



*International  
Christian Academy  
of Nagaya*

**September and  
October 2019**

# ***The Lion Letter***

*Newsletter to the ICAN Community*

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

*Philippians 4:13*

## **Autumn is Almost Here**

I hope you all are enjoying the end of Summer. Autumn will arrive shortly. The faculty and staff at ICAN appreciate you allowing us to serve your children. We appreciate each child in our care.

### **MAP Testing: September 9-20, 2019**

MAP testing is underway and will be finished by Friday, September 20, 2019. Please remember this test is used to allow each student to demonstrate what he or she knows. Parents will receive copies of their child's results at the Parent/Teacher Conferences in October. If you are unable to attend, we will send the results home with your child.

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

School will dismiss at noon on Friday, September 20, 2019 so the teachers can participate in professional development.

### **Rugby Workshop and Presentation: September 23, 2019**

In honor of Japan hosting the Rugby World Cup, Operation Mobilization is sending five members from Scotland to showcase the sport of rugby and to share the gospel with our students. On Monday, September 23, 2019, we will be having a special chapel and special P.E. times for all students. All students need to wear appropriate P.E. clothes that day.

### **All School Field Trip: September 27, 2019**

This year for the all school field trip we are taking our students to experience what it is like to be ninjas! On September 27th, we will be visiting Koka Ninja Village ( Website in Japanese: <https://koka.ninpou.jp/>; Unfortunately, there is not an English website) to experience how ninjas trained during the Edo era.

A detailed letter about the field trip will be sent home.

**Picture Day: October 4, 2019**

Hi! Cheese Photography will be coming on Friday, October 4, 2019 to take individual student picture and group class pictures. Students must be in dress code.

**ICAN Sports Day: October 11, 2019**

This year we are changing things for the ICAN Sports Day. Nagakute City has changed its policy for reserving the city parks for groups. Due to this new policy, ICAN will be having Sports Day at Morikoro Park from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will have a half day of school for Sports Day.

We are asking students to arrive at the North entrance by the information center by 8:45 AM. Students will be dismissed from Morikoro Park at 12:00 PM. We will be using the gym so all students and adults must bring clean gym shoes to wear. Also, please wear your team color.

**PSAT @ ICAN: October 16, 2019**

Tenth and Eleventh Graders will be taking the PSAT the morning of Wednesday, October 16, 2019. They need to be at school by 8:00 AM.

**No School & Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 18, 2019**

Students will not have school on Friday, October 18, 2019. The office will be contacting parents for conference times on Friday, October 18, 2019.

**Enthronement Ceremony for the New Emperor Celebration (No School):  
October 21 & 22, 2019**

ICAN will be closed October 21 and 22, 2019, to honor the enthronement ceremony for the new emperor.

**Secondary Retreat: October 23-25, 2019**

Secondary Students will be going on a retreat to Northstar on October 23-25, 2019. Student must arrive at school at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Secondary students will receive detailed information about their trip in the coming weeks.

## Dress Code Questions

Recently, the office has had a few questions about the new dress code. Here are the questions with answers we have received so far?

- **What is a collared shirt?**
  - In clothing, a **collar** is the part of a **shirt**, dress, coat or blouse that fastens around or frames the neck. ... A **collar** may be permanently attached to the main body of the garment (e.g. by stitching) or detachable.

### Dress shirt collar styles



### Examples of Shirts with collars

- **Can students wear patterns?**
  - Collared shirts, pants, shorts, and skirts can have patterns such as polka dots and strips. There can be no pictures or writing. Reasonably small logos are allowed
  - T-shirts must be a solid color. Any solid color is allowed.



- **Can you wear any color ICAN shirt?**
  - Student can wear any color ICAN shirt. They can also wear ICAN clubs and special event shirts.
- **What does see-through clothing mean?**
  - See-through clothing refers to any garment of clothing made with lace, mesh or sheer fabric that allows the wearer's body or undergarments to be seen through its fabric.
  - What we are asking is that students do not wear clothing that others can see their skin and under garments through.
  - Light colored sweaters that you can see the color of the shirt under are fine.

**Reminder: No clothes can have pictures or writing on them.**

A copy of the dress code will be included with this lion letter so you can review it. Please contact the office with any questions. Students will be asked to change clothes if they are out of dress code and parents will be contacted.

**Phone Number for 2019 – 2020 for Reporting Attendance and for Bento Orders**

Please call 0561-63-0102 to reach Mrs. Wall for reporting your student's attendance and for bento orders.

**Bento Lunches**

Ordering instructions/forms for bento lunches are available on the school's website. You may order for a month in advance. You may also order on the day you wish a bento by calling 0561-63-0102 by 9:00 that morning to place the order.

**Commute Certificate Request Form**

When you purchase a commuter pass for your child for the public transportation, you will need to have a commute certificate first then you will be able to use a student ID to continue to purchase it. Please be careful about that it depends on the public transportation; they have their own regulations how to purchase it. Please fill out the Commute Certificate Request Form and turn in the office then we will issue the certificate for your child to purchase the commuter pass to submit to JR/Linimo/Subway/Aichi Loop Railway.

**New Student/Family Referral Incentive for 2019-2020**

As an incentive to our current families for referring new families to ICAN, ¥10,000 will be given for each family you refer who enrolls a student or students in ICAN. Please ask new families to list your name on the application form under "Where did you hear about ICAN?" Please call or email the ICAN business manager if you have questions.

### First Semester Calendar Events

<b>First Day of School:</b> August 19	<b>Enthronement Ceremony Celebration (No School):</b> October 21 & 22
<b>Meet-the Teacher Evening:</b> August 23 (3:30-6:00 PM)	<b>Secondary Retreat:</b> October 23—25
<b>MAP Testing:</b> September 9-20	<b>SAT at ICAN:</b> November 2
<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>ICAN Christmas Program:</b> December 13 (6:30 PM)
<b>Half Day:</b> October 11 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM from Morikoro Park)	<b>Secondary Semester Exams:</b> December 18—20 (Half Day for Secondary)
<b>ICAN Sport's Day:</b> October 11	<b>End of First Semester (Half Day):</b> December 20 (All Students dismiss at 12:00 PM)
<b>PSAT at ICAN:</b> October 16	<b>Christmas Break will be December 23—January 10</b>
<b>Parent Teacher Conferences (No School):</b> October 18 (8:30 AM-4:00 PM)	

### Second Semester Calendar Events

<b>First Day of Second Semester:</b> January 13	<b>Spring Concert:</b> April 30 (5:00 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	