

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Our teachers are always finding ways to enrich students' educational experiences beyond the four walls of their classrooms. Every member on staff is challenged to contribute to the team to provide students with a sense of community and real-life experiences. All staff and students journeyed to **Hoa Aina O Makaha** in Waianae and participated in the **Ke Ala Program**. **Students and teachers**, through hands-on activities, learned to respect the land and to become aware of the delicate relationship between humans and their environment. **Preschool through grade three** took the general farm tour which focuses on plant and animal life cycles. **Grades four through eight** experienced the Hawaiiana Tour and explored the voyages of Polynesians, their traditions, the kinds of plants they brought with them and how they used them. The younger students enjoyed searching for bunnies, feeding goats, sitting with bees, and walking with ducks. The older students learned about farm life and planting. The overall message learned certainly influenced the entire school community: "People are like plants — with proper nurturing, attention and care, we are able to grow beautifully!" The school is excited to extend what was introduced at the farm by beginning a school garden of their own! PE teacher **Donna Daligcon** has taken the lead on this new project and the school community is looking forward to the joy the garden will bring. (Reported by *Chantelle Luarca*)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE



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2 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

On Sept. 30, the entire community celebrated our patroness, **St. Therese of Lisieux**. Because this year's stewardship theme is on marriage and family, the families of our school, parishioners of our parish, board members, PTG members and alumnae gathered to host a fun filled **Family Day** for all to enjoy. There was food, games, entertainment, pony rides, a petting zoo, bingo and a silent auction. All proceeds went toward funding the air conditioning project at our school to get an AC unit in all classrooms. Families and friends had a great time celebrating and working toward improving our school. (Reported by *Lauren Sayapheth*)



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St. Anthony School

On Oct. 13, **students, faculty, staff and parents** took a field trip to the **Polynesian Cultural Center**. The day started with a shower of blessings (rain) but the rest of the day was perfectly sunny. It was a fun-filled day visiting the different authentic villages from six Pacific cultures. The students joined in on a variety of Polynesian activities and games that tested their skills. (Reported by *Tess A. Reyes*)



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4 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Junior **Jenna Tanna** immersed herself in academic pursuits at the University of California at Santa Cruz as part of **Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Summer Program**. During a three-week session on astronomy, Jenna investigated light, optics and other facets of physics employed in the study of astronomy and the myriad of details of the celestial world. Areas covered focused on the planets and all-things related to stars, including the sun, quasars and black holes. CTY students also visited a local observatory, a planetarium and a science center. This was Jenna's fifth year participating in CTY summer offerings. Each year, she has not only studied different academic areas but has also adjusted to dormitory living and, more importantly, has interacted with students from around the world. The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth focuses on identifying and developing the talents of academically-advanced students from around the world and providing resources for their families. The

students in this prestigious program are some of the most promising minds of the next generation and are chosen based on their results from City's Talent Search, which includes scores from standardized tests, such as the PSAT. Jenna appears on the left (also pictured **Kiara Flores**). (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

5 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

During our **fall break**, some people were still on campus and very active. **Preschool students**, for example, spent one week having so much fun cooking all kinds of goodies and making art crafts. Also, three of our alumni, **James, Joseph and Theresa Lindsey**, visited our preschool offering a Hawaiian performance while teaching the keikis about the **Hokulea**. ... We would like to extend a big mahalo to **Drew Williams**, the husband of **Miss Sally** (our after school care provider and talented artist), for repainting all our middle school lockers. They now look fabulously clean! ... There

are some people that light up the world around them. They take time out to listen to others, they are endlessly selfless, and they set a positive example every day. One such person is our **Father Anthony Rapozo**. He is an absolute blessing to our school and church community. Through the labor he puts in to beautify our campus, the sermons he gives at our school Masses, and the overall upbeat attitude he has every day, he is irreplaceable. Our students love him and our teachers admire and appreciate him. We can't thank him enough, but we certainly tried on Friday morning, Oct. 20 with a celebration in Coyle Hall for **Pastors Appreciation Day**. ... On Oct. 21, a few St. Catherine ladies had the pleasure of being a part of the third annual **Pink Pineapple Project** at Retro Farms in Moloaa. PPP is a girls' empowerment day spent learning about healthy lifestyles and confidence issues, planting pineapples, and creating art. Our girls made new friends, laughed and got to spend time with our staff **Chef Carrie, Ms. Val** and **Ms. Slimko**. It was a

beautiful and empowering day! (Reported by *Andrea Corbo* and *Patricia Doherty*)

6 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Mary, Star of the Sea School

On Sept. 29, students completed their first quarter studies and celebrated with much excitement. They showed their school spirit supporting their **girls' and boys' volleyball teams** during a very high-energized pep rally. Donning their school spirit shirts emblazoned with the team name "**Na Hoku**" (Hawaiian for "The Stars"), the students cheered the two teams as they battled each other. Pictured are the fourth graders showing their spirit. 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. To top off an already fun day, many of those same stars showed up in the evening for a **PTG-sponsored event** featuring dinner and a big screen

movie on our great lush lawn. The entire day was packed with excitement and smiles. ... Second quarter here they come! (Reported by *Roselyn Vicente McMahon*)

7 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

On Oct. 21, our school held its annual Trunk or Treat event. Classrooms each hosted a Halloween-themed decorated trunk with food and game booths. All proceeds collected benefited each respective classroom. The event kicked off with a costume contest for various age groups and concluded, under the stars, with the movie "Hotel Transylvania 2." As always, much fun by all on this boooootiful night! (Reported by *Lehua Ham Young* and *Chantal Duarte*)

8 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Teacher Carrie Knebel's class of three- and four-year-olds became adept in the field of kindergarten engineering. Using colorful ice cream cones, they attempted to build the tallest tower possible, sturdy enough not to topple. The aspiring engineers researched and studied various towers before beginning construction. They came up with their own, unique, custom design and drew up blueprints. Despite a few cone crashes during construction, the determined students successfully engineered their towers. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

9 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Congratulations to eighth grader **Allison Silva**, selected as a finalist in the **Aloha Harvest's 6th Annual Compassion in Art Competition**. She plans to donate her original art piece to their silent auction. Auction profits will support Aloha Harvest's mission, to feed the hungry in Hawaii. The artwork will be on display at the Honolulu Museum of Art School until Nov. 11. Congratulations to **Alexander Asing** (sixth grade), **Reagan Beissel** (sixth grade) and **Liberty Lum** (eighth grade) for their incredible artwork also submitted to the competition! Many thanks to **Mrs. DeMeo**, our school's art teacher, for encouraging their participation! ... On Oct. 28 our school and parish joined together to host a **Fall Festival** on the Fellowship Lanai and Parish Lounge, 6-8 p.m. The festival included a costume contest, a decorated trunk contest, games, dinner and lots of fun! Admission was one can of food for the food pantries at **St. Anthony** and **St. George** parishes. ... Our school's **Halau Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Hulu Hiwa** performed at the **Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference** at the Hawaii Convention Center on Oct. 22. Only a limited number of halau were invited and it was a great honor to be included. The symposium for youth was attended by people from around the state and around the world. Many thanks to our very special, beloved kumu, **Jack McKeague**, for providing our students with such memorable experiences and for acting as amazing goodwill ambassadors. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

10 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

We visited the **Kahului Fire Station for Fire Prevention Month**. The field trip consisted of a fire and safety interaction and demonstration, then a tour of the station and fire trucks with a concluding experience to team handle an active fire hose. Pictured are the **St. Joseph ELC "Jr. Firefighters"** and the Kahului station crew alongside the brand new Kapapaula Engine 10 that was blessed and dedicated that afternoon. (Reported by *Helen Souza*)