



## 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 rite, 24 May 2022)

*D. Tagawa S.M.*

<b>Monthly Verse</b>	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
<b>Monthly Hymn</b>	Look at the Birds in the Sky	
<b>Monthly Motto</b>	Live a healthy life. Keep your area clean.	
<b>Monthly Safety Goal</b>	Let's not play or be noisy on the platform of the station, bus stop and school parking lot.	

### Message from Principal

Hydrangeas are now blooming beautifully in vivid colors, and the season for changing into summer uniforms has arrived. The children have fully adjusted to their new grades and are enjoying their school life energetically every day.

This month's Bible verse says, "If you in my word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31–32).

Within the school community, children learn many things and develop hearts that respect and accept one another. Gaining the "truth" of correct knowledge and compassion for others leads to the "freedom" to live confidently and authentically, without being swayed by those around them.

This month as well, we hope to work hand in hand with families as we continue to watch over the children so they may grow with rich and caring hearts.

Tadashi Miura  
Principal

**Spring Trip to Futtsu Beach Clam Digging Site**

Although the sky was unfortunately cloudy on Thursday, April 30, the entire school went on a trip to  
 After arriving at the site, the students received nets and rakes from the staff and eagerly headed to the beach.  
 While moving from place to place, they carefully dug through the sand in search of clams and shells. As they discovered various kinds of shellfish hidden beneath the sand, excited cheers could be heard all around the beach.



The students worked in mixed-age groups that included children from different classes and grade levels, which encouraged interaction and cooperation among them.



**Mother Mary's Day**

On Tuesday, the 19th, we held the Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the portico. Under a clear blue sky, we all prayed the Rosary together in front of the statue of Mother Mary. Representatives from each class offered prayer cards and rose bouquets to the statue of Mother Mary. In addition to the priest's attendance, the handbell performance of "Immaculate Mary" by the music club members added a special touch to the occasion. We hope that the children will put into practice the "obedience" and "humility" of the Blessed Virgin Mary that they learned this month. By doing so, they will not merely be listeners to Jesus' teachings, but will live out those teachings and live together with Jesus who is "the Truth." The Truth will set them free from sin and falsehood. For Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

**English Proficiency Test/ Eiken**

The first stage of English proficiency test, Eiken, for the closed center was conducted at our school on Friday, May 22 with 105 applicants. The test result and the admission ticket to the second stage test will be mailed to your home by June 30. The announcement of the result of the first test on the website will start at noon on Monday, June 22. The second stage examination will be held on Sunday, July 5 for Schedule A. Please take the examination at the location you selected on the application form for the first stage examination. The test center cannot be changed. The announcement service on the website of the pass/fail result of the second stage examination will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14.

**Track and Field Meet**

On Tuesday the 26th, ten students selected from the 5th and 6th graders will participate in the Kisarazu-Sodegaura Branch Track and Field Meet. Although they have only a short time during the lunch break to prepare, they have been working hard in practice.

Races:	Students:
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 1000 meter	
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 800 meter	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys 100 meter	
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls 100 meter	
5 <sup>th</sup> Boys 100 meter	
5 <sup>th</sup> Girls 100 meter	



**Sports Day**

The program was distributed today. Please make sure that parents/guardians keep it.  
 This year, we will have a race for preschool children to participate in, so we warmly encourage you to join it. Announcements regarding the meeting place and other details will be made over the loudspeaker on the day of the event.  
 On Wednesday the 27th, important information regarding the Sports Day will be sent via Mimamoru-me. Please be sure to read it carefully. Some children forget to bring their white socks and red-and-white caps, so please make sure they will bring them.  
 In addition, please be sure to inform the homeroom teacher of your child's dismissal arrangements for the day.

## Change of School Uniform June 1st

Please let us remind you that students will change to their summer uniforms on Monday, June 1. 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. Students are not permitted to wear tights, either. If you have a special reason why a student needs to wear tights, please consult with the Student Guidance Department or the school nurse's office. Smocks will change to the summer ones with blue vertical stripes as well.



## Junior and Senior High School Briefing Session

A junior and senior high school information session for parents of our school will be held on Friday, June 5 and Saturday, July 4. This is an opportunity to discuss what to expect after entering the school internally. We look forward to your participation.

Date & Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 5

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 4

Registration: Please register using the QR code on the right.



## Individual Parent Teacher Meetings

Individual parent-teacher meeting week will run from Tuesday, June 16 through Tuesday, June 23. In order to conduct all conferences within this short period, conference times will be scheduled in the afternoon each day. Therefore, students will leave school after lunch, with the school bus departing at 12:55 p.m. (12:20 p.m. on the 20th only). For further details, please refer to the notice distributed via Mimamorume.

## School Day: Saturday, June 20

Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting and class observation will be held. Students will come to school as usual. After lunch, they will be dismissed at 12:20 p.m., when the school bus departs.

## Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting

Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting will be held in the senior high school gym on Saturday, June 20, from 11:20 a.m. (reception begins at 10:50 a.m.). We look forward to your participation. At the primary school, a class observation will also be held during the second period (9:30–10:15 a.m.), prior to the Parents General Supporters Meeting. For further details, please refer to the letter that will be distributed via Mimamorume at a later date.

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.

## Please confirm the dismissal time.

In June, there will be changes to dismissal times due to the individual parent-teacher meeting week and the Parents General Supporters Meeting. Please be sure to check both the dismissal time and the method of dismissal, and ensure there are no mistakes.

## Maria Boutique

\*Maria Boutique will be open on Saturday, May 30 and Saturday, June 20. Business hours will be from 8:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*The price of school sports shoes will increase from August. The new price is 3,900 yen (previous price: 3,600 yen).

## 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. In addition, photography is not permitted inside the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Student Accounts

The foreign textbooks 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 the monthly allowance statement of student-related expenses distributed via Leyser, 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 tools. Please let us know the number of copies you need. In addition, we will participate in a school fair hosted by Rieikai on Sunday, May 31, (location: Takashimaya Rose Hall, Yokohama Station West Exit). 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.

Schedule for June		School Bus Departure
1(Mon)	Start of wearing summer school uniform General Assembly	15:45
2(Tue)		15:45
3(Wed)	Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:45
4(Thurs)		15:45
5(Fri)	Junior and Senior High School Briefing Session	15:45
6(Sat)	Sports Day (Alternative Date)	
7(Sun)		
8(Mon)		15:45
9(Tue)		15:45
10(Wed)	Committee Activities for Grade 5 and up	15:45
11(Thurs)	Dental Check for All Grades (wear smock)	15:45
12(Fri)	Japanese Proficiency Test Junior and High School Short Holidays (until June 16)	15:45
13(Sat)		
14(Sun)		
15(Mon)	Chiba Prefecture Day	
16(Tue)	Start of Parent-Teacher Meetings (until June 23: Dismissal after Lunch) Eye Check for All Grades (wear smock)	12:55
17(Wed)		12:55
18(Thurs)		12:55
19(Fri)		12:55
20(Sat)	Class Observation (9:30-10:15) Gyosei Parents General Supporters Meeting (11:20-)	12:20
21(Sun)		
22(Mon)		12:55
23(Tue)		12:55
24(Wed)	Ear and Nose Check for All Grades (wear smock) Club Activities for Grade 4 and up	15:45
25(Thurs)		15:45
26(Fri)		15:45
27(Sat)		
28(Sun)		
29(Mon)		15:45
30(Tue)		15:45
<b>Notes</b>	*A The New Physical Fitness Test (Sports Test) will be conducted during physical education classes. *From Tuesday the 16th to Tuesday the 23rd, dismissal times will differ due to the individual parent-teacher meeting week and the Parents General Supporters Meeting.	