

SCHOOL-PTC NEWSLETTER



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NEWSLETTER SPRING-2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"First Question"

by Hiroshi Osada

(Japanese poem translated to
English by Madoka Hull)

Did you look up at the sky today?
Was it far or near?
What were the shapes of clouds?
What smell filled the wind?
What is a good day?
Have you told someone "Thank you!"
today?

What do you see through the window,
or in the far distance on the street?
Have you seen a spider web sparkling
with raindrops?
Have you stood under the oak or
keyaki tree?
Do you know the names of roadside
trees?
Are trees your friends?

When did you last gazed at the river?
When did you last sit on the sand or
grass?
What is it beautiful without hesitation?
What are your 7 favorite flowers?
For you, who are "We"?

Have you heard birds twittering before
dawn?
Have you prayed facing the west sky
when the sun is going down slowly?



What age of yourself did you like the best?

Can you age gracefully?

What scenery is the world?

What do you hear when listen?

What noise is the silence?

Close your eyes. What do you see?

*Between a question and answer,
which one do you need now?*

Do you have will to do?

What do you want most?

What are the ingredients of the life?

What is the happiness?

This era despises words.

Do you believe in words?

I hope the New
Year finds you in excellent
spirits.

The year 2019 is the last year of Heisei era in Japan. As many of you may know, Japan counts years using a system of an imperial reign period, and currently we are in Heisei (平成) era. Heisei era began with Emperor Akihito's succession from his father Emperor Hirohito's passing in 1989. During the 30 years of Heisei era, so many incidents happened. The examples of recent incidents are the Kumamoto earthquakes, super heavy rain, typhoons; floods in many parts of Japan, the great Tohoku (east Japan) earthquakes and nuclear power plant meltdown. The 2007-2008 economic collapse is still fresh in our minds. The fall of the Berlin Wall, Gulf War, Soviet collapse are some occurrences of the Heisei era. The last 30 years, the Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko prayed for the peace, security and order of

the nation, people and
the world everyday.

The emperor's days start off with the ritual of morning prayer for the nation. Throughout the years of their reign, they traveled all over Japan numerous times to meet people, and comfort them at the time of big disasters. They publically visited various countries in the world. Both the Emperor and Empress spent enormous time and effort for their nation and the people. I humbly would like to express my sincere respect and appreciation. I hope for their continued health and happiness, and for the new Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako's successful reign. Currently, Japan is facing many problems with neighboring countries. We sense an unsettling feeling. Upon the renewal of the era, I hope that we have bright and peaceful world.

————— Madoka I. Hull,
Principal

Heisei (平成)... achieving peace
平... peace
成... to become

CLASS OBSERVATION AND TEACHER-PAR- ENTS CONFERENCE

At the end of January, we had class observations and teacher-parents conferences. I was glad to see so many parents came and observed classes. For the small



children's classes, many parents are eager to talk to their child teachers, so that some parents had to wait their turn for quite a long time. We apologize for your wait. The designated teacher-parents conference day is not the only time you can speak to teachers. Please feel free to talk to your teacher anytime after classes.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Masako Ota, who was one of the advisors of the Buddhist Women's Association here at the Church, passed away at the beginning of January. I attended her funeral representing the school. She taught at this school in 1950's. Upon her passing, the JLS received a large donation from late Mrs. Ota and her family. We would like to express our deepest condolences to the family. We are very grateful to Mrs. Ota and her family for their thoughtfulness to the school and their generosity.



2019-2020 NEW SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 school year will start. The notice and the re-registration form will be distributed in the classes in April. Please submit the re-registration form to your class teacher, A.S.A.P.

The dead-line for the enrollment:

JLS Daily division ... Friday, May 31
JLS Sat. division Saturday, June 1

● To Preschool 4-year-old parents:

Please note that for the preschoolers who are entering the kindergarten class of the Japanese language division from this fall, the dead line is different from currently enrolled JLS students.

Deadline for 4-years-old - Saturday, May 11

After the dead line, \$140.00 registration fee will be charged for it is treated as a new registration. Please read the detailed information letter that will be distributed in each class at a later time.

BUDDHISM LESSON 101

On December 18th last year, the students of Mr. Yasuhiro and Ms. Uehara's classes attended the Buddhism seminar for the first time. The students learned the simple concept of Buddhism and the Japanese words derived from Buddhism such as "Ohao (good morning)" and "Konnichiwa (hello.)" They learned the meaning of "religion" and "truth". The students were introduced some Buddhist concepts: anybody can become Buddha when one attains enlightenment, life of suffering (pain and misery exist in life), and all worldly things are impermanent. The lecture was about 40 minutes, as a brief introduction. Since our students had little knowledge of Buddhism, I wonder how much they took in. However, it was a very good to be exposed to one of the world's religions.

*Let's enjoy
Summer with us!*

SUM-MER SCHOOL

SOON ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT



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[Summer School]

- Daily Class:
June 24 (Mon) - Aug 2 (Fri)
- Saturday Class:
July 6 (Sat) - July 27 (Sat)



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PTC NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! I hope you had a nice holiday season. We went to the Joya-no-Kane service at GBC on New Year's Eve and made Ozoni with the mochi we made at the PTC Mochitsuki on the New Year's day. I'm grateful that my daughter can experience the Oshogatsu tradition in USA.

In December, we had another successful annual Mochitsuki event. The PTC would like to thank all the parents/grandparents who came to volunteer at the event. Not only the students, but all of us had a wonderful time, pounding, rolling, and eating the fresh mochi. Volunteering during the busy pre-holiday weekend has never been easy, but it's always worth seeing the kids' happy smile.



We'd like to thank PTC president emeritus Ms. Nancy Hamasaki and the former board members Ms. Lisa Kuwabara and Ms. Frances Hikido for coming to help the Mochitsuki again this year. We are also grateful to have Marukai corporation's support as usual.

In the new semester, the PTC will have the spring chicken teriyaki sale and the Yochien division will hold the annual Undokai event. Please see the notices from the school office for each event and try to participate as a volunteer as much as possible.

Yoko Godinez, PTC President

Next PTC Meeting:

■ Saturday, Feb, 23rd at 8:45 am in the Cooling Room.

If your name is omitted from the list or any correction, please report to the JLS office. Thank you.

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Yun, Nathaniel
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Ziemba, Paolo



Thank You

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

11th Mon Lincoln - **Only JLS closed**
18th Mon President Day - **School closed**

MARCH

8th Fri PTC Spring Sale (Cookies)
9th Sat PTC Spring Sale (Cookies/Teriyaki Chicken)
30th Sat Daily/Sat.
Students' Achievement Presentation

APRIL

5th Fri Daily Div. 2nd Trimaster Ends
6th Sat Sat Div. 2nd Trimaster Ends
8~13th M-Sat Spring Break - **School closed**
(Sat. Div. 4/13)
15th Mon Daily Div. 3rd Trimaster starts
20th Sat Sat Div. 3rd Trimaster starts
27th Sat Daily/Sat. 6th-12th Grades
Graduation Trip



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Guadagno, Thomas

Haneda, Atsunori
Harrison, Shane
Hashimoto, John
Hashimoto, Masaki
Hata, Robert
Hill, David
Hutchison, Cory
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Ikeuchi, Mark
Ito, Kai
Johnson, Kenji
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Kau, Ryan
Kelly, Steven
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