



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 Principal

Since welcoming the new first-year students to Gyosei International Primary School, April has flown by in no time. The first-year students have likely experienced rapid changes in their environment daily, but with the warm welcome from the upper grade schoolmates, they are gradually becoming accustomed to school life.

On April 18th, we held an early gathering to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. In the chapel on campus, the students spent a solemn moment. Many students may have returned home and shared conversations with their families about the origins of Easter eggs.

In May, there will be a long holiday to help recover from the busy pace of April. I hope all students take sufficient rest and spend the holiday meaningfully, so they can return to school life with energy and smiles.

Tadashi Miura
Principal

Easter Assembly

Last year's Easter fell on March 31, but this year it was on April 20. Two days earlier, on Friday, April 18, the entire school, including the new first-grade students, participated in a Resurrection gathering held in the school's chapel. As it was Good Friday, the "Stations of the Cross" prayers led by class representatives were perfectly fitting for the day. Following the prayers, there was a reading from the Gospels, reflecting on the resurrection of Jesus. Together with teachers and students who came to help from the "John Research Forest," they sang and listened to hymns.

For about an hour, we spent time in prayer. As a gift, cards with messages from Jesus were distributed. Please keep these cards displayed on your desk at home until Ascension Day on June 1st. May the joy of the Resurrection also be with all the members of your family.

Grade 1 Welcome Party

Holding hands with the sixth graders, the first graders energetically entered the gym to the music of Totoro. They were greeted with applause by the upper grade students. After singing the school song, the students

engaged in activities to foster interaction, such as the "Business Card Exchange Game" and "Rock-Paper-Scissors Train." In the Rock-Paper-Scissors Train, the leader of the longest train was [REDACTED]

Additionally, the "Gyosei International Primary School True-or-False Quiz" was very lively. Although more than 50 participants remained by the final question, most answered incorrectly, leaving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as the winners. After enjoying the games, the students ate lunch together in mixed-grade groups. Smiling faces of first graders could be seen all around.



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 (1,100 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 Tuesday the 29th. Please put it in the student notebook and keep it in the school bag to carry it with him.



Class Observation and Parents' Meetings

The class observation and parent-teacher meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 29th. A detailed letter was distributed on Saturday, the 19th.

Please note that some classrooms may be crowded, so kindly take turns during your visit. Additionally, there will be heavy vehicle traffic within the school premises. Please refrain from parking on the streets and make use of the temporary parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Furthermore, a national holiday will be designated as a school day, so Friday May 2nd, will be taken as a substitute day off.

Spring Field Trip on the 30th

On the 30th (Wednesday), the entire school will be going on a field trip to the [REDACTED]. Please read the distributed letter again and ensure that your child won't forget any of the necessary items.

After School Study and Play

From May 13 (Tuesday), 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 (Japanese and Math), Friday (Eiken and French)

*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, 14:45.

○Eiken: the supplementary classes for the Eiken English proficiency test are divided by level. Interested participants should join the class corresponding to the level they plan to take next time.

○French: the French supplementary lessons will be conducted as a time for answering questions and giving advice. Please write down any questions that come to mind in a notebook beforehand. Anyone is free to participate.

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

○After-school study and play for the first graders will begin in the second term.

Grade 5 Camping Trip

Fifth graders will go to " " for two days and one night from May 16 (Fri.) to 17 (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:) is scheduled to be held on May 21 (Wed.) Representative athletes will be selected from 5th and 6th grade students during the PE classes 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 22 (Thurs.).

School Newsletter [Akatsuki] and Statement of Allowance Spending

The school newsletter "Akatsuki" is issued on the 25th of every month (or the following day if it falls on a Sunday or public holiday). It includes the schedule of events for the following month and dismissal times, so please check it. "Akatsuki" is also published on the school's website. Additionally, on the same day, each student's Student Account statement for March will be also distributed to each student in their classroom. If you wish to have the statement sent by mail (postage charged) , please contact the accounting office.

Uniform Change Over Period

From June, students will change into summer uniforms. Due to the high temperatures for this year, we will start the transition period earlier on May 7 (Wed.). Students may come to and from school without blazers from May 7 onward. (*Trousers, skirts, socks, and hats remain winter ones.*) 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 the students to 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 as well, they should be kept in the pocket of their lesson bag 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

Starting last year, the rules for purchasing student commuter passes have changed. By registering your expected graduation date, you can continue purchasing student commuter passes while enrolled in school. Previously, a student certificate was required each time the validity period expired, but now you can continue purchasing even after expiration. For details, please contact your nearest station.

If you move and commute from a different station, you will be required of a student certificate. Please request the certificate through your homeroom teacher, ensuring you allow enough time. You will be given a blank form to fill out with the necessary details and submit. After issuance, it will be handed over to each family.

Student certificates can only be issued for travel between your home station and the nearest station to your school bus stop.

Maria Boutique

The boutique will be closed from May 2 (Fri.) to 7 (Wed.) 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 inquiries and questions kindly call the Maria Boutique directly: Tel. 0438-52-2510.

Requests when you visit the school

When visiting the school, please make sure to write your name in the reception book located in front of the staff room. For forgotten items, they will be handed by the teaching staff to the office, so please visit and check with the office staff.

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.

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 17. 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.

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