



*International  
Christian Academy  
of Nagaya*

**November and  
December 2019**

# ***The Lion Letter***

*Newsletter to the ICAN Community*

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

*Philippians 4:13*

## **Autumn is Finally Here**

Autumn has finally arrived. I hope you all are enjoying the pleasant temperatures. We at ICAN thank you for entrusting your children with us. We appreciate each student.



## **Coffee with the Director: November 4, 2019**

ICAN Parents: Please join us in the Secondary Library at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 4, 2019, for Coffee with the Director. We will talk about university admission processes in different countries and answer questions parents may have.

If you already have a question about university admission processes, please email Allison Jones at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org). You are also welcome to ask questions during Coffee with the Director.

## **International Day: November 8, 2019**

ICAN will be celebrating our rich cultural diversity on November 8, 2019, with International Day. There will be special activities on that day.

Students may dress in cultural attire of their culture or another culture.

### **ICAN Fall Festival: November 9, 2019**

Please join us for the Fall Festival from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Nisshin Christ Church on Saturday, November 9, 2019. We offer our deepest thanks to the PTF parents, teachers, and students who have helped us plan and prepare for this day. Many wonderful activities including games and a bazaar will be taking place. Please join us at this special event to enjoy time with our ICAN community.

### **Open Gym Afternoons at Morikoro Park: November 7, 2019, and November 26, 2019**

ICAN will be hosting open gym times at Morikoro Park's gym on Thursday, November 7, 2019 (3:00 PM-5:00 PM) and Tuesday, November 26, 2019 (4:00 PM-6:00 PM). ICAN students and parents are welcome to attend. Teachers will be there to oversee the activities.

Students who come can decide together which games to play.

There is no charge. However, all students and adults need to bring clean gym shoes to wear.

### **Half Day: November 20, 2019**

School will dismiss at 12:00 PM (noon) on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Teachers will be participating in professional development during the afternoon.

### **No School (Japan's Labor-Thanksgiving Holiday): November 21 and 22, 2019**

There will be no school Thursday, November 21, 2019, and Friday, November 22, 2019. This fall break coincides with Japan's Labor-Thanksgiving Holiday.



### **ICAN Christmas Program: December 13, 2019**

ICAN's Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 13, 2019, at the Kaze no Hall at the Nagakute Cultural Center @ 6:30 PM. Students will need to arrive at 5:45 PM. The program will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. During this annual ICAN event, we will share the real meaning of Christmas. We look forward to your attending and seeing our students perform for this event. This event is open to the community. Feel free to invite your friends and family to the Christmas Program.

### **Secondary Exams: December 18, 19, & 20, 2019**

Secondary students will have semester exams on December 18, 19, & 20, 2019. On these days, secondary students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM (noon). Students will receive their exam schedule in December.

### **Half Day: December 20, 2019**

All ICAN students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM (noon) on Friday, December 20, 2019. Please enjoy your Christmas break.

### **Christmas Break: December 23, 2019—January 10, 2020**

There will be no school Monday, December 23, 2019, thru Friday, January 10, 2020, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

### **Physical Education Update**

Nagakute City Green Promotion Division has recently updated their park usage policy. ICAN will no longer be allowed to have Physical Education classes at the local parks. (Recess can still take place at the local parks.)

We are currently working on readjusting our Physical Education classes due to this policy update. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, the elementary parking lot will be closed to cars from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Allison Jones at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org).

### **Teacher Update**

Due to medical concerns, Mr. Alexander Esson has decided to leave ICAN this semester. We wish him well on his transition.

ICAN is currently seeking a new 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and will keep you updated on this transition.

### **ICAN Senior Graduation: May 29, 2020**

Please save the date for the ICAN Senior Graduation on Friday, May 29, 2020, at the Kaze no Hall at the Nagakute Cultural Center @ 6:00 PM. More information will be provided closer to the ceremony.

### **Communication is Welcome**

Please contact Allison Jones if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat. She can be reached by email at [allisonjones@icanjapan.org](mailto:allisonjones@icanjapan.org) or call the office at 0561-62-4196 to schedule an appointment to talk.

### First Semester Calendar Events

<b>First Day of School:</b> August 19	<b>Secondary Retreat:</b> October 23—25
<b>Meet-the Teacher Evening:</b> August 23 (3:30-6:00 PM)	<b>SAT at ICAN:</b> November 2
<b>MAP Testing:</b> September 9-20	<b>Open Gym Afternoon @ Morikoro Park:</b> November 7 (3:00 PM-5:00 PM)
<b>Half Day:</b> September 20 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)	<b>International Day:</b> November 8
<b>All School Field Trip:</b> September 27	<b>PTF Fall Festival:</b> November 9
<b>Picture Day:</b> October 4 (Retake Day TBA)	<b>Half Day:</b> November 20 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)
<b>SAT at ICAN:</b> October 5	<b>Labor-Thanksgiving Holiday (No School):</b> November 21 & 22
<b>ICAN Spirit Week:</b> October 7-11	<b>Open Gym Afternoon @ Morikoro Park:</b> November 26 (4:00 PM-6:00 PM)
<b>Half Day:</b> October 11 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM from Morikoro Park)	<b>ICAN Christmas Program:</b> December 13 (6:30 PM)
<b>ICAN Sport's Day:</b> October 11	<b>Secondary Semester Exams:</b> December 18—20 (Half Day for Secondary)
<b>PSAT at ICAN:</b> October 16	<b>End of First Semester (Half Day):</b> December 20 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)
<b>Parent Teacher Conferences (No School):</b> October 18 (8:30 AM-4:00 PM)	<b>Christmas Break will be December 23—January 10</b>
<b>Enthronement Ceremony Celebration (No School):</b> October 21 & 22	

### Second Semester Calendar Events

<b>First Day of Second Semester:</b> January 13	<b>Spring Concert:</b> April 30 (6:00 PM)
<b>Half Day:</b> January 31 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)	<b>SAT at ICAN:</b> May 2
<b>National Foundation Day (No School):</b> February 11	<b>Golden Week Holidays (No School):</b> May 4-6
<b>The Emperor's Birthday Observed (No School):</b> February 24	<b>ICAN Spring Picnic:</b> May 15 (Tentative)
<b>Reading Emphasis Month:</b> February 1-29	<b>Science Fair:</b> May 22
<b>SAT at ICAN:</b> March 14	<b>Senior Exams:</b> May 25-27
<b>Spiritual Emphasis Week:</b> March 23-27	<b>ICAN Senior Graduation:</b> May 29 (6:00 PM)
<b>Half Day:</b> April 3 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)	<b>Secondary Exams:</b> June 2-4 (Half Day for Secondary)
<b>Spring Break (No School):</b> April 6-10	<b>Kindergarten Ceremony:</b> June 4 (5:00 PM)
<b>MAP Testing:</b> April 20-May 1	<b>End of Second Semester (Half Day):</b> June 5 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)
<b>Teacher Appreciation Day:</b> April 24	