



Step Up

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Happy New Year, everyone. This year is the year of the rooster. The year of the rooster was originally said to be when "the fruits are bursting with ripeness," and now is said to be when "things come to a head." Next April, all students at Higashimachi will have either started here or transferred here since the International Classes Program started. We aim to further enrich their daily, educational experiences.

The third term has begun. This is the shortest term with only 58 school days (including graduation day), but it is an important time to wrap up the current academic year and prepare for the next one. The following are ways for each grade to "step up" to the next year.

◆Grade 6 – You will look back on your 6 years at elementary school, and prepare for junior high school. Also, you will hand over all leadership for clubs, committees, and family activities to the 5th graders.

◆Grade 5 – From April you will take over as 6th graders and become the face of Higashimachi. We will help you prepare to carry on Higashimachi's traditions and further your development.

◆Grade 4 – As you begin committee activities, you will be asked to think and work for the benefit of the entire school. You will become more aware of your roles as upper graders. From April, you will begin home economics class.

◆Grade 3 – You are reaching the halfway point of your time in elementary school. More independence and responsibility in your studies will be demanded from you. You will start club activities, and it will become necessary to broaden your outlook and think about others.

◆Grade 2 – You will step up from the lower grades to the middle grades. From April, life studies classes will change to science and social studies. You will need to study more independently than before. Also, you will have to study the most amount of kanji so far.

◆Grade 1 – In April, it will be your turn to take care of the new first graders. You will have to do more things on your own, including studying and other activities. You will have twice as many kanji to study than grade 1.

With support from the parents, guardians, and members of the community, the faculty hopes to make this year a year ripe with accomplishments for the children. We ask for and, and greatly appreciate, your cooperation and support.

January

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	S	New Year's Day	
2	M		
3	Tu		
4	W		
5	Th		
6	F		
7	Sa	Winter Vacation Ends	
8	Su		
9	M	Coming of Age Ceremony	
10	Tu	Opening Ceremony, Cleaning, Safety Lesson	X
11	W	4-period Day, School Lunch Starts, Sekishokai (G6)	X
12	Th	Sekishokai (G1-5), P.E. Assembly ① (G1, 2,3), Supreme Court Field Trip (G6)	4 - 6
13	F	P.E. Assembly ② (G4,5,6)	2 - 6
14	Sa		
15	Su		
16	M	Parent-Teacher Conference (G4,5,6), Kakizōme Exhibition Begins	X
17	Tu	Parent-Teacher Conference (G1, 2,3)	X
18	W	Local History Museum Field Trip (G3), Body Measurements (G3,6), AED Practice (G6)	X
19	Th	Student Assembly, Body Measurements (G2,5), Kakizōme Exhibition Ends	4 - 6
20	F	Body Measurements (G1,4), Emergency Evacuation Drill, 4-pr. Day	X
21	Sa	Eiken (applicants : 2PM)	X
22	Su		
23	M	Committee	4 - 6
24	Tu		3 - 6
25	W	Teacher Development (4-pr. day except 2-1)	X
26	Th	Music Assembly	4 - 6
27	F		2 - 6
28	Sa		
29	Su		
30	M	Club	4 - 6
31	Tu		3 - 6



January's Goal

Guidance Counselor Hiroki Mine

Be Punctual

One thing everyone around you depends on is punctuality. Time is an invisible asset, the value of which is shared by everyone. It can be said that punctuality is valuing others' time as much as your own, and in order to that, you must control yourself. If you understand this and value other people's time, you will become a person people can trust.