

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Providing a Catholic education has been called the greatest work of the church. This year our school is **celebrating 55 years** of providing an outstanding Catholic education to children in a nurturing environment. Our teachers believe that they should inspire the minds and hearts of our students, by taking the best of human knowledge and incorporating it into a life of faith filled with meaning. Our dedicated teachers and our challenging curriculum have brought out the very best in our students. The focus of our education is the **total development of each child**: spiritual, moral, academic, physical and cultural. We strive to form our students into good citizens of this world and to love God and their neighbor. As part of our curriculum, we teach love, care and concern for others. This is the difference in a Catholic education that encourages all students to share and explore Christ's love through kindness and service to the community. We thank both our parishioners and our school community for their partnership, understanding and priorities that have contributed to being safe on our campus. (Reported by Earl Walker)

2 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Students celebrated **Mother Mary's birthday** on Sept. 8. They made posters, lei, brought flowers from home and even designed a paper crown for the Blessed Mother's statue that is in the center of the school courtyard. The day also highlighted our Mother Mary with songs, a color page activity and learning the **Hail Mary** prayer. The children at dismissal took their parents and family to see the courtyard's festive sight on their way to their vehicles. Pictured is the **Rainbow Class** bubble of nine students as they sang Happy Birthday to Mary and presented her with gifts. (Reported by Helen Souza)

3 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph School

At our school, the **sponsoring class** attends Mass in the church while the rest of the student body watches the livestream of the Mass in their classrooms. After the First Friday Mass on Sept. 3, **Father Efen Tomas, MS**, went to the classrooms to give Communion to the students and their teachers. We are so happy to have this opportunity given by Father Efen. (Reported by Keala Kia)

4 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

Our school has been providing in-class learning since we began this school year on Aug. 10. Our **PTSG Menehune** beautifully decorated before the big day. Our campus is again full of the **giggles and laughter of students** under the watchful eyes of the teachers. An abundance of learning is happening daily. We continue to do our very best to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. God bless our parents and teachers. (Reported by Patricia Barros)



5 HONOLULU

Holy Family Catholic Academy

Our school was selected by the **American Heart Association** as a recipient of the **Kids Heart Challenge grant** of \$3,500. These funds helped to purchase a double-stack oven for the school cafeteria, replacing an older one that was in disrepair and needed costly, ongoing repairs. The new oven was delivered and installed on Sept. 1. Although numerous schools applied, our school was the only one in Hawaii to be awarded a Kids Heart Challenge grant this year. Grants awarded nationwide ranged from \$250 to \$3,500; Holy Family was blessed to receive the maximum amount of \$3,500. The American Heart Association is working with over 32,000 schools nationwide, to finally and forever change the course of heart disease, stroke and congenital heart defects. Pictured is school cafeteria manager **Wesley Ching**, thankful for the new ovens. (Reported by Julia Hudson)

6 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Essential question — **school theme of the year!** A treasure is anything we value above all else and that which motivates us to action. Every year our school chooses a school-wide theme to integrate our faith throughout the curriculum. This year our theme is "**How can we use our backpack of treasures?**" a question that stimulates thinking and provokes inquiry by connecting students' personal experiences and observations with Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Students will be building their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by also finding the opportunity to transfer their ideas outside the classroom. In one class, **third graders** were building a presentation using Keynote on their iPads in which they would share their treasures in their lives. (Reported by Lorena Vogeler)

7 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

Our **seventh-grade class**, led by **Mr. David Verdugo**, is reading "**Towers Falling**" by **Jewell Parker Rhodes**. This historical fiction novel leads readers to understand that the past affects the future in personal ways. The class has researched the event, the survivors, and the way our country has changed since. We pray for peace in the nations of the world and hope that by learning about the past, we can influence the future. (Reported by principal Wendy Castillo)

8 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

Our **eighth-grade class** takes on several responsibilities including training for **Junior Police Officers (JPO)** and training JPO for grades 7-5. Trainings are held on Tuesdays after school and led by volunteer and alumnus **Ron Lardizabal**. Pictured are Ron with platoon captains **Itiela Aarona-Chong** and **Welina Kamai-Tuiteleapaga** and the eighth grade class of 2022. (Reported by Ms. Faith Leasiolagi)