

Dear Parents/guardians

December 2020

We hope you all are well. We will soon be taking a break for the holidays. We would like to thank parents for participating in the fundraising by ordering waffles.

Since we started teaching online it has been already 9 months. When we were starting, it was with mixed feelings of anxiety about how the Japanese language school classes would turn out, but at the same time, we were excited about the new challenge.

The teachers and I are happy to see your children's smiles and expressions as they are interacting and participating during the class.

We appreciate you, the parents, as you support your children by encouraging them even during this difficult time. We hope that all students will continue to enjoy learning Japanese.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us at ngakko@telus.net.

We would like to pass on some important information.

1) Winter Break is between Sunday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 3.
School reopens on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

2) Handout Homework and Materials:

On Wednesday, January 6th, we will distribute the homework and materials for Wednesday, Thursday (except for Futsu-ka G1 class), and Saturday's students.

Material pick up time will run between **3:45 and 5:35** in the Steveston Community Centre parking lot (near the swimming pool). Your child's teacher will send you her contact information and the time window to arrive within, so as to avoid congestion. When you arrive, please call or text your teacher and she will bring the materials to you at the parking lot.

If you are not able to pick the materials up, please arrange for someone to do so on your behalf. This day and time for pickups was arranged by the Community Centre, and so it is not possible to arrange another time.

This schedule is dependent on the Community Centre's decisions, and we will inform you if there are any changes.

*There will be **NO classes** on **Wednesday, January 6th** and **Thursday, January 7th**.

*Saturday classes and Adult classes are scheduled as usual.

3) Online New Year's Party:

On **Wednesday, January 13th**, we will have an Online New Year's Party. We will watch a slide show and video, enjoy quizzes as well as making Japanese style New Year's Cards. Your child's teacher will send details.

Please see the attached poster.

*There will be **NO classes** on **Thursday, January 14th**.

*Saturday classes and Adult classes are scheduled as usual.

Have a great holiday.

Tomoko Suzuki
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