books from the library Transfer Test Uniform fitting for 2023 SY grade one students (Club House)	13:55	—
4(Sun.)			
5(Mon.)	P.C. for B Course Students Deadline of submission of Eiken/Kanken application form	14:45	
6(Tue.)		14:45	—
7(Wed.)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
8(Thurs.)		14:45	—
9(Fri.)		14:45	—
10(Sat.)	Marathon Activities Last day of returning borrowed books from the library	13:00	—
11(Sun.)			
12(Mon.)	P.C. for A course students Marathon (Optional Day)	14:45	—
13(Tue.)		14:45	—
14(Wed.)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
15(Thurs.)	2 nd Term School General Cleaning (5 th &6 th Period)	14:45	—
16(Fri.)	Christmas Mass, Closing Ceremony for 2 nd Term	12:00	—
Winter Vacation December 17 th , 2022 until January 5 th , 2023			
Jan 6(Fri.)	3 rd Term Opening Ceremony Regular school periods and dismissal time	14:45	—
Reminders	After school play and study ends on the 2 nd - Friday 3 rd term after school activities begin from January 13 th - Friday. Please take note of the following dismissal time: Dec. 10th - Sat. 13:00 Dec. 16th - Fri. 12:00		

