



*International  
Christian Academy  
of Nagaya*  
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# ***The Lion Letter***

*Newsletter to the ICAN Community*

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:13*

## **Library and ICAN Bus Update**

Dear ICAN parents and students,

First of all, I apologize because I left this announcement out of the January Lion Letter.

As part of reviewing how to best use ICAN's resources, I found that ICAN was spending a lot of time and money transporting Elementary students to the Secondary building for Library time once a week.

During the Fall Semester, I, with feedback from others, made the decision to no longer keep the ICAN bus. In order to reduce upcoming costs associated with the ICAN bus, ICAN went ahead and let go of the bus in December.

As part of the ICAN bus review, the ICAN staff looked at how to more effectively and efficiently use the Library. After much thought and discussion, it was decided that it would be most beneficial to move the Elementary books to the Elementary building and create a separate Elementary Library. Elementary classes can now go to library without using 20 minutes for transportation. In addition, classes will be able to adjust library time to better fit their needs. Students can even go more often. The two libraries will share books so students at both campuses can request books from the other campus.

The ICAN teachers and a few secondary students have worked hard to set up the new library. It is almost finished. Over the next few weeks, the teachers will finalize the new Elementary library.

I do want to thank the teachers and students who have pitched in to create a new Elementary Library.

Have a blessed February,



Miss Allison Jones

## **National Foundation Day—No School—Monday, February 11**

ICAN will be closed Monday, February 11 for National Foundation Day.

### **Hi Cheese! Photography**

The Hi Cheese! photography company has started working with ICAN. They come and take pictures at big school events like the Christmas Program and even will help us with yearbook pictures. Instead of charging ICAN a fee to take the pictures, the company offers the pictures for sale to the parents. The Christmas program pictures will be available for parents to purchase being January 29. The website with ICAN pictures will only be assessable by using an authentication key. ICAN Parents and staff will be the only ones given the authentication key. All parents should have received hard copies of the information packet on Tuesday, January 29. We are including digital copies of the information materials with this Lion Letter.

### **2019-2020 Re-registration—February 1-March 1**

It is the time of year to re-enroll you child(ren) for the 2019-2020 school year. On Friday, February 1 ICAN will be sending home a re-registration packet. Please review and complete the included forms by Friday, March 1. We hope every one of you will join us for 2019-2020. Please contact Miss Allison Jones at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org) or call the office at 0561-62-4196 if you have any questions.

### **Reading Emphasis Month—February 1-February 28**

February is Reading Emphasis Month. Elementary will be creating by reading and other special activities throughout the month. Each teacher will send home specific details for each grade.

### **Coffee with the Director—February 14 @ 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM**

The next Coffee with the Director will be February 14 at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We will discuss high school credits and college planning. Please join us for one of the sessions. Both sessions will cover the same material. We are offering two sessions to see which time works better for ICAN parents. If you are unable to attend and have questions or would like notes from the meeting, please contact Miss Allison Jones at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org) or call the office at 0561-62-4196.

### **An Invitation from the Radkes—Refresh at the Radkes and Basketball Club!**

We are welcoming all secondary students for a weekly after school “Refresh” time. We hope students can be refreshed by being together and sensing God’s love for them!

We are inviting middle school students to gather at our home on Mondays. We are inviting high school students to come over on Thursdays. Time: 4pm - 5:30 pm.

We will serve drinks and food. It’s free. We will relax, talk about anything, have games available to play, and have a short message connecting teen life to knowing God. You can even work on your homework or study at our house. Of course, any friends of your kids are welcome to come.

**An Invitation from the Nagoya Players—*Aesop’s Fables*—March 30 and 31**

Nagoya Players is excited to announce our first show for the 2019 season, *Aesop’s Fables*.

The show will be held March 30-31, 2019 at Chikusa Playhouse. We are introducing a special pricing plan that will make tickets very affordable for children and students. The show will be about 1 hour in length, performed in English with Japanese subtitles.

For detailed information about the show please visit our website:

[nagoyaplayers.org/shows/aesops-fables](http://nagoyaplayers.org/shows/aesops-fables)

We are an English language, not-for-profit, community theater, and as such language education is a vital component of our group’s mission.

We’re reaching out to schools throughout Aichi and would like to encourage students at ICAN to see the show. *Aesop’s Fables* has been specially designed for all ages and language levels to enjoy. Beginners will be able to follow along quite easily. And for Intermediate and Advanced students there are useful idioms, vocabulary and phrasing to learn. It’s fast-paced and very fun. It’s also very entertaining for children and family-friendly.

Attached to this lion letter is a digital copy of the flyer that has already been sent home to parents.

**Cold/Flu Season Reminder**

The Cold and Flu Season is here. Unfortunately, people are getting sick. Please remember to keep your child home from school if he or she is sick. Many doctors recommend rest to help recover from a cold or the flu. Also, if a child is contagious, he or she can quickly spread his or her illness at school. <https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/kenkotaisaku/0000008888.html> has information about the Aichi Cold and Flu Season. Also, we are including the section of the ICAN Handbook that tells you what to do if your child is sick.

**The SAT at ICAN**

The SAT has returned to ICAN. In order to take the SAT, students must register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Students interested in taking the SAT need to register early. Please see Miss Allison Jones if you have questions about registering for the SAT.

**SAT @ ICAN Spring 2019 Dates**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 (SAT, SAT with Essay, and SAT Subject Tests)

Saturday, May 4, 2019 (SAT, SAT with Essay, and SAT Subject Tests)

**ICAN Senior Graduation—May 25, 2019**

Please save the date for the ICAN Senior Graduation on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Bethany Chapel @ 1:00 PM. More information will be provided closer to the ceremony.

**Communication Is Welcomed**

Miss Allison Jones, the Director of ICAN, wants every ICAN student and parent to feel welcomed and comfortable at ICAN. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to email her at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org) or call the office at 0561-62-4196 to schedule an appointment to talk.

**Second Semester Calendar Events**

<b>Second Semester Begins:</b> January 7	<b>Golden Week (No School):</b> April 29-May 3
<b>Reading Emphasis Month:</b> February 1-28	<b>ICAN Spirit Week:</b> May 6-10
<b>National Foundation Day (No School):</b> February 11	<b>ICAN Spring Picnic:</b> May 10
<b>Spring Break (No School):</b> March 18-22	<b>Alternative Day for ICAN Spring Picnic:</b> May 17
<b>Spiritual Emphasis Week:</b> April 8-12	<b>Senior Exams:</b> May 20-22
<b>Secondary Retreat:</b> April 11-12	<b>Senior Graduation:</b> May 25
<b>MAP Test:</b> April 15-26	<b>Secondary Semester Exams:</b> June 3-5
<b>Good Friday (No School):</b> April 19	<b>Kindergarten Graduation:</b> June 5
<b>Teacher Appreciation Dinner:</b> TBA	<b>End of Second Semester (Half Day):</b> June 6