



## 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)

*D. Tagawa S.M.*

### 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 Principal

The rainy season is here. How long will the rainy days last this year? May will be over in a few days, but June is a beautiful season when nature is moist and trees and flowers shine vividly. We can see plants growing strong despite the rain, and we too can feel the opportunity for new growth of living organisms. In school life, too, there are many new things to learn and encounter. We would like to watch the children, challenge themselves in a variety of activities as they cooperate with their friend, and gradually expand their potential. We hope that you will take time at home to talk with your children about how to spend rainy days and how the seasons change. We hope that children will grow up feeling the blessings of nature and the changing of the seasons, and that they will grow in a spiritually rich way. We hope that the school and families will continue to work together to support the healthy growth of our children. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Tadashi Miura  
Principal

### Spring Trip to Futtsu Beach Clam Digging Site

On Wednesday, April 30th, all the students went to "Futtsu Beach Clam Digging Site" and the perfect weather made it for an ideal clam-digging day. For some students, it was their first experience with clam digging, and they were initially unsure of what to do. However, with guidance from older students, they quickly learned the tricks and became fully excited in searching for clams.

Through this group activity, our students learned the importance of working together with their peers. We hope they will carry this lesson into their daily school life moving forward.

### Grade 5 Camp Trip

Last May 16 -17, a two-day, one-night school camp was held at Chiba City Youth Nature House in Nagara Town. The mixed teams of 5A and 5B worked together, taking on activities they don't usually get to experience. During orienteering, they enjoyed strolling together, and afterward, they showed teamwork while making "swirling stick-baked bread" and tackling wall/rope climbing. At the campfire, they reflected on this event while gazing at the flames. Some students even expressed their desire to spend more time together, making it a deeply meaningful experience. This time, our slogan was "Cooperation, Time, and Responsibility." The fifth graders strengthened their bonds, and hoping they will carry the lessons from this event into their future school lives.



### Track and Field Event

On 21st Wednesday, 11 students selected from 5th and 6th graders participated in the Kisarazu-Sodegaura Branch Track and Field Meet. 5B **Abir Ashwin Sutar** placed 8th out of 47 runners in the 5th grade boys' 100 meter preliminaries and also placed in the finals, where the top 8 runners competed.

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



### English Proficiency Test/ Eiken

The first stage of English proficiency test, Eiken, for the closed center will be conducted at our school on May 30th Friday with 91 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 23rd Monday. The second examination will be held on July 6th 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 15th.

### Change of School Uniform June 2nd

Please let us remind you that students will change to their summer uniforms on June 2nd. 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, Jun 3    5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, June 10    4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Tuesday, July 24  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, July 15    2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, October 21    1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Tuesday, October 28

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-teacher meeting week will run from Monday, June 14 through Saturday, June 21. During this week, children will be dismissed from school at 12:55. 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 21st 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 ask 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.

## After School Study and Play

In June, due to short holidays at the Junior and High School, parent teacher meeting week and other factors, the afterschool study and play may be cancelled or the dismissal time may change. Please make sure the dismissal time and have your child goes home. There will be no after school study and play when it is rainy.

## Maria Boutique

\*Thursday, from June 12 Thursday to Monday, 16 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 the holidays.

\*There will be an increase in the price of boot-type leather shoes from August.

\*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 visit 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 handed to all students by their homeroom teachers 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. The bank transfer information is as follows,

**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

## School PR Activities

For school PR, we have prepared advertising pamphlets and posters. 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 leave a message in your child's communication. Please let us know the number of copies you need. In addition, we will participate in a school fair hosted by Rieikai on Sunday, June 1st, (location: Takashimaya Rose Hall, Yokohama Station West Exit). [REDACTED] will be at the venue. Please give this information to your friends who are interested in our school. There will be no need of reservation. If you can come along with your child, we will be willing to welcome you at the fair. If possible, we would appreciate it if your child would come in our school uniform.

## Long pants for winter uniforms

From this school year, navy blue long pants will be added to our winter uniform. Order forms will be distributed around September and the pants will be available around November. We will let you know the price and other details later on.



	Schedule for June	School Bus Departure	After School Study/Play
1(Sun)	P.R. (at Yokohama)		
2(Mon)	Start of wearing summer school uniform General Assembly	14:45	—
3(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 6	14:45	○
4(Wed)	Ear and Nose Check for All Grades (wear smock) Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
5(Thurs)		14:45	—
6(Fri)		14:45	—
7(Sat)	Visitors' Class Observation	12:55	—
8(Sun)			
9(Mon)		14:45	—
10(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 5	14:45	○
11(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
12(Thurs)	Dental Check for All Grades (wear smock) Junior and High School Holidays (until June 16th)	14:45	—
13(Fri)		14:45	—
14(Sat)	Start of Parent-Teacher Meetings (until June 21st) Dismissal after Lunch	12:55	—
15(Sun)	Holiday: Chiba Prefecture Day		
16(Mon)	*Students will leave after lunch (until June 20th)	12:55	—
17(Tue)		12:55	—
18(Wed)		12:55	—
19(Thurs)		12:55	—
20(Fri)		12:55	—
21(Sat)	Open School (9:30-10:15) Gyosei Parents Supporters' General Meeting (11:00-)	12:55	—
22(Sun)			
23(Mon)		14:45	—
24(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 4	14:45	○
25(Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
26(Thurs)		14:45	○
27(Fri)		14:45	○
28(Sat)		12:55	—
29(Sun)			
30(Mon)		14:45	—
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After school study and play will be cancelled due to the Junior-Senior High School holidays running from June 12th to 20th and parent-teacher meetings running from June 14th to 21st.</li> </ul>		