



## 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.

*D. Tagawa S.M.*

**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

The fresh greenery is dazzling, and the gentle spring breeze makes it pleasant season. With the start of the new school year, children come to school each morning with bright, cheerful smiles, and their lively voices fill the campus. As they take each step forward, excited by new grades, friends, and teachers, we, the faculty and staff, feel great joy in witnessing their growth.

On April 20, we held a gathering in the chapel to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus in a solemn atmosphere. We trust that you have also spoken with your children about Easter at home.

In the Gospel of Luke (1:38), there is a scene in which Mary responds to God, saying, "Let it be done to me according to your word." These words express a deep trust and humility—an openness to accept the mission and encounters given to her, beyond her own thoughts and expectations. Although children may sometimes feel confusion or anxiety in a new environment, we hope they will cherish a heart that accepts each experience in a positive way.

At our school, we will continue to support the children so that, through their daily learning and lives, they can nurture the spirit of "Let me try" and "Let me accept." We would be grateful to work together with parents and guardians in watching over the healthy growth of the children.

As the new school year brings changes in environment, this can also be a time when children become easily tired. Please ensure they get sufficient rest, and we hope you will spend the upcoming holidays meaningfully so that we may meet again in May with cheerful smiles. Thank you for your continued support this month as well.

Tadashi Miura  
Principal

### Easter Rite

Since Easter Sunday fell on April 5 during the children's spring vacation this year, our school held the Easter liturgy on Monday, April 20, with all students, including the new first graders, gathering in the school chapel. During the Gospel reading, a passage from the Gospel of John was proclaimed in which the risen Jesus teaches

the crowd: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." After the reading, the priest gave an explanation about the Resurrection of Christ. Believing in Christ's Resurrection may have been difficult for people at that time as well as it may be for people today. In the same passage, John conveys Jesus' words: "This is carrying out the work of God, that you believe in the one he has sent."

Together with teachers and students who kindly came to assist from the "Forest of Johannine Studies," we spent about an hour in prayer, singing and listening to hymns. Additionally, for the first time at our school, a fifth-grade student sang the responsorial psalm. The singing was beautiful and very skillful. As a gift, cards featuring the Prayer for peace by St. Francis of Assisi were distributed. Please keep them at home and read them together from time to time.

May the joy of the Resurrection also be with all the members of your family.

### **Grade 1 Welcome Party**

First-grade students entered the hall holding hands with sixth graders, looking cheerful, while the upper-grade students welcomed them with applause. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, the welcome event for first graders began.

Students enjoyed interactive activities such as the "business card exchange game" and "rock-paper-scissors train," helping students interact with each other. In the rock-paper-scissors train game, the last student standing and becoming the leader of the long train that connected all students was [REDACTED] from Class 4B.

The "Gyosei International Primary School True or False Quiz" was very exciting, and the students who remained until the final question were [REDACTED] from Class 1B, [REDACTED] from Class B, and [REDACTED] from Class 6A.

After enjoying the games together, students had lunch in mixed-grade groups. Many first graders were seen smiling happily.

### **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 Student Account. The photos will be kept at the school, so please contact the school through your child when you need the photos for examinations such as Eiken.

The ID cards will be distributed on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup>. The details were announced via Mimamorume on Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 roads 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 1, will be taken as a substitute day off.

### **Spring Field Trip on the 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Uniform Change Over Period**

From June, students will change into summer uniforms. As temperatures have been rising earlier each year, we will start the transition period earlier on Thursday, May 7. 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. Summer uniforms will begin in June, so please be careful not to get confused.

### **Kisarazu/Sodegaura Area Track and Field Meet**

The Kisarazu-Sodegaura Branch Athletic Meet (Venue: Egawa Track & Field Stadium) is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 26 Representative athletes will be selected from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday, May 27.



## **Sports Day**

The sports day will be held on Saturday, May 30. The details confirmed at this time are as follows.

- A rehearsal for the sports day will be held on Wednesday, May 27 or Thursday, May 28.
- On Friday, May 29, due to preparations, students will leave school after lunch, departing by school bus at 12:00.
- If the event cannot be held on Saturday, May 30, school will be closed and the sports day will be postponed to Saturday, June 6.
- If the event cannot be held on Saturday, June 6, school will be closed. Carrying out the event will be reconsidered and announced later.
- If the event cannot be held, an announcement will be sent at 5:30 a.m. on the day via the Mimamorume mass email service.”
- The letter about sports day will be sent via Mimamorume after the holidays. The program is scheduled to be distributed around the 25th.

From May onward, there will be more practice days in preparation for the sports day. Please make sure not to forget his/her gym uniform, red-and-white hat, and sweat towel. It is also recommended to keep a spare set at school for safety. In particular, students will not be able to participate in physical education if they forget their red-and-white hat. As we do not lend out forgotten items, please be careful not to leave anything behind.

In addition, please remember to bring a water bottle every day. Until the sports day, students are allowed to bring sports drinks (normally, only water or tea is permitted).”

## **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**

We will be switching to summer uniforms starting in June. Since some items may take several days to arrive, please make your preparation early if you plan to purchase new uniforms. If you are purchasing via order form, please include the item name, gender, size, and quantity. You do not need to fill in the amount field. Please also specify the size for berets and pique caps. (L:56cm, LL:58cm, LLL:60cm) If you have any questions, please contact Maria Boutique (TEL 0438-52-2510).

Please note that exchanges for purchased items must be made within one week of the purchase date (please submit a copy of the order form or receipt along with the item). We cannot exchange items that are missing their box or tag, or that are not in the same condition as when new. Additionally, shirts and blouses cannot be exchanged or returned once the packing has been opened, so please verify the gender and size before opening the package. Recently, they have had customers requesting exchanges for items purchased several months ago. Please try to purchase only the necessary number of items when necessary.

## **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 or office staff to your child, so please visit and check with the office staff. In addition, the back entrance is for staff and emergency use only. Please do not use it for students' arrival and dismissal or by parents.”

## **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. Please refrain from informing the school by telephone suddenly on the day as this can lead to confusion.

## **Student Recruitment Activities**

We will be participating in the following external guidance events. If you know anyone who may be interested in our school, please kindly inform them.

Sunday, May 10: Joint Consultation Meeting for Well-known Private Elementary Schools (organized by Kyoiku Tosho 21)

Venue: TKP Garden City Shibuya

Sunday, May 31: O-Juken Fair 2026 Spring (organized by RIEIKAI)

Venue: Yokohama Takashimaya Rose Hall

### 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.



### School Newsletter [Akatsuki]

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.

Date	May Schedule	Bus Departure Time
1 (Fri)	a substitute holiday for April 29	
2 (Sat) – 6 (Wed)	Holidays	
7 (Thurs)	Transitional period for School uniform change until May 30 Rain date for the spring field trip	15:45
8 (Fri)	General Assembly	15:45
9 (Sat)		
10 (Sun)		
11 (Mon)		15:45
12 (Tue)		15:45
13 (Wed)	Committee for Grade 5 and up Urine Test No. 2 (for those who have not finished)	15:45
14 (Thurs)		15:45
15 (Fri)	1 <sup>st</sup> Open School for Parents with Prospective Students	15:45
16 (Sat)		
17 (Sun)		
18 (Mon)		15:45
19 (Tue)		15:45
20 (Wed)	Mother Mary's Day Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:45
21 (Thurs)		15:45
22 (Fri)	Eiken (1 <sup>st</sup> test)	15:45
23 (Sat)		
24 (Sun)		
25 (Mon)		15:45
26 (Tue)	Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (Selected Students)	15:45
27 (Wed)	Sports Day Rehearsal Committee for Grade 5 and up Kisarazu/Sodegaura Track Meet (replacement day in case of rain)	15:45
29 (Thurs)	Backup date for the sports day rehearsal	15:45
29 (Fri)	Due to preparations for the sports day, classes will be held in the morning only (up to the third period), and students will go home after lunch."	<b>12:00</b>
30 (Sat)	Sports Day (9:00-13:15)	<b>14:00</b>
31 (Sun)		
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the uniform transition period, students are expected to wear winter uniforms. Summer uniform officially starts from Monday, June 1.</li> </ul>	