

STUDENT'S ESSAYS & NOTICES



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PTC FUNDRAISER "AUTUMN SALE"

The PTC fundraising event, the "Autumn Sale" was held successfully on November 9 and 10. The parents from the preschool to high school division worked from Thursday evening to Saturday morning, making curry and rice. The curry was delicious as always. We are grateful to all the parents who supported the sale. We also thank the many church members who bought curry tickets. Mrs. Phyllis Maruyama of the church donated a lot of handmade colorful jelly cubes for the cookie sales, again this time. Big thank you also goes to Mrs. Lisa Kuwabara and Mrs. Nancy Hama-saki, the PTC advisors.

Thank you
very much
for your help!



————— Madoka I. Hull, Principal

OSEIBO CANDIES



Every year, a bag of candies is given to each student of JLS, Nakayoshi Preschool and Dharma School as a

year-end gift from the church. Elaine Nishimura purchased many boxes of candies for the students. This year, JLS teachers were in charge of bagging the candies. The teachers put various kinds of candies into bags on an assembly-line, and made about 400 bags. We thank all the parties who prepare the candies for our students.

OSEIBO DONATION REMINDER

All the teachers receive Oseibo gift money from the church at the end of the year. All donations given to the church by our parents are used for this purpose. Your donations are greatly valued.

SEIJIN-SHIKI COMING-OF-AGE CEREMONY

The Gardena Buddhist Church will hold a Coming-of-Age Ceremony (Seijin-shiki). Anybody who is or will be 20 years old by spring of the year of 2019 is eligible to attend this ceremony. Please let your friends and relatives know about this event. Until year 2020, young adults, who are under 26 years old, but missed the ceremony, are welcome to join as well.



- Date & Time:
January 13, 2018
9:30 AM-12 PM
- Cost: \$50 until 12/8,
\$60 between 12/9-12/29
- Application: GBC office

GBC will provide a commemorative certificate, a group photo (6"x8"), and light refreshments. You will also

have a chance to experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Please call the church for more information at (310) 327-9400.

BELL RINGING OUT THE OLD YEAR ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tolling the Big Bell will be officiated by Rev. Iwohara and Rev. Sekiya after the service held at 7 PM



on December 31st at the Gardena Buddhist Church. Toshikoshi soba (Japanese noodles in soup) will be prepared and served by the BWA (Buddhist Women Association). Please come and join us at the New Years' Eve service.

TOY DRIVE

During the holiday season, the city of Gardena collects and distributes toys to families in need so that young children can also enjoy the holidays. The Community Project Group of Gardena Buddhist Church is supporting the city of Gardena by collecting Toys and Food, again this year.

If you can help this effort, please drop UNWRAPPED NEW TOYS in the collection box in the school office during the school hours. The last day for the drop off is Saturday, December 8th. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Community Project Group of Gardena Buddhist Church

