

# THE SCHOOL NEWS

## 1 KAPAA

### St. Catherine School

During the **Mass of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** in September, **Father William** of our parish showed our whole school his relic of the Holy Cross. This month, Father William spoke about the Holy Cross in each of our classes and how he obtained this very special part of our Catholic faith. He passed around the reliquary holding the sliver from the Holy Cross with a magnifying glass for all students to get a closer look. Father William is such a funny and humble man and the students really enjoyed getting to know him. Thank you, Father William! ... Several classes on Nov. 1 took a field trip to **Retro Farms**, a four-acre farm owned by one of our north shore parishioners, **Maryellen Pearlman**. Mrs. Pearlman comes annually to our classes and shares well thought out and interactive science lessons with the students. This culminates with a field trip to her very special farm. The students reflected in the mahogany forest, took clippings from native plants for a nature bouquet and played fun games in a grassy field. Our students sang beautiful songs taught by **Mrs. Rose Alfiler** against nature's beautiful backdrop. It was an amazing trip and will be remembered for years to come. Thank you, Retro Farms! Pictured is Father William and **Father Anthony** with **Mrs. Sancho's fourth grade class**. (Reported by *Elizabeth Sancho*)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

## 2 WAIPIO

### Rosary Preschool

Teachers **Mrs. Nancy Laciste**, **Lora Ann Ogawa** and **Arlette Bautista** had their students plant vegetable seeds in their garden the week of Oct. 22 — part of the class' weekly theme, learning about "Gg" for garden. The children chose the vegetable they would like to grow. After discussing with children about what seeds and plants need to grow, the children watered their plants daily and watched for any changes. After two weeks **Amelia Lee**, pictured, carefully measures her cucumber plant to now be "6 inches," she exclaims. (Reported by *Lora Ann Ogawa*)



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## 3 KANEHOE

### St. Ann Early Learning Center

Student **Nathaniel Pilayo-Bui** won best coloring in his class for the Hal-

**loween coloring contest**. Here he shows his winning work. He is a **Teal Dinosaur** (3-year-olds). (Reported by *Mrs. Carla Castro*)

## 4 KANEHOE

### St. Ann School

The **second graders** had a **Holy Halloween**. Students learned that Halloween is the eve of **All Saints Day**, followed by All Souls Day. In preparation, each student researched a saint and presented to the class a written and oral report. They created a saint's costume to wear during **St. Ann's annual Hal-**

**loween parade**. It was a joy to see **St. Peter**, **St. Agnes**, **St. Patrick** and **St. Teresa of Calcutta**, just to name a few, roaming our campus. The students learned that Halloween is a fun and spooky holiday, but it can also be a means to deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith. Pictured are second grader **Aidan Tupou** as St. Peter and **Caleb Noguichi** as St. Patrick. (Reported by *Kuulei Halemano*)

## 5 KEKAHA

### St. Theresa School

It certainly is a busy, yet fun-filled

time of year at our school. Our annual **Trunk or Treat** on Oct. 27 had lots and lots of costumed children participating in the costume contest, traversing the many decorated trunks for treats, enjoying all kinds of goodies from the food booth, as well as a free movie to wrap up the evening! Our students know how to have fun, but they also take responsibility as young citizens and children of God to remember the poor and the vulnerable, which is the **SLE (School-wide Learning Expectations)** for November. A **canned food/dry goods drive** runs Nov. 1-20. These goods will be

packaged and delivered to families in need in our community on Nov. 21. We will also hold a baked goods drive on Nov. 21 with baked goodies and gifts to be delivered to **community service groups** (policemen, firemen, KVMH, EMS, etc.) as thanks for all that they do for our school and our community. The more goodies we collect, the more baskets of gratitude we can make! ... As Thanksgiving fast approaches, we thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on each of us and ask him to bless all those in need with people who are kind, considerate and giving during the holidays. God bless and Happy Thanksgiving! Pictured is second grade teacher **Mrs. Sharla Aviguetero** dressed up for Spirit Week. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*; photo courtesy of the school)

## 6 PEARL CITY

### Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Our school community honored their **Guardian Angels** on Oct. 2. We recognize guardian angels as our protectors and their role to represent us before God, to watch over us always, to aid our prayer, and to present our souls to God. Last year, we started a tradition to wear white, dress as angels, pray the angelus at noon, and participate in a school-wide assembly for students to share their writing and art work. This year, **Miss Anzai**, **Mr. Cabading** and **Mrs. Garnsey** added large angel wings on the wall near our St. Francis statue for students to use as a photo opportunity. Students made edible angel treats, too! This feast day is one of the wonderful ways our school community participates in Catholic tradition and our students maintain knowledge of our faith and church teachings. Thank you, dear Guardian Angels! (Reported by *Chantelle Luarca*)

## 7 HONOLULU

### Maryknoll High School

Nearly 350 **students from grades 10-12** performed community service throughout Oahu, thanks to a new program started this year to add quarterly service learning into the curriculum. Students volunteered their time and efforts to restore the land and eliminate soil contaminants while learning about Hawaiian culture at four locations: **Keawawa Wetlands** in Hawaii Kai, the **Ala Wai Watershed** in Manoa Valley, **Papahana Ku'oula** in Wind-



ward Oahu, and **Heeia Fishpond**.  
(Reported by Lauren Regan)

**8 KAILUA**

**St. John Vianney School**

In support of our parish **Thanksgiving Food Drive** our students brought canned goods to their homerooms. All collected items from the parish and school were donated to the **St. George and St. Anthony food pantries**. At our annual **SJV Turkey Trot**, Nov. 21., our **early learning center and kindergarten students** will complete a course on campus. All **first through eighth grade students** will run/walk around the Keolu Drive "Lake." Families may also choose to participate in the run. Proceeds will go to a family with two children that we are adopting for Christmas. . . . All parish families are invited to tour our exceptional school, which provides an outstanding education and support for each student. **Welcome grants** are available to Catholic students who enroll at both mid-year 2018 and fall 2019 for a non-Catholic school. For more information, call the school office at 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)



**9 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph School**

The **students** got a blessing from **Father Jaime Jose** and **Deacon Pat Constantino** before they began their **Halloween Costume Parade** through the neighboring Makawao Town. It has been a tradition at the school for over 45 years. After returning from their walk, the children learned of the winner from the Halloween pumpkin contest. This year's top winner was **Ladybug student Jade Ribucan**. The students then returned to their classrooms for trick-or-treat goodies and games. Thank

you, Father Jose and Deacon Pat and **all the parents and ohana** that helped with the events. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**10 HONOLULU**

**Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Inspiration for our **eighth graders** at their **class retreat** on Oct. 8 came from a unique source: **Disney's "Monsters University"** with the focus on "A little less judgement; a

little more kindness." In the popular film, the characters worked together to show those who doubted them that they are as capable as others. And, the retreat focused on how negative remarks and bullying brings people down no matter whether done verbally or via social media. According to **Sister Katherine Francis Miller**, many students were greatly impacted by the day's activities, which made them realize how they can affect or hurt others, often unintentionally, by their words

or actions. And they developed a deeper understanding of how they can affect positive reactions, as well as negative ones, by being considerate, careful and thoughtful. The moderators from the **Living in Faith Experience (LIFE) team** enjoyed working with the eighth graders and impacting their developing awareness that there is power in more kindness and less judgement! (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

**11 HONOLULU**

**Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

Eight **juniors and seniors** were selected to participate in an exciting **cultural exchange trip to China** Oct. 8-18. Academy benefactors **Gordon and Sonia Trimble** sponsored this opportunity. Head of school **Betty White** and development office assistant **Noe Oliver** accompanied the students who were hosted by **Hwa Nan Women's College** in the city of Fuzhou in the south-eastern coastal province of Fujian. The group stayed in the International Faculty Dorm on campus, where the Trimbles teach classes during the first semester of each school year. Gordon Trimble's ancestral aunt, **Lydia Trimble**, founded Hwa Nan Women's College in 1909 as well as several other schools in China. The Academy travelers were exposed to Chinese history, culture and religious roots during visits to significant sites. They were joined by **Hwa Nan students**, who interacted with the Academy students and were able to practice their English fluency and enhance their social awareness knowledge. Hwa Nan administrators and teachers joined the Trimbles as very gracious hosts. One exciting experience was the bullet train ride from Fuzhou to the southern city of Quanzhou where they discussed the silk trade, learned about the opium war and explored a Muslim mosque and a Buddhist temple. Pictured are **Maaya Green** and **Kira Stone** carefully preparing a sticky rice dish with Hwa Nan culinary students. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)