

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Pictured in back from left: **Berkeley Fuimaono, Ezekiel Ishikawa, Sofia Rodriguez-Allison, Breez Moore, Kayla Koide.** Front row: **Bailee Lopez, Landon Flores, Nazaiah Carvallo-Lawelawe, Michelle Collins, Alanna Rillorta, Alexis Natividad, Nestor Herana.** Eighth graders have been learning and creating in collaborative groups. **Miss Maika'i-Iakopo** tasked her students with a very simple S.T.E.M. project that required them to create a catapult able to launch a projectile 300 or more inches. Students were only able to use materials provided by the teacher. They were given rulers, unlimited amounts of tape, card stock, coffee filters, and aluminum foil. Students needed to use the steps of an engineer: identify the problem, brainstorm and create a design, build the design, test and analyze their catapults. This activity encourages students to participate, share ideas and learn to listen to their partners. This was another successful activity that brought students together and helped them to realize that they have been engineers all along! (Reported by *Kaha'e Maika'i-Iakopo*)



several ice cream topping stations on the front lawn so families could create their own delicious sundaes. As families enjoyed their cool treat, Parent Association Board chair **Theresa Garza** led everyone through a special trivia game where the key to winning was for learners to know interesting facts about their grandparent, e.g. their favorite artist, which president was in office when they were growing up, and their grandparent's birth year. There was also a dance-off so learners could teach their grandparents a current dance move. Then it was the grandparent's turn to show off their dance moves to the learners. The dance-off was a great way for everyone to get up and move after enjoying the delicious ice cream. Finally, families were able to bring home a complimentary photo with their grandparents thanks to the Smile Lab photo booth and parents **Julian and Ady Gilliam** who generously donated the photo booth service and pictures for the special occasion. The nearest thing to the love of God is the love of grandparents and we at St. Theresa School are thankful for all the wonderful grandparents who are part of our school ohana. Happy Grandparents Day 2019 to all! Pictured in front from left: **Maica Oporta Munar, Cameron Winburn, Isabella Pasion, Taylor Pasion.** In back from left: **Grandma Timotea Munar, Grandma Pros Pasion, Brandon Pasion.** (Submitted by *Ursuline Munar*)

2 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our three sophomores **Ayla Hakikawa, Kammiie-Marie Ardo** and **Nanami Mehring** won the **Excellence Award** at the **VEX Robotics Competition** held at Sacred Hearts Academy on Aug. 17. This recognition is the highest award in VEX competition. It qualifies the students for the Hawaii State Championship on Jan. 11. The team is coached by robotics and engineering teacher **Peter Park.** (Submitted by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)



3 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

We have had a **wonderful beginning** to our school year. Students were excited and ready to jump into learning. **Parents** either tentatively dropped off their keiki or happily gave them a kiss goodbye, as they left them with their new teacher and classmates. Teachers were very excited to get to work and begin teaching their curriculum and use the new methods that they learned during the many professional development days offered during the summer break. A **back-to-school Mass, student council voting, Grandparents Day Mass and reception** and even an excursion has already happened during the first few weeks of school. Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. We still have spaces available in a few select grades, so if you are looking for a great school, give us a call at 261-3331 or online at www.saskailua.org. Pictured is a mural of palm prints by teachers, staff and administration to signify they are ready for a grand year. (Reported by *Patricia Barros*)



4 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Head of school **Dr. Scott Schroeder** administered the **Lower School Student Council** pledge to 11 students. The student leaders took office this past summer, devoting a portion of their break to gather, brainstorm and devise a theme and preliminary plans for the year. The four officers tasked with guiding the student community from grades pre-school to six, **Madeleine Eakin, Jaeda Verano, Taimane Mataafa-Alferos** and **Nahoko Matsuura**, advisor **Kristin Colburn** and the homeroom representatives for the fourth to sixth graders chose the theme of **BLOOM**. The theme represents: "Be Loving, Optimistic, Outgoing and Mindful." The

students agreed that this focus emitted positivity and paralleled the individual growth each student will undergo as they navigate the school year. Through carefully mapped out activities, the lower school leadership is determined to help each student realize her potential and **BLOOM** — taking action to help younger and older peers, facilitating new activities to foster bonds as a community and much more to make the school an even better environment. These young leaders are aided in their efforts by their parents, teachers and even high school students. (Reported by *Hayley Matson-Mathes*)

5 KANEHOE

St. Ann Early Learning Center

On Sept. 11, our **kupuna** came to spend the morning attending Mass, visiting the Dolphin classroom and sharing a meal with their **grandchildren**. The children and their kupuna created a family coconut tree and made leis. We honor our kupuna on this day. They are a source of experience, knowledge, guidance, strength and inspiration to

the next generations. (Reported by *Carla Castro*)

6 KAPAA

St. Catherine School

On Sept. 6, the **students and staff** all had a special day. We call this "**Family Day**." The school was turned into school "families," with a student or two from each class placed together. While there was a teacher on hand to monitor, the families were actually led by **eighth grade students**. Based on a recent homily by **Father Anthony** about stewardship, the students focused on the talent portion of time, talent, and treasure. They each got to talk in their group about their own particular talent. The students then wrote about it and drew a picture as well. The students then played a fun indoor ball game with their families. We really want all of the students at our school to get to know each other, say hello in passing, and really feel a part of our special St. Catherine School community. The eighth graders are really getting a chance to put their leadership qualities

to work and they did a great job. We really look forward to meeting with our families throughout the school year. We encourage other schools to give this a try to help all feel welcomed and loved. Pictured are the eighth graders leading their school family on Sept. 6. (Reported by *Elizabeth Sancho*)

7 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

At our school, ohana matters. This was clearly evident on Sept. 6 when the school ohana came together to enjoy a fun and sweet celebration in honor of **Grandparent's Day**. The Grandparents Day ice cream social was hosted by the **St. Theresa School Parent Association Board** and was the first PA Board-sponsored event of the school year. One hundred and thirty school families, along with staff and faculty, enjoyed over 300 cups of yummy Super Duper ice cream personally served with a smile by none other than St. Theresa parishioner and former St. Theresa School teacher **Lisa Johnson**. The Parent Association Board set up

8 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph School

The superintendent of Catholic schools **Dr. Mike Rockers** stopped by the center to visit and enjoy the morning. The children sang songs, prayed and talked story with him. They also made a wonderful "Thank You" card and some **St. Joseph Heavenly Coffee** for him to take back to Oahu. Dr. Rockers was on his way to **St. Anthony School** in Wailuku but wanted to spend some time in Makawao. Mahalo and God bless you, Dr. Rockers for all you do for the Catholic schools here in the Hawaiian Islands. (Reported by *Helen Souza*)

PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Our school's goal is to lead children to self-discipline. Through a professional development grant from the **Augustine Educational Foundation**, the faculty and staff were trained by the creator of the **Discipline with Purpose Program**, **Barbara Vasiloff** and her colleague **Diane Flynn**. We believe that a student can be taught self-discipline skills as a part of the total school curriculum and believe discipline is not punishment. Based on the respect of authority and welfare of the group, discipline will develop the student's ideals, attitudes and habits for good Christian living. To this end, our school will use the program, which is full of lessons that allow students to practice life skills. As a community, we are excited about this positive approach to discipline based on the developmental level of the student. (Reported by *Chantelle Luarda*)

KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Students are selling **Big Island Candy Bars** for the school's fall fundraiser, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher-Student-Hui. The only way to get these bars is through local fundraisers. The candy may be purchased from any student or after Sunday Masses through October (unless we sell out). Be sure to examine each bar purchased carefully for a sticker that makes you one of five winners of a crisp \$50 bill! Funds raised will go toward teachers' wish lists and student activities. For more information, call the school office at 264-4651. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)