

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

The school community honored **grandparents** on Oct. 5! This is a very special annual event that our students prepare for during the first quarter of school. Students write personal invitations, prepare handmade gifts, and practice a special performance for their grandparents. This year, **Father Pascual** celebrated Mass and **Deacon Ray Lamb** assisted with an inspiring homily about grandparents and their unconditional love, and the sincere appreciation we have for grandparents. After Mass, grandparents enjoyed a fellowship breakfast organized by the school's **Parents As Partners Group**. To conclude the event, students performed by class a special song for their grandparents. We enjoyed upbeat tunes by **The Beatles, Backstreet Boys and Bruno Mars**, and swooned at the children's voices as they sang "You Are My Sunshine" and special lyrics following the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." The Grandparents Day committee, **Ms. Jo Ann, Mrs. Quidayan, Mrs. Annie and Mrs. Pereira** prepared a beautiful day for us to honor the elder members of our ohana. (Reported by Chantelle Luarca)



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were shown important areas of the church. These included where to bless themselves with holy water, the baptismal font, the paschal candle, the altar, and various items in the chapel. The children learned how to show respect for the tabernacle and practiced kneeling for prayer and just being still to feel the peace of Jesus inside. They also toured the sacristy which holds the precious items used during Mass including the vestments worn by the priest. They have seen miniature versions of these articles in the ELC Atrium and could easily identify items such as the priest's chasubles, and remember the meaning behind the liturgical colors of the church year as well. The children were eager to view the chalice and paten up close as they have not yet received Holy Communion, but are familiar with the importance of the Eucharist. These are our young brothers and sisters in Christ. It is an honor and a joy to help foster in them a love for our Lord Jesus and our church traditions. They are the future keepers of our faith. (Reported by Lisa Foster)

2 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our **freshman** and their **junior big sisters** spent the week of Sept. 17-21 immersed in fun, music and spirit-filled activities as part of **Freshman Initiation**. The week-long event, an annual school tradition, marked the freshman milestone of transitioning into the high school community, where they were warmly welcomed by their junior sisters. According to **Lurline Choy** and **Elizabeth Gabriel**, advisors of the juniors and freshmen, respectively, one of the most striking aspects of this year's Initiation was the effort dedicated by juniors, who began planning and preparing weeks in advance. Many went well beyond the basic requirements to reach out, share notes and treats, foster fellowship

and develop strong relationships with their younger sisters in the process, and have even continued fellowship activities after initiation events ended. Festivities concluded on Sept. 21, Finesse Friday, with the annual initiation-themed program, **Jukebox Jam**, encompassing a myriad of music. The juniors choreographed the group dance numbers, ranging from K-Pop to Old School from the boy-band era to current jams, while the freshmen provided the talent. The polled freshmen concurred that their favorite parts of the experience were,

while daunting, dancing in front of the high school audience, as well as the lasting friendships formed with their new-found sisters. Pictured are **Isabel Sabea** and **Rayna Ho**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

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Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

The **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** comes to life! Our school recently opened its Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Atrium

at the early learning center. The atrium is a special room dedicated to presenting lessons about our Catholic faith, the Mass, the Eucharist and Holy Scripture. It is based on the Montessori hands-on approach designed to help our children fall in love with Jesus, or Good Shepherd and our church life. This week the preschool and kindergarten children were invited to visit Mary, Star of the Sea Church, the chapel, and the sacristy. The children were accompanied by **Joan Hiel**, ELC CGS religion coordinator and their classroom teachers, and

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St. Theresa School

We congratulate our **September SLE (Schoolwide Learning Expectations)** award winners! September's SLE was solidarity: we stand together, we support each other in fun, learning and growing. We are one ohana. We respect ourselves and each other. We pray for community and we serve our community. We thank these learners for being leaders in their classrooms and in our school. An awesome job! Pictured are **Hope Newton, Emma Kesler, Oliver Along, Lilly Along, Adrian Henkel** and **Emily Racpan**. (Not pictured: **Zyla Aviguetero, Sophia Matsumura**) (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

5 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

During the week of Sept. 10, our school's ohana commemorated the efforts of the **Sisters of the Sacred Hearts**, the founders who laid the groundwork for the current-day school. Themed activities were held throughout **Founders Week**

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in both the high school and lower school, and the special assemblies on Sept. 12 marked the 109th year of Sacred Hearts Academy. At both the high school and lower school gatherings, a number of sisters in attendance were recognized and thanked by the students for providing a place for them to thrive, grow and develop life-long bonds. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

6 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Our students presented **Father Michael Tolentino** with a banner and a lei for the celebration of his **14th ordination anniversary**. The banner was also used at Father Mike's potluck dinner following his ordination anniversary Mass on Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. It was well attended and a great way for the parish to get to know the parish's new parochial vicar. Best of blessings be upon you Father Mike and thank you for your sacrifice and shepherding God's flock. (Reported by Helen Souza)

7 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our school celebrated and welcomed grandparents and families on **Grandparents Day, Sept. 12**. An annual opportunity to welcome their grandparents and honor them as essential members of our lives, the students always look forward to this special occasion. This year was no exception. Following our weekly Wednesday Mass, students from **grades kindergarten, one and two** sang, "When Your Smiling" and they played the "Holobells" in the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." **Grades three, four and five** sang "Super Trouper" by Abba. This year **grades six, seven and eight** had shared their own rendition of "Reckless Love." The song talks about how great the love of God is and how he would sacrifice everything for us; in the same way our grandparents love us. They love us so much even if sometimes we don't deserve it. Like God, our grandparents love is endless. We will never be able to pay them back for all the love they give us except through our small token of appreciation. After the presentation the grandparents and families shared delicious food with their grandchildren and had the opportunity to spend the rest of the day together. It was truly a successful, fulfilling, long-lasting grandparent-grandchildren relationship! (Reported by Emma C. Lacar)



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St. Ann School

Pictured are first graders **Jayson Matsuda, Samuel Tanjutco** and **Savannah Santiago** with kupuna **Bernie Ranis-McCumber** on Sept. 12 doing a craft celebrating **Kupu-na Day!** ... Our school celebrates **Heritage Week** each year in September. During this week students learn about the history of **St. Ann Church and School, the Congre-**

gation of the Sacred Hearts and the life of **St. Damien**. This year the **student council** organized a "Pretzels with the Priests" day. Each class sat and visited with **Father Richard McNally**, our pastor and **Father Ed Popish**, our parochial vicar. Students came armed with questions for Father Rich and Father Ed ranging from, "How did you know you wanted to become a priest?" to "How old is Kani?" (Father Ed's dog) This activity was rewarding for both our priests and our students and was such a great success that we may have our priests join us for

lunch some time! We are grateful to our parish priests who always make the time to be a part of the

life of the school. (Reported by Kimberlee Cruz-Kalahiki and Kuulei Halemano)

9 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

During the month of October, **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, our **PTSH** is sponsoring a **Coins for Cure** drive in remembrance of and to support all those who have been affected by breast cancer. On Oct. 15, each classroom was given a pink coin box to fill, and the class with the most collected will win an ice cream treat day. All proceeds will go to the **American Cancer Society**. Educating our children has always been a mission of the Catholic Church. Students at St. John Vianney School experience God's grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends and teachers. They also learn that they have a responsibility to respond to the needs of others because we are all part of God's family and to make a difference in the world. Come visit and encounter our remarkable parish school. For more information, call 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

10 WAIPIO

Rosary Preschool

Three-year-old **Gus Nicholas Tolentino** is pictured playing with wooden blocks during free play. Gus wanted to build his own tower. He said he wants to be an engineer like his dad. (Reported by Sister Cecilia Febular, OP)

11 KANEHOHE

St. Ann Early Learning Center

Aloha Festivals is an annual cultural showcase celebrating Hawaii music, dance and history. Our school joined this celebration by participating in aloha wear day on Friday. Pictured here is **Ms. Saifoloi's kindergarten class**. (Reported by Carla Castro)

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