

**Upcoming Events**

- Feb.5~6 - 10th and 11th Winter Camp
- Feb.6 - 12th grade HR party
- Feb.7 - HSBS, MSBS, MSGBB @ MB
- Feb.9~13 -Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Feb.11 - National Holiday
- Feb.13 - Kanji proficiency test
- Feb.14 - HSBS, MSBE, MSGBB @ CA
- Feb.27 - HSBS@NIS
- Feb. 28 - HSBS@ NIS MSBS@OIS MSGBB@CA

**Course Pre-registration**

Next week, high school students will be receiving forms to register for classes starting in April, 2008. The form includes classes that will be offered next year. The students will get recommendations from their current teachers and from the guidance department. After completing the form, students need to have their parents sign it. The forms need to be turned in to Mr. Myers by February 20.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

**KIU Academy HS Basketball**



The girls ended in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Western Japan Athletic Association Division II tournament, while the boys were fifth.

The girls, who were having difficulty getting double digits in the beginning of the season, came roaring back the last half of the season, ending in a surprise upset of Canadian Academy to place the Lady Flames in the finals, where they lost to CA--mostly due to the exhaustion of having to play 5 games in 28 hours.

The boys fought hard in their tournament, but disheartened by a loss in the first game to MC Perry (US Military school form Iwakuni), lost to Nagoya, whom they had beaten twice during the season by 40-point margins.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER 2009**

The middle school boys started this soccer season with a lot of enthusiasm! They are working very hard at practices, and everyone is improving. On January 24, we had our first matches against Canadian Academy, and even though we lost both

Emily Miller and Inori Hayaashi did exceptionally well on the girl's team. Tomoki Mitsuhashi was given the MVP in the boys' tournament. Even though the tournaments were in Kobe, it was encouraging to see many KIU parents came to watch and cheer on their team.

As things turned out, the boys' team did the best against MC Perry of any other team, and the CA coach complimented the girls' team on the dramatic improvement over the course of the season.

Rei Hashimoto and Naoto Kusakabe worked very hard with the basketball teams this year and the teams' success in part at least has been due to their tireless instruction, getting students to work on the basics--footwork and form.

Some newcomers to the school, Yutaro Nishi, Becky Miyano and Rachel Song, added depth to our varsity teams. As both teams are losing few members next year—we have much to look forward to.

matches we were able to score a total of 6 goals!

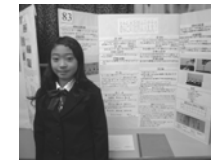
We will work hard at improving our defensive skills and make sure we play hard, play fair, and play well!



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**! The Torch**

**Annual KIUA Science Fair**



On January 13, 2009, all of the middle school and high school students who are enrolled in science this year participated in the annual KIU Academy Science Fair. These students have been working on developing, designing, and conducting their own science projects.

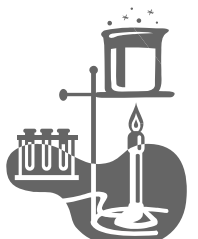
The purpose of the fair was to give the students opportunities to share their findings with others.



There were four categories and two divisions within each category. The categories were Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Environmental Sciences. Each category had middle school and high school divisions.

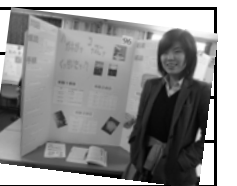


Projects were evaluated by judges for creativity and originality, scientific thought, thoroughness, and clarity. Their displays were also evaluated for organization, neatness, relevance, and how well it communicated science.



The first-place winners in each category and each division were:

Eily Miller	HS Biology
Joe Taylor	MS Physics
Joel Blocksom	HS Chemistry
Kendrick Miyano	MS Biology
Maiko Takama	HS Environmental /Earth Science
Nagisa Sakata	MS Environmental /Earth Science
Nea Blommendahl	HS Biology
Ramita Thawonmas	MS Chemistry
Yoshiei Ogura	MS Physics
Yun Soo Park	MS Physics



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**KIU Academy Mission Statement:**

*To provide, from a Biblical perspective, a safe, nurturing environment where students can develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, and an academically challenging environment where students can potentially become people of academic excellence.*

**KIU Academy Vision Statement:**

*To be the leader in quality bilingual education based on Christian principles*

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The best high school science fair project was awarded to Sumire Hayashi for her project on testing the vitality of plants.

The best middle school science project went to Tenshi Kitano for her project on the effect gluten has on the stretchiness of flour. Congratulations to these two for their outstanding work.

This year we had a wonderful assortment of judges, including many science professionals and university professors. One judge came to us from Tokyo University of Science. On behalf of the KIU Academy science department, I would like to express my thanks to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to further the students' scientific experiences. Their involvement definitely enhanced the quality of this year's fair.

## Student of November the Month

The November students of the month were:

Elementary – Hikaru Endo, Yuri Okamura

Middle School – Yuki Shimoda

High School – Nozomi Sato.

Congratulations! Keep up the great work!



## Elementary Winter Camp

Due to the rainy weather, we changed our plans for camp this year.

On Thursday, January 22,

the elementary students went to Shiga Prefectural Ice Arena in Otsu and enjoyed several hours of ice skating. After eating dinner at McDonald's, Osho, or Coco's in Kyotanabe, many of the students went to play basketball, ping pong, and other

games at the gymnasium in Ide.

They then stayed overnight at the Yamashiro-cho Shinrin Koen, where we also stayed for fall camp. After a breakfast of bread, eggs, and fruit, the students went bowling at Masters Bowl Shintanabe. There was something for every student to enjoy at this year's elementary winter camp.



## Kanji Kentei (Chinese Character Official Examination)

On February 13 (Friday) we will hold the official Kanji Kentei at KIU Academy. Students from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will take the test. Results will be given to the students as soon as we receive them from the test center.

## KIU logo design contest

As we will soon be celebrating the tenth anniversary of KIU Academy, we would like to have a design contest to produce a new logo for KIU Academy to be printed on school stationery, t-shirts and other locations. The contest is open to all students, parents and staff at KIU Academy, and the designer of the winning logo will receive a 5000 yen gift certificate and a t-shirt bearing the new logo. The logo may incorporate the flame, which is the school symbol, or the school colors, which are blue and white. It would be best for printing if the logo is relatively simple and one color. Entries should be turned in to the receptionist by Monday, February 23.

The winning design will be selected by a committee of parents, students and staff.



## TOEFL TESTING TIME AGAIN!

That time of year has rolled around again when students will be taking the Pre-TOEFL and TOEFL Tests. The Pre-TOEFL and TOEFL tests are currently given to all middle and high school students to evaluate their progress in English from one year to the next.

This term, the tests will be given on Thursday, February 26 during 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> peri-



## Parent-Teacher conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences for the winter trimester are scheduled for Feb.9-13. We want to use this opportunity to inform parents of their children's progress up to this point. You will be receiving your reservation form. Please return it to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure your preferred time.

If you are unable to meet at any of the times listed, please make arrangements with your child's homeroom teacher to set up a different time.

## Kyogen master to visit KIU

On February 20 (Friday), Kyogen (Japanese traditional short comedic drama) master Masao Kimura will hold a lecture and mini-workshop on kyogen for our 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade Japanese language class students. Master Kimura is of the Ookura school of kyōgenkata (Ookura-ryū). We are hoping that the students will enjoy and learn much from this experience.

Although we have not decided on specific details, plans for having Master Kimura perform for the school in the spring trimester are presently under discussion. At that time the performance will be open for KIU Academy students and parents to attend. As soon as everything is decided, we will send out the information.

