



At the End of the First Term

Time flies. It goes on and on. However, God's words do not fade away. They exist, remain, and stay forever. Our heart-warming words, kind deeds, loving, forgiving, and acceptance will not fade forever. They will be engraved in God's heart.

It is the end of the first term today. Thank you, God, thank you, Mother Mary, for protecting our students, teaching staff and all the other staff working for our school. I am thankful that we have been safe during the first term.

You learned a lot during the first term. You spent your school days with your friends. Sometimes you played well together, and some other times you might have had fights. How about saying to your friends today? "Thank you for spending time with me." And say to them, "We had a fight, but please forgive me." Moreover, never forget to say to your father and mother, "Thank you for giving me food to eat, clothes to wear, and shoes to wear. I have grown so much during the first term."

Please make good use of each day and have a happy summer vacation. See you again in September.

D. Tagawa S.M.

Verse for September

Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you.

Pardonnez, et vous serez pardonnés. Donnez, et vous recevrez.

(Luke 6:37-38)

Hymn for September

Amen Alleluia

Motto for September

Let's make ourselves presentable.

Let's maintain our daily routines. Let's make ourselves presentable.

Monthly Safety Goal

Try to drink enough water.

Message from Principal

Three and a half months have passed since the new school year began in April. Every student has been worked very hard. We have seen their growth in many situations, such as studying in the classroom and relationships with friends on a daily basis. First of all, please talk to your child saying, "Well done!"

This month also marks the two-year anniversary of the return to heaven of our first principal, Fr. Shigeru Tagawa. Although we could not see him, I believe that he was always by our side and listened to our stories. We would like to sincerely appreciate that we were able to spend this first term safely.

The long awaited summer vacation for children will start tomorrow. Blue sky, cold watermelon, and fireworks in the night sky. There is a special joy that cannot be experienced in any other season. However, I would like to encourage children to try something that they can think of as "trying a little harder" during the summer vacation. For example, how about reading a book for five minutes every day and continuing to do so throughout your vacation? How about going to places you don't usually visit and spending valuable time with your family? How about taking time to observe one thing at a time. Please Let them experience being "hooked" on something. It doesn't matter if they fail. The experience of trying will make your children mature. Of course, please take care of safety as well. Water accidents, traffic accidents, and heat stroke require special attention. Please always be aware of the importance of "life-saving actions."

We are all looking forward to seeing the students come back to school after the summer vacation is over with full of pride, saying, "I have grown up!"

Report Cards

The purpose of report cards is to inform households of their child's progress in all aspects of school life. The information is to be used in a positive way to help students strive for self-improvement. Grade 1 report cards are graded on a three scale for all subjects. A five scale is used for core subjects in Grade 2 and up to provide more detailed information about "B". However, Life in Grade 2, Home Economics for Grade 5 and 6, P.E., Art and Music in all grades are evaluated on a three scale. It is based on absolute evaluation, but also includes a portion of relative evaluation. The evaluation is a footprint of the child's learning activity. The evaluation is based solely on the overall evaluation of the student's learning situation, other activities, attitude and achievement of goals, and tests and submissions.

Sports Test Results

The results of the physical fitness test will be distributed on the first day of the 2nd term though we used to distribute it on the last day of the 1st term.

Second Term Eiken (English Proficiency Test, Level 5 – Level 2)

The application deadline for the English Language Proficiency Test to be held on Friday, September 26 is today, Saturday, July 19. Please be careful not to forget to apply. In case your child comes to school without an application form, please send it to the school by e-mail attachment (elementary@gis.ac.jp) or fax (0438-52-3856) by the evening of July 19.

In addition, students who have passed the first exam and needs to take the second exam (interview) only should also fill out the necessary information in the application form to apply to take it. A receipt on the right side of the application form will be returned to the applicant for proof of application. If it is not returned, please consider that the application has not been completed.

Pass/fail results for the second round of the first certification test will be available on the web on July 15. If you are unsure, please contact the school.

Summer Vacation Homework

We have informed each class about summer vacation homework. As summer vacation homework from school, students are required to submit (1) "one piece of either a science research project or an arts & crafts work" and (2) "Japanese critique essay".

- (1) "a science research project or an arts & crafts work" ----- As announced in the previous issue of "Akatsuki", children's works will be displayed in the school, and we ask that each student prepare to submit one of the works such as craft, handicraft, free research, painting, calligraphy and critique essay.
- (2) "Japanese critique essay" ----- As part of the morning reading and Japanese learning activities, we will hold an critique essay writing contest in school for all grades. The submission date for the works completed during the summer vacation will be Monday, September 1st. After submission, excellent works will be selected by the teachers and staff and will be given awards. The selection of books and writing instructions have been given during the Japanese class of each grade level. We also distributed some sheets of essay paper to the students. If you have any extra essay paper you purchased before, you may use them. For details, please see the letter from the Japanese language department.

We have also made and distributed a list of competitions sponsored by outside organizations on a separate sheet of paper. We encourage you to work on them.

Science Fair in Autumn and Summer Homework

During summer vacation, some students are planning to do Science research activities by observing, experimenting, and recording of results. As a summer vacation homework for every student, students can choose either from an art craft work or a science research. Regarding Science research works, it will be made use of for Science Fair in November. However, the same presentation will not be accepted for Science Fair. Students are allowed to make use of the applied experiments and additional records based on the summer vacation research.

At the Science Fair in autumn, every work must be written and presented on a poster form to be displayed in the hallways of the school so that all students will be able to take a look of them. The preparation will start in the 2nd term.

Summer Vacation Office Hours

During the summer holidays, our administration and primary school office will be open from 9:00 to 15:00 on weekdays and 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturdays. The day duty staff will be on duty. If you have any important inquiries, please contact us during these times. Please note that the whole school will be completely closed from Wednesday, August 13 until Saturday, August 16.

Renewal of Commuter Passes

By registering the student's graduation year, a commuter pass can be purchased continuously while the student is in school. If the station to be used changes or if the student decides to commute by train, a commuter pass certificate will be required. The commuter pass certificate is valid for one month after issuance. Please contact us if you need a commuter certificate.

Notice from the Accounting Office

A letter from the Accounting Office will be mailed to your home this month.

- A report of allowance usage for June
- Tuition statement for the second term
- Revision of School Lunch Fee Lunch fee will change from the 2nd term. Please see the separate letter.
- Request for LC Tuition Site User Registration We ask for your confirmation and cooperation.

Notice from Maria Boutique

During summer holidays the Maria Boutique will also be open from 9:00 to 15:00 on weekdays and 9:00 to 13:30 on Saturdays. However, please note that it may be closed for some reason depending on the day. If you come to the boutique, please call them in advance and confirm whether or not it will be open. Please contact the boutique office for more details. With the start of the second term, we receive more orders for school supplies. Due to this increase, there may be stock shortages. We may ask you to wait for weeks before orders arrive. With this in mind, please place orders for things you need during the summer break. The price of boot-type leather shoes will change from August: 10,990 yen for 18-21 cm and 11,950 yen for 21.5-26 cm. Moreover, if you want to change the item with another one after you have purchased, please contact the boutique within a week after the purchase. Please show the receipt or order form to them in that case. Please note that if you damage the item itself, its bag and tag, you can't get it changed.

Maria Boutique Contact: TEL 0438-52-2510 FAX 0438-52-3846

Boys' Belts

Boys may use belts from 3rd grade. Suspenders may also be used. 1st and 2nd graders should use suspenders. It is a leather belt with a buckle bearing the school emblem. We decided not to make a rubber belt because it would be very expensive. The sizes are S (80 cm) and M (100 cm). The price is 3,500 yen. Since there is a little trick to using the buckle, we recommend that you visit the boutique and see the actual product before purchasing.

Start of Second Term

On Monday, September 1, second term of school year 2025 will start. The opening ceremony will be held on the first day-Monday. Classes will be given on schedule and lunch will be served.

Junior and Senior High School Festival

The school festival will be held on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21. There will stalls and stage performances by high school students, as well as a bazaar by the parent supporters' association. The students will visit the school festival on Saturday, September 20. They will tour the school festival in the same groups as the field trip.

We would also appreciate your cooperation in donating items for the bazaar. A letter regarding donations has been distributed.

Souvenirs and Birthday Gifts

Please let us remind you of our rule about giving souvenirs. Giving and receiving souvenirs and birthday presents among students at school are strictly forbidden

About the passage of cars in the campus

When driving your own car in the campus, please drive at a very slow speed. Please do not park on the street, as it is very dangerous.

	September Schedule	Departure Times	After School Study / Play
1(Mon)	2 nd term Opening Ceremony (Lessons as Usual/ Lunch Served)	14:45	—
2(Tue)	2nd Disaster/Evacuation Drill	14:45	—
3(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up School Bus Group Meetings	15:35	—
4(Thurs)	Library Opens	14:45	—
5(Fri)		14:45	—
6(Sat)		12:55	—
7(Sun)			
8(Mon)		14:45	—
9(Tue)	Start of After-School Study and Play (Grade 2-6)	14:45	○
10(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
11(Thurs)	3D Scoliosis Check for Grade 5	14:45	—
12(Fri)		14:45	—
13(Sat)	3 rd Briefing Session	12:55	—
14(Sun)			
15(Mon)	Respect for the Elderly Day		
16(Tue)		14:45	○
17(Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up	15:35	—
18(Thurs)		14:45	○
19(Fri)		14:45	○
20 (Sat)	School Festival	12:55	—
21(Sun)	Autumn Equinox Day School Festival (Day 2)		
22(Mon)		14:45	—
23(Tue)			
24(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:35	—
25(Thurs)		14:45	○
26(Fri)	Eiken (2025 2 nd)	14:45	—
27(Sat)	Entrance Test for Our Graduates' Children	12:00	—
28(Sun)			
29(Mon)		14:45	—
30(Tue)		14:45	○
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd term starts on September 1. Regular dismissal time and lunch will be served. • From September 9 after-school study and play resumes. This may be canceled due to school events so please check the dates carefully. • Please be aware of the different dismissal time on Saturday, September 27. • On Saturday, October 4, the school will hold the annual sports day. The day before the event, the school dismisses at 12:00 p.m. for preparation. • Grade 1 after-school study and play is scheduled to start on Tuesday, October 7. 		