



God's Sacred Heart

June is designated as the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus Christ is with us. As the hymn says, if we look up at the sky, we can see birds flying. Lilies bloom beautifully in the field. God cares about even the smallest things.

We are God's children. The children who attend this school are like brothers and sisters. Let us help each other and treat others well so that we can spend our time happily together. We are not to make people sad, but to make them happy.

There are more than seven billion people living on this earth today. Of these, 120 million live in Japan. It is estimated that a billion people around the world are starving, and 5,000 children are dying every day. We are all fellow human beings living on the earth. Animals, plants, humans...God is pouring His will into them. We must not forget to be kind and considerate to others.

The teachings of not doing evil and not causing grief do not change even when you grow up. The most important rule that Christ, God, taught us is to "love your neighbor. It means that you should be considerate to others. It means that you should forgive others.

It is the rainy season, but I hope that you will have a heart as peaceful as the blue sky in May and as soft as the breeze. God is pleased that you have spent the months of April, May, and June growing in mind and body.

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Monthly Verse: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5

Monthly Hymn: "Please Do Not Forget"

Monthly Motto: Let's prevent injury and accident. Let's be safe.
Let's review the first term and prepare for the summer break.

Monthly Safety Goal: Let's stay calm and quiet on the bus.

Message from Principal

It is the season of dazzling green leaves. The forecast says that the end of the rainy season will be much earlier than usual this year. We can feel that summer is approaching.

On one hand, children are enjoying their school life full of energy in spite of the summer heat, but, on the other hand, they are also trying to understand the feelings of others through the relationships with their friends and to express their own feelings, not only improving their academic skills, but also growing mentally, which is an important part of school life.

In July, we will finally prepare to finish the first term. We know that each child has been working hard during this term toward his or her own goals, and we hope that each child will make final efforts to achieve them. We hope that these experiences will give them confidence, enrich their minds, and lead to an enjoyable summer vacation with their families.

Mother Mary's Day

On Wednesday the 28th, we held Our Lady's Day ceremony in the Chapel. During the month of May, we reflect on the three mottoes and five virtues that we respect at our school. In last year's message, I spoke about the virtues of obedience and humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, I spoke about the three mottoes, "Faith, Hope, and Love".

The word “believe” appears frequently in the Bible. Jesus taught, “Blessed is he who believes without seeing” and “He who believes will be saved,” but it must be difficult for anyone to believe without seeing. In my sermon, I told the children about a time when Mary appeared to a 14-year-old girl named Bernadette in a place called Lourdes, France. She was told by Mary to dig in the ground, and when she did, she found a spring of water. The water from the spring has never dried up. The miracle that people who drink or bathe in the spring's water are cured of their illnesses continues to this day. Even nowadays, 160 years after the incident, pilgrims continue to visit the Lourdes. These are all people who believe without seeing. Could the children who participated in the Virgin's Feast prayer be people who believe without seeing? The children sang “Immaculate Mary,” offered bouquets of roses and prayer cards to Mother Mary, and recited the rosary prayers in English and Japanese. If you have lost your mini rosary, you can purchase one at the online store of the Daughters of St. Paul, Shop Pauline. After purchasing it, please bring it to the school. It will be returned to you after being blessed by the priest.



Swimming Lesson

Swimming lessons began this month and were conducted by grades 4, 5, and 6. Students were divided into four groups according to the level of swimming skills. Students were seriously engaged and having fun, and the time passed quickly.

From next month onward, we will give swimming lessons to 4th graders and below. We will distribute a letter and participation agreement when the lesson date gets closer. On the schedule date of swimming, students must not forget any items for use, a swimwear, a swimming cap, beach sandals and a towel, including participation agreement.

Tooth Brushing Competition

The 4th graders participated in the Tooth Brushing Competition, which is held every year during "Tooth and Mouth Health Week". In the competition, they learned about oral health: how to differentiate healthy gums from gums with inflammation, how to brush their teeth properly, and how to use dental floss. Actual videos and demonstrations of how to brush your teeth and how to use a dental floss are available on the competition's website. We hope that families from other grades will also take a look. (The video will be available until Monday, June 30)

Parents' Observation Day, General Meeting and Individual Parents-Teacher Conferences

Thank you for visiting our school for the general meeting, parents class observation and individual parents-teacher conferences. For parents who were not able to attend the general meeting, the handouts that were distributed during the meeting will be given to the student.

Kanji Kentei Proficiency Test

The Kanji Proficiency Test will be held on Friday, July 4. 60 students will take the test: 2 for Level 5, 4 for Level 6, 11 for Level 7, 7 for Level 8, 9 for Level 9, and 27 for Level 10. The outcomes will arrive at the school during the summer holidays, 35 days after the end of exam, and will be distributed in the second term. If you want to know the result during the summer holidays, please contact the school. The next test will be held on Friday, February 6 in the third term. Students who do not take the test this time will be encouraged to try next time.

After School Study and Play Ends

After school study and play for the first term will end on Friday, July 4. Dismissal time will be back to normal schedule.

School Cleaning

On Friday, July 18, during the 5th and 6th periods from 12:55 we will have our first term school general cleaning. Students can bring their own rubber gloves and towel rags. They will wear their own P.E. uniforms. Borrowing from school will not be allowed.

From Library

Book lending for the first term will end on Friday, July 4. Books cannot be checked out during the long vacation. If you have any borrowed books at home, please return them to the library by Friday, July 11.

Red and White Hats and Smocks

As a measure to prevent heat stroke, we have decided that all children must wear a red and white hat when playing outside. If they do not have one, they will not be able to play outside. (Red and white hat is also required in P.E. class.)

Smocks are provided to prevent students from soiling their uniforms during arts, crafts, calligraphy and lunch time, etc. Some children do not bring them to school, so please make sure they will bring them. They will wear them during outside play.



Water Bottle

It is time to be careful about heatstroke. Please review the rules regarding water bottles.

- During the summer, bringing sports drinks is allowed. (Usually, only water or tea is permitted.)
 - Please keep the water bottle capacity around 600 ml. Bringing a second bottle during the summer is recommended. Please refrain from bringing a big water bottle.
 - Plastic bottles(PET bottles) are not allowed.
 - Students can refill their bottles at the school's water coolers.
 - Please note that tablets for salt intake and portable cooling items(handheld fans, neck coolers) are not allowed.
- We ask for your cooperation in ensuring that you child brings only permitted items from home.

Students Umbrella

Students that are coming to school with an umbrella on a rainy day must bring it back home on the same day. Collapsible umbrellas left at school are to be kept in the student's classroom lockers. Umbrellas that are left in the umbrella racks for a long-time span and without a name tag will be disposed of during the summer vacation.

Summer Competitions

We will soon distribute a list of summer competitions in which students may enter their works if they want to. There are also a great many other nation-wide competitions students are free to enter, which are not introduced by our school. Please be sure to bring the works to the school if they must be submitted through our school. Moreover, this year, we will display their summer projects in the primary school building in 2nd term. Works may be crafts, research projects, paintings, drawings, calligraphy, essays or other things. Please be prepared to submit one work after the summer holidays.

Jr. and Sr. Highschool Briefing Sessions

Thank you for your participation in the middle school information sessions and the tea party with the middle school teachers held in May. We are planning to hold school information sessions on the following dates. If you would like to attend, please check the "School Information Sessions" on the website of the junior and senior high schools for details, including dates and times, and apply directly with the application form on our website. Individual tours are also available, so please contact us for more information.

Date	Reception	Time	Contents
July 27, 2025 Saturday	9:30-	10:00-12:20	Briefing Session Dormitory Tour
August 5, 2025 Tuesday			
September 6, 2025 Saturday	8:40-	9:10-12:20	Briefing Session Class Observation Dormitory Tour
October 4, 2025 Saturday			
October 25, 2025 Saturday			

Notice from Maria Boutique

- The price of boot-type leather shoes will increase in August.
Since 2020, either one of the two types of school black leather shoes have been our designated school shoes to come to school, boot type shoes for the first purchase and loafer type shoes for the second purchase and after. However, the boot type shoes with size 22.0 cm and up are also available for the second purchase and after if you prefer them though they are only a few in stock at Maria Boutique. Please understand that it may take about 3 months upon order. Also, it is recommended to try fitting the shoes at the boutique considering the differences in foot shape.
- When purchasing the school hat, please make sure to write in the order sheet the size below.
 - Pique Hat (for summer) ...L:56cm, LL:58cm, LLL:60cm
 - Beret Hat (for winter) ...LL:58cm, LLL:60cm
 - Red and White Hat...normal, large
- Please exchange items within 1 week. Opened blouses are not exchangeable for size. Try-ons are available at The Maria boutique.

Today, we gave you an allowance statement through your child. The foreign language textbooks for this school year were debited at the end of May. Please check your statement. If your balance is insufficient, please make a transfer. Since we are planning to make further withdrawals for examination fees and swimming instruction, we ask that you transfer a little more money in a timely manner so that your balance will not be insufficient again. Account funds can be replenished by bank transfer to the following accounts. (Please also include the name of the child)

Chiba Bank Kisarazu branch savings account number: 1100029

[REDACTED], won the championship in the boys' 35kg class in the Chiba Prefecture Boys' Judo Tournament.



Date	July Schedule	Departure times	After School Study/Play
1(Tue)	General Assembly	14:45	○
2(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
3(Thurs)	Open School for Prospective Students	14:45	○
4(Fri)	Kanji Proficiency Test Last Day for After School Study and Play Last Day of Borrowing Books from the Library	14:45	○
5(Sat)		12:55	—
6(Sun)			
7(Mon)	P.C. for A Course, Grade 3 and up	14:45	—
8(Tue)		14:45	—
9(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
10(Thurs)		14:45	—
11(Fri)	Last Day for Returning Borrowed Books from the Library	14:45	—
12(Sat)	1 st Test for Transfer Students	12:55	—
13(Sun)			
14(Mon)		14:45	
15(Tue)	Swimming Lesson for Grade 3	14:45	—
16(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
17(Thurs)		14:45	—
18(Fri)	School General Cleaning (5 th and 6 th period)	14:45	—
19(Sat)	Last Day of 1 st Term, Closing Ceremony * Students will leave after lunch	12:00	—
Summer Vacation from July 20 until September 1			
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pick up the grade 1 morning glory plants and the grade 2 tomatoes. They are placed at the school entrance. Please follow the homeroom teacher's instruction and bring them back home by the closing ceremony. • Second term opening ceremony will be on September 1, Monday. Lunch will be served and regular dismissal time. 		