



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.

Message from Principal

As of this school year, I have taken on the role of principal at the primary school. At Gyosei International School, we place great importance on education based on Christian principles. The founding spirit established by Father Shigeru Tagawa at the time of the school's founding remains close to our hearts. With this spirit in mind, we, the faculty and staff, approach our daily efforts with the intention of fulfilling the mission of a Catholic school.

To all the students, as Father Tagawa said at the beginning, please act earnestly according to the mission given to you by God. By doing so, I believe it will lead to service to God.

With the motto "Plus Haut!" advocated by Father Tagawa, all of us on the faculty will continue to dedicate ourselves.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Tadashi Miura
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.

◆ **Plus Haut Course will be started**

The Plus Haut course is set to commence in the 2025 academic year. Each year, the number of foreign children enrolled in our international programs continues to grow, reflecting a shift in the language environment. To cater to this increasingly multinational setting, we provide an elementary education program in English, using American textbooks. This program supports non-native Japanese-speaking children in learning Japanese, while helping native Japanese-speaking children enhance their English proficiency.

In contrast, the newly established Plus Haut course will deliver Japanese elementary education in both English and Japanese, utilizing Japanese textbooks. This course embodies the spirit of the school's founder, "Higher Education," by cultivating students' attitudes toward engaging with advanced learning content. Graduates of the Plus Haut course will progress to the Tokushin course at our junior and senior high school, where they will benefit from level-specific English instruction and strive to enter highly competitive universities. Students will also have the option to transition to the International course or the St. John course.

◆ **Timetable for FY2025 (changed from May)**

Starting in May, the Saturday schedule will be updated as follows: Students will have lunch after the 4th period and depart from school at 12:50 p.m., with the school bus leaving at 12:55 p.m. Consequently, the French session within the "Integrated Learning Time" will be reduced from 3 hours to 2 hours.

◆ **Regular classes will begin on Wednesday the 9th**

For second grade and above, kindly ensure students bring the following items: a lesson bag to hold subject files (to be hung on the right hook of the desk), a toolbox, and a blue case for the desk drawer. Starting today, school lunches have resumed. Some students forgot their lunch sets, so please make sure they bring them daily.

◆ **School Term Calendar and April Schedule**

The annual event calendar was distributed to new students today. The academic year is divided into three terms:

- **First Term:** Tuesday, April 8 to Saturday, July 19
- **Second Term:** Monday, September 1 to Saturday, December 13
- **Third Term:** Wednesday, January 7 to Friday, March 13 (Saturday, March 14 for 6th graders).

Please note that school dismissal times may vary on certain days, such as the class observation day and the term-end ceremony day. Any changes will be communicated through the school newsletter *Akatsuki* and via email.

Additional details regarding the parent-teacher meeting and class observation scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, as well as the school field trip on Wednesday, April 30, will be shared at a later date.

◆ **Schedule of Certification Tests**

Students are encouraged to take the English Proficiency Test and Kanji Proficiency Test at least once per school year. Other certification tests are available to all students, regardless of their grade or year. These tests will be conducted during regular class periods. Students who are not participating will continue with their usual lessons. Application letters will be distributed later, so please ensure the completed forms are submitted to your homeroom teacher by the deadline.

Eiken English Test	May 30 th Fri.	September 26 th Fri.	January 23 rd Fri.
Kanji Certification Test	July 4 th Fri.	February 6 th Fri.	
Math Certification Test	February 13 th Fri.	The French proficiency test is scheduled on November 16 (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 7 th Fri.		

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

the Notice of Absence and Tardy Report Services

We will be partnering with MIMAMORUME Inc. to offer simultaneous email distribution services, as well as absence and tardy reporting services. Today, ID forms and related information were distributed to new students. For current students who have not yet registered, ID forms will be distributed at a

later date. We kindly ask all recipients to complete the registration process. Please note that we plan to gradually phase out physical letters and transition to email notifications for communication.

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◆ **Notification of Kids Mobile Phone**

Please submit a notification of your child's mobile phone possession to the school via their homeroom teacher. Ensure that the school's phone number (0438-52-3851) is included and registered in the contact list. Students in grade 2 and above must renew this notification every April. Additionally, inform the school through the homeroom teacher whenever there is a change to your child's phone model or number. Please note that bringing regular smartphones to school is strictly prohibited.

◆ **How to dismiss children from school**

When leaving school, we will confirm your child's boarding of the school bus. Please inform the school or homeroom teacher promptly if there is a change in your child's method of leaving school.

For those using the Highway Line school bus (Kawasaki, Yokohama, Shinagawa, Urayasu, Chiba), it is also necessary to notify the driver in case of any changes, including absences. However, there is no need to contact the Kisarazu Line school bus.

A list of contact information for Highway Line school bus drivers was distributed today.

◆ **Textbooks**

Textbooks have been distributed today. Kindly note that the fees for the paid textbooks will be deducted shortly. Please ensure that the required amount is deposited into the children's allowance account.

◆ **About Mimamorume GPS**

We have provided Mimamorume GPS subscription information to all new students. While subscribing is optional, we strongly encourage you to consider it for enhanced safety and security for your children. Current students who wish to subscribe may contact the office for assistance.

◆ **Maria Boutique**

As the new school year begins, we kindly request that you place your orders for desired items as soon as possible, without specifying the amount. Please take note of the following important points when purchasing school supplies from the boutique:

- When filling out the order slip, be sure to include the item name, size, and quantity. Additionally, indicate preferences such as male/female, short sleeves, long sleeves, etc.
- Parents may purchase items directly from the boutique using cash only. Please note that credit cards and electronic payments are not accepted.
- If you wish to exchange items for a different size, please do so within one week of purchase. Ensure that the items are returned in their original condition with tags, bags, boxes, etc. intact. Please note that certain items may not be eligible for exchange depending on the circumstances.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maria Boutique:

TEL: 0438-52-2510 FAX: 0438-52-3846 E-mail: boutique@gis.ac.jp

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

Please ensure that bank transfer payments for tuition are kept separate from deposits into the student account.

Tuition Payment Details:

Amount: 3072188 **Account Type:** Savings **Bank:** Chiba Bank **Branch:** Kisarazu

Student Account Deposit Details:

Option 1: Account Number: 1100029 **Account Type:** Savings **Bank:** Chiba Bank **Branch:** Kisarazu

Option 2: Account Number: 0279121 **Account Type:** Savings **Bank:** Mitsubishi UFJ Bank **Branch:** Kisarazu

◆ **Requests received in school evaluation questionnaires**

We have carefully reviewed the items raised in the school evaluation survey and have begun implementing improvements. During spring break, we replaced the raised floor as part of the requested updates. Additionally, the desks and chairs in classroom 1B have been replaced with movable ones to

enhance flexibility. Details regarding Saturday routines can be found above.

In response to the survey's request for ICT integration, we are now gradually introducing these technologies into our systems. We kindly ask for your patience as we work towards full implementation.

◆ **Relocation of Kawasaki Line School Bus Stop**

Started this April, the Kawanakajima bus stop for Kawasaki Line school buses will be relocated and renamed. The previous location, 'under Kawanakajima pedestrian bridge,' will be updated to 'in front of Kawasaki Daishi parking lot.' Specific details regarding the new location will be shared with families using the Kawasaki Line School Bus closer to the date.

◆ **School Counseling Information**

This year, [REDACTED], our school counselor, will continue visiting our school every Thursday morning. He is available to meet with students and parents/guardians to address their concerns and provide guidance in finding solutions. To schedule a meeting with [REDACTED], please contact your child's classroom teacher. *Please note that support is available in Japanese only. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

◆ **The National Traffic Safety Campaign**

The National Traffic Safety Campaign will take place from April 6 (Sun.) to April 15 (Tue.). During this period, we will be providing traffic safety education at school. To ensure the effectiveness of these efforts, we kindly ask for your support in reinforcing traffic safety practices at home. Your cooperation in promoting traffic safety both at school and at home is greatly appreciated.