

**Upcoming Events**

- Oct.2 - MS/HS Sports Day
- Oct.3 - Elementary Sports Day
- Oct.5 - Sports Day holiday for elementary students only
- Oct.10 HSB VB tournament@CA  
HSJG VB tournament@YIS  
MSB BB @ NIS  
MSG VB @ MVIS
- Oct.12 - No School  
National Holiday
- Oct.17 - HSB VB, HSG VB Tournaments
- Oct.26-30 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Morning Drop - off & Afternoon Pick - up**

We want to remind parents of the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up patterns. These patterns were designed to maximize safety for your children as well as everyone else who travels through the vicinity of our school.

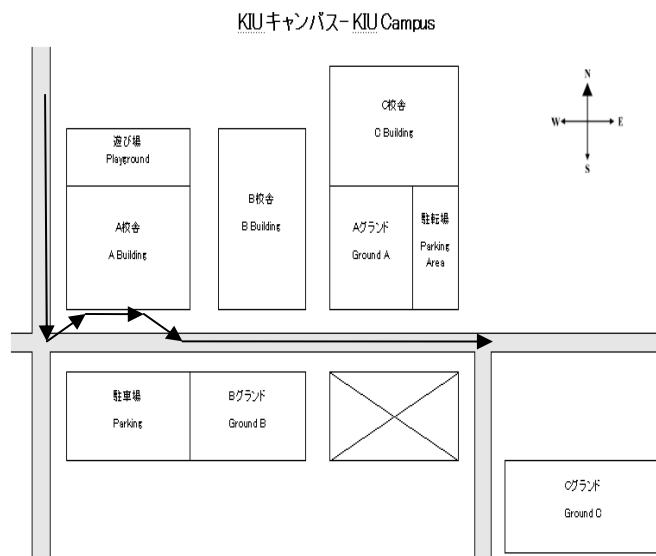


Parents who are driving their children to school need to approach the school from the west and drop them off in front of the A Building stairs between 8:15 and 8:45. Likewise, parents who are coming to pick up their children should approach from the west from 3:20-3:40 or 3:45-4:00 and pick their child up in front of the A Building stairs. Parents should not drop off or pick up their child on the side of the road opposite of the stairs because this leads to children running across the road and increases their chances of being hit by an oncoming car. Parents are also asked not to park their car or get out of their car when they are dropping their children off or picking them up in front of either A or B Building.

Parents are welcome to wait at school while their children play and talk informally with teachers or other parents. If this is the

case, parents are asked to park along the side of the road near Ground C. Parents are advised not to park in front of Ground C because it may block the spaces for the school's buses.

In addition to not parking along either side of the road in front of KIU Academy, parents should not park in the corners of the intersection at the west end of A Building, or on the streets along the river. This intersection is quite dangerous with poor visibility, and several accidents have occurred there. Parking in this intersection or along the roads also causes inconvenience to our neighbors.



**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

We want to remind you that parent-teacher conferences for the fall trimester are scheduled for October 26 - 30. Reservation forms will be sent out next week. If you don't receive your reservation form by the end of the week, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We want to use this time to bring you up to date on your children's progress. 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.

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**The Torch**

**Sports Days**

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October 2 & 3 are the KIU Academy Sports Days. The MS/HS

Sports Day will be on October 2 at the Ide gym and the Elementary Sports Day will be held on October 3 at Wel Sunpia. In the event of rain, elementary morning activities will be held in the

gym, but afternoon activities will be cancelled. Parents are always invited to come see their children participate in the Sports Day activities, and sometimes they will be encouraged to be more than spectators but to be a part of the activities. The MS/HS Sports Day will start at 10:00 AM and finish by 4:00 PM. The elementary Sports Day will start at 9:00 AM and finish by 2:30 PM. It's a lot fun so come out and enjoy it with us!

Included with this issue is the October, 2009 calendar

**College Night**

On November 20 from 7:00 PM, KIU Academy will hold its College Night. The purpose of this event is to help parents of secondary students better understand available post-secondary options. Mr. Blocksom will present information on admission to US colleges and universities, as well as information on funding for university or college. Mr. Goto, KIU Academy guidance department, will share information on getting into Japanese universities. Information regarding the option of enrolling at KIU will

also be presented. There will be a question and answer period. During this time, the audience will be allowed to ask questions to the presenters.

If you are unable to attend but would be interested in talking to any of the presenters, please feel free to make an appointment with them. The information they have can be helpful for you when making decisions about your child's future.

**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*

**Update on Pursuit of new Facilities**

We were unable to purchase Wel Sunpia. Doshisha University had the highest bid. KIU is still looking for property in the Tanabe-Seika area. If you have

any information on possible sites or if you know someone who may, please do not hesitate to contact me.

President Peter Blocksom

## Administrator's Corner – Mr. Myers

I want to give an update on our progress in the accreditation process. We are in the second year of a three - year plan to earn accreditation from Association of Christian Schools, International (ACSI). Last year, Dr. Wilcox, ACSI International Director, came and visited our school and decided that we were eligible to be candidates for accreditation. He set out a proposed schedule which, I am happy to say, we are able to keep. Last spring, our teacher committees completed the reports for standards 6 (Library, Media, & Technology), 8 (Support Services), and 9 (School Facilities). After we

have reviewed and revised it, it will be available for anyone to read. This term, the committees will be working on standards 1 (Philosophy & Foundation), 2 (School Organization), and 3 (Home, School, and Community). The goal is to have the report done by the end of the term.

The teachers have also been working very hard to develop the school-wide learner expectations (SWLE). As I mentioned before, these, along with our mission, vision, and educational philosophy, we will help us make decisions regarding programs, curricula, procedures, and policies, all with intent to help our

students fulfill these expectations. Once they have been approved by the board, they will also be made public.

The teachers have put in a lot of work to move us forward in the accreditation process. They have done this in addition to preparing and teaching their classes and dealing with other issues. I appreciate their work and dedication so that we can make this school what we believe God wants it to be, giving Him the honor and praise for His help and direction.

## Middle School Girls' Volleyball - KIU Academy Sports

This year, there are 10 girls on the middle school girls' volleyball (MSGVB) team. We have two eighth graders, three seventh graders, and five sixth graders. We started the season September 1 and had our first game at Canadian Academy (CA) on September 5. Even though we had very little time to play together, and several of the girls were inexperienced, they had a good time and did their best. Our next game was at Osaka International School (OIS) where we played OIS and CA. We lost to CA 17-25 and 16-25. We also lost to OIS 19-25 and 17-25.

Our next game was again at OIS, where we played OIS and Marist Brothers International School (MBIS). Even though we only had one practice, everyone played even harder than before. We played MBIS and won the first set 25-16. I then put in the younger, inexperienced girls for the second set and we lost it 8-25. Even putting the starters back in, we lost the third set 17-25. Our next game was against OIS, a team we had lost to before. The first game went back and forth several times but KIU won it 25-

18. I put the younger players in again and we lost 12-25. In the third set, the starters played wonderfully. Kokoro Harii and Katie Rohrer scored 10 straight points! This obviously shocked the OIS team because we went on to win the third set 25-14. Everyone put in great effort and it was good for them to experience winning.

Our next game is at CA where we will play in a mini-tournament against CA, OIS, and MBIS at CA. It will be a busy time since everyone will be playing two games each. The following weekend is the final tournament at MBIS.

It's been great to watch these girls grow in their abilities in volleyball. If you have a daughter on the team, I would encourage you to come and watch them play.

*MSGVB Coach Rich Myers*



## 2009 Middle School Girls Soccer Club



It is time for a fresh season of soccer! This time it's the middle school girls turn. We will be holding practices at the Ide gym football court twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays). Mr. Simoes is eager to see a large turn out of students interested in scoring some goals for KIU this term! If you are interested, go talk to Mr. Simoes and sign up for the club. The first practices will be on October 6. If you are not sure if you want to join the soccer club, come on the first day for a "try-out." You will surely fall in love with the game and decide to join in! By Mr. Simoes, MSG soccer coach.

## KIU Academy Culture Festival

On November 6, KIU Academy will have its annual Culture Day festival. The theme is "Victory!" The Bible makes many references to victory. The most important reference is the victory we have over sin and death when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. Many times the people of Israel were had victory over their enemies when they entered the promised land as described

Date (Day)	Activity
11/2 (Monday)	Regular classes (All Day)
11/3(Tuesday)	No school - national holiday
11/4 (Wednesday)	Regular classes (All Day)
11/5 (Thursday)	Culture Festival practice (All Day)
11/6 (Friday)	Culture Festival

in the book of Joshua. As individuals, we can have victory over negative thought, attitudes, behaviors, and temptation with God's help.

We want this Culture Day festival to be very good. So the schedule for classes the week of November 2 will be different.

Parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and other family members are invited to come and see what the students have done and to participate in the fun! KIU Academy high school graduates are also encouraged to attend. If your children graduated from high school

here at KIU Academy, and they are still in Japan, please invite them to come.

## KIU Corner

Welcome back academy students and families. We, at the university, hope you are off to a good start.

The university fall trimester began September 28<sup>th</sup>. We were excited to welcoming returning students as well as new students and prospective students during this first week. For a prospective student, a campus visit allows prospective students to sit in on a class and meet students as well as professors and learn more about how KIU can help them meet their educational goals.

### Did you know?

Did you know that KIU students often transfer their credits to overseas universities and thus save time and money toward completing their undergraduate degree? KIU students have also continued their graduate studies at such universities as Harvard, Stanford and Mie Prefectural University.

### Learn More

If you want to learn more about KIU, ask a question or know of an individual who may be interested in KIU or a campus visit, please contact Ms. Yuki Bito ([yuki.bito@kyotoiu.ac.jp](mailto:yuki.bito@kyotoiu.ac.jp), 0774-64-0804, Monday – Friday).