

THE SCHOOL NEWS

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1 WAILUKU

St. Anthony Grade School

Our pastor, **Father Roland Bunda** came into the classrooms to share his knowledge about our Catholic Faith. On Sept. 23, he talked to **Ms. Valerie DelosSantos-Duarte's second grade class** about the many kinds of prayers there are, focusing on prayer as talking with, and listening to, God. He also shared information about our special relationship with Mary, our Mother, and how she is always there for us. Pictured are **Father Bunda** holding ukulele, **Milly Rojas, Aiden Symmonds, Ayla Mearriam, Anthony Sardine, Kainalu Ellis, Ryan Illar, Tehani Eckel, Chloe Cabel and Jasper Bratland.** (Reported by *Teri Tavares*)

2 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

The marine world came to life when our **second graders** visited the **Living Marine Art Center** on Sept. 14. Exploring the center's interactive displays, the students discovered different ways marine creatures protect themselves in their natural environment. From feeling pokey spines and squishy skin in the touching tanks to seeing sharp teeth to observing camouflage colors, the students

got a vivid picture of survival skills in action. During this learning trip, the students also completed a **gyotaku fish print** as a memento of their undersea world visit. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

3 WAIPAHAU

St. Joseph School

On Sept. 18, our school celebrated **Catechetical Sunday**. Our second and third grade classes sponsored the noon Mass. The students served the Lord by being our lectors, singers, ushers and hospitality ministers for the Mass. (Reported by *Keala Kia*)

4 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

Our students were invited to take part in the **Mokihana Festival**. This incredible invitation came about through **Mrs. Lei Aiu-Taber**, an active parishioner and mother to three graduates from our school as well as a present eighth grader. The event, **Eo, E Liliu**, took place at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Center in Lihue. The entire program is done in the Hawaiian language. This venue is for students in the Hawaiian immersion school programs on Kauai, which makes this invitation to perform an honor. At the event, students compete musically, by grade level, with

songs in the Hawaiian language. Since, it was our first year, we were not part of the competition. However, our students got to perform two songs. As others competed in hula costume, our students proudly stood in their school uniforms and beautifully performed under the direction of **Sean Texeira**, their music teacher. Next year, we hope to compete! We would like to thank **Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center** for funding the transportation as well as the cost of the program. We would also like to thank the many parents who accompanied our students as well as Mrs. Lei Aiu-Taber for enabling us to be invited and take part in a wonderful event that educates, promotes, preserves and perpetuates the Hawaiian culture, a goal of the **Malie Foundation** which lives on through the Mokihana Festival. (Reported by *Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty*)

5 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Brother Sun shone brightly at our school on the feast of **St. Francis of Assisi**, Oct. 4. There was great excitement in the air as **parents and relatives of the students** joined them in the middle field of the school. In their hands were leashes, cages,

fishbowls, and animals of all kinds waiting to be blessed. The school's **student council officers** led those gathered in prayer, and **Father EJ Resinto** blessed the animals and all those present. As if St. Francis himself was speaking to the animals in the grassy field, the **dogs, cats, turtles, fish, birds, guinea pigs and others** exhibited very peaceful dispositions. The beauty of the day, and especially the grandeur of the animals, helped all in attendance appreciate the gifts God has left in our care. Most especially, it helps us to look to St. Francis as a model of that care for all of creation. Pax et Bonum. (Reported by *Laverne Suster*; photo by *Kahae Maikai-Iakopo*)

6 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea School

The students from **first grade through eighth grade** showed their school spirit in support of their **girls and boys volleyball teams** during a pep rally Sept. 26. Donning their new school spirit shirts, which are emblazoned with the team name **Hoku** (Hawaiian for Star), the students cheered the two teams as they battled each other. The school gym was electrified with excitement as the teams took turns taking the lead. In the end, even though it was the boys' team that

prevailed, all students, whether they played on the teams or cheered on the sidelines, came out stars. Pictured are third graders **Jackson Hung, Luke Piskura, Carter Lapitan, Nathan White, Katie Sah, Kaito Ichikawa and Kristy Shintaku.** (Reported by *Roselyn Vicente McMahon*)

7 AIEA

St. Elizabeth School

Our **kindergarten students** are all smiles as they wait to be picked up by their parents after school. Have an awesome year and welcome to our **St. Elizabeth School Ohana.** (Reported by *Sharon Nagasawa*)

8 HONOLULU

St. Anthony School

The **boys and girls volleyball teams** had a wonderful and fruitful season! This school year, they started their training in August. They trained four days a week for two hours with their coach **Blythe Gascon**, and **DJ Carlos**, who are alumni. On top of their rigorous training, they have to make sure that their homework is done and they have to maintain their good grades in school. The youngest player is in fifth grade. These student players are really passionate about the sports and did their absolute best to win the games they played against



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other Catholic schools. They lost some games but won many! Congratulations! Aside from learning sportsmanship, discipline and team work, these student players learned the value of friendship. They made friends with students from other schools and their relationship with their fellow schoolmates became stronger. We are very proud of you, boys and girls! And thank you Coach Blythe, DJ and to the parents and friends of the players for your support and hard work. Team work among the players and team work among the SAS Ohana — this is how our school works best! "We are the Trojans, the mighty mighty Trojans!" (Reported by Tess Reyes)

9 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Our students pose proudly among the array of pumpkins at the **Kula Country Farm** for a pumpkin patch field trip. They enjoyed a beautiful day of touring the grounds, a walk through the corn maze, and each student got to take home a pumpkin. The best part was finding and voting for that special large pumpkin they will use as their classroom pumpkin to carve on Halloween Day for the traditional pumpkin carving contest. It was the perfect beginning to the month of October and the harvest season. The students are also gearing up for their upcoming **Christmas Craft Fair** on the school grounds on Nov. 19. It will be our first fundraiser for the year ... Happy Halloween to all! (Reported by Helen Souza)

10 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

On Oct. 7, the first grade class was privileged to participate in the Mass celebrated by our pastor **Father Gregorio Honario Jr.** in St. Theresa Co-Cathedral. The children actively participated in the first reading, intercessions, and presentation of the gifts at the Offertory. During Mass the children prayed reverently and were attentive to their responses

and gestures. The first graders always enjoy participating in the Mass because it helps them better understand and appreciate the Eucharist. Pictured reflecting after the homily are, from left, **Quentin Quito, Argil Espera and John Do.** (Reported by Marvin Macadangdang)

11 MANOA

St. Francis School

Pictured is **Sister Joan of Arc Souza**, head of our school, holding a dog for the blessing of **Father Robert Stark** during the school's pet blessing on Sept. 30. The event honored the **Feast of St. Francis** four days early because students will be on fall break that week. (Reported by Pat Bigold)

12 HONOLULU

Saint Louis School

Our school is advancing its **personalized learning environment** utilizing digital content that allows for self-paced study. **Online curriculum programs** are methodically interwoven with traditional teaching methods in all core subject areas. Our school embraces this **Blended Learning** [the combining of classroom and on-line education] and **Project-Based Learning** [the ongoing act of learning by guiding students to identify real-world problems through research]. Students are encouraged to develop solutions using evidence to support their claims, and are then given opportunities to present their findings through a multimedia skill set approach of 21st-century parameters. (Reported by Steve Cuyno)

13 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

After 70 years of loving and dedicated ministry to our school, we are saddened that this will be the last school year that our dear **Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity** will be with us. We still have eight months left to express our love, support and gratitude to our dear Sisters and those that came before them. Presently, we are blessed to have **Sister Janet**

Rose, local director, **Sister Michael Ann O'Donnell**, director of religious ed, and **Sister Mary Ann Tupy**. Their presence will be greatly missed, but always remembered. Let us continue to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood, as an aging population and fewer vocations is the driving force behind this challenging decision. ... Congratulations to our **"Fruit of the Spirit"** awardees for September 2016: **Brykxn Silva, Carly Liberato Aviguetero, Faith Brun, MaryAlice Clarke, Penaia Garza, Jasiyah Lang, Matthew Taeza and Hannah Brun** This award is presented monthly to students who display the Christian values of the Fruits of the Spirit through their words, actions and habits. ... Our annual **"Trunk 'o Treat"** is on for Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. Come one, come all, to this annual family event! There will be a movie on the lawn, food booths, a costume contest, trick or treating and our annual Scholastic Book Fair ... fun for all! Pictured, from left, Sister Michael Ann, Sister Mary Ann and Sister Janet. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

14 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our school has three students receiving recognition for their efforts in the **National Merit Scholarship Program**, a prestigious academic competition which earns recipient's collegiate scholarships. **Taryn Wong** qualified as one of Hawaii's semifinalists, scoring in the top one percent of seniors in Hawaii. She will complete additional requirements to be considered as a national finalist. In addition to Wong's recognition, senior **Megan Backus** scores earned her Commended Student status, and classmate **Ellie Ramirez** was honored for her outstanding scores and qualified as a National Hispanic Scholar. High School students enter the program by taking the **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying**

Test during their sophomore and junior years. From these 1.6 million annual entrant scores, a pool of semifinalists with the highest scores from each state are designated. Pictured are college counselor **Randy Fong, Lisa Wong, Brian Wong, Taryn Wong, Jaime Ramirez, Ellie Ramirez, Peter Backus, Megan Backus, Kim Backus** and head of school **Betty White**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

15 HILO

St. Joseph School

Our school's **29th Annual Country Fair** Oct. 8 was successful thanks to the support of the **faculty, staff, parents, community members, and the Country Fair Committee**. This yearly event is a Big Island tradition with family fun, awesome prize giveaways and live entertainment throughout the day. There were carnival style games, keiki train, classic car exhibition, baked goods, plants, produce and a variety of local and international foods including hot and fresh malasadas. Festivities began at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and were well attended. "We were blessed with beautiful weather on Saturday which was almost miraculous given the consistent rain during the last couple weeks. Praise and thanks be to God!" said **Dr. Llewellyn Young**, our school principal. The Country Fair is the largest fundraising event for the school and proceeds benefit the tuition assistance program and operating expenses. More than 65 percent of the student body receive tuition assistance in order to enjoy a private Catholic school education. Pictured is **Cardinal Joe** posing with elementary students. (Reported by Fayth Paekukui)

16 KAIMUKI

St. Patrick School

On Oct. 5, the **students, faculty and staff** started the morning with a **school Mass** kicking off their yearly **"Hand in Hand" Sacred Hearts Missions Campaign** which will run through March 2017. For the month of October,

the school will be raising money for the **Sacred Hearts Missions in Tonga**. In the afternoon, during lunch period, the school was treated to an ice cream treat from principal **Sister Anne Clare DeCosta ss.cc**. Sister Anne Clare said, "It is nice to see the look on the children's faces especially since they all worked hard during this first quarter." We thank Sister Anne Clare! (Reported by Pamela Asuelo Montalla)

WAIALUA

St. Michael School

Thank you to all the families who joined us in celebrating **St. Francis of Assisi** with the **Blessing of the Animals** on Oct. 4. It was a fun-filled morning. Students brought to school a mixture of live pets and an assortment of pictures and stuffed animals to be blessed by **Father Lusius**. We appreciate your continued support for the students and our school. (From the parish bulletin)

17 HONOLULU

Maryknoll School

New **3-D virtual reality technology** will enable students to build and take apart airplanes, jet engines and more as part of the high school **Mx Scholar Program for STEM & Aerospace**. A full suite of 13 zSpace 3-D virtual reality computers was funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Hawaiian Airlines Foundation. **Mark Dunkerley**, president and CEO of Hawaiian Airlines (pictured with Mx seniors **Evangeline MUYANO** and **Matthew Watanabe**), personally test drove the technology and presented the check on Oct. 13 at an all-school assembly, where he inspired students from K-12 to become engineers, pilots, airplane mechanics and other aerospace professionals. Maryknoll is the first and only K-12 school in Hawaii to introduce zSpace into its curriculum, and the school plans to expand the use of zSpace in the future to three other high school Mx Scholar Programs and to the Grade School. (Reported by Maryknoll staff)