

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

Our school celebrated **Aloha Week** with an Aloha Wear Friday. **Mrs. Kam** and **Mrs. Barros** wore vintage muumuu for the occasion. October being the **Month of the Rosary** we had our **fifth and eighth grades** lead the school in saying the rosary virtually from church. ... We also did a video with pictures of our pets and a prayer for the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**. October is a busy month! ... Our **PTSG** has also been busy decorating our campus for **Halloween**, finishing up the **Foodland giving fundraising campaign** and starting the **Habitat Christmas tree fundraiser**. Go on our website to order one for your household. ... We still have a lot of learning going on while remaining safe and healthy. God Bless. (Reported by Patricia Barros)



2 WAIALUA

St. Michael School

Our school celebrated the **Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels** on Sept. 29. Each grade celebrated St. Michael through a creative art project. The **pre-school students** made St. Michael shields, pictured, and were excited to show them off as they learned St. Michael is the Archangel that protects. Leading up to the feast day, the school prayed the St. Michael novena both in their individual classes and during school-wide assemblies. Each classroom received a new St. Michael wall plaque, and each student received a St. Michael prayer card and medal to celebrate. St. Michael, protect us! (Reported by Kainoa Fukumoto)



3 HONOLULU

Mary, Star of the Sea School

Power-Up Week! With the right mindset, we can turn our weaknesses into our strengths. This year our school counts on the expertise of curriculum director, **Laci Hitchcock**, who has been collecting and analyzing student academic data to determine specific areas where students can improve. For one week, teachers planned **school-wide special activities** that involve group and individualized guidance, mostly in math and reading. During these activities, students will be using different learning formats. Many of these activities will also promote the incorporation of technology in authentic and meaningful ways. (Reported by Lorena Vogeler)



4 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Our school returns Oct. 18 from a two-week fall intersession and **fall break**. Our **students, teachers and staff** are looking forward to being back in their classrooms. Our school is known for providing an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and personal growth. Parents have chosen our school for their children because of its **safe environment and high academic standards**. We not only

provide a superior education in math, science and history, but do so by integrating faith into every subject. Our curriculum offers students religious, moral and spiritual development. This is the **Catholic school difference**. Our goal is to provide your child with on-going formation in their faith while preparing them for success in higher education. In addition to helping your child be a success academically, our teachers are interested in your child becoming a **good, kind, selfless person** who makes their community a better place. We also encourage family input and involvement in the ongoing

education of their children, as we truly strive to form each child as a person of integrity, compassion, faith and wisdom. (Reported by Earl Walker)

5 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph School

On Sept. 17, our school and parish celebrated the feast of **Our Lady of LaSalette**. We celebrated with a schoolwide rosary prayer service as well as flower offerings. We also honor our two LaSalette priests, **Father Efen** and **Father Eric** with many heartfelt prayers and cards of thanksgiving. Pictured are grade 3A students before offering

their flowers to **Our Lady** in the church. (Reported by Keala Kia)

6 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

Isaac Catbagan and the rest of the **seventh grade** have taken on the responsibility of keeping our school campus beautiful. Led by **Mr. David Verdugo**, the class diligently carries buckets of water out to the hedges at the edge of the campus and tends to the campus garden. The campus is located in a dry, seaside area, and the plants need constant care to survive. Keeping them thriving is an example of **stewardship**,

doing our part to care for God's creation. The seventh graders are excited about their progress. "The plants have improved since we started in August," said **Mace Walker**. "They started brown and have turned green." "With us watering the plants, our school just looks nicer," **Penaia** said. "That's important because the plants represent us as a school," **Teagan Souza** responded. "Yeah," **Lee Duey** agreed, "It represents how we take care of each other and our school." Mr. Verdugo points out what a great learning opportunity it is for everyone, himself included. "It's been fun learning along with my class! I am not a plant or gardening expert, but I'm learning new things. Lee taught all of us about leaf miners. He pointed them out, we all pulled them off, and the plants are doing better." It's not just the look of the school that matters, it's the lessons learned through stewardship that make the greatest impact. **Isaac** reflected, "When I look at those plants, I feel accomplished knowing that our class helped them." The feeling of pride within the class is evident, heartfelt and well-deserved. Mr. Verdugo is proud of these learners. "I appreciate that my class works so hard." (Reported by principal Wendy Castillo)

7 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Students celebrated **Priesthood Sunday** with a bannered song for their beloved parish priest **Father Michael Tolentino**. Father Michael also celebrated his 17th ordination anniversary on Oct. 2, so it is an extra special day for him. Pictured is the **Ladybug class bubble** along with their teacher **Miss Cassandra Comer** greeting Father Michael at this rectory after singing him the song "You are Special." We thank Father Michael and all priests for their love, sacrifice and service to God's people and his Kingdom. (Reported by Helen Souza)

8 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

To support the theme of the school year, an **Aloha Week committee** was formed to organize days through a week of Hawaiian style festivities. On Monday, students planted **72 native Hawaiian plants**. The growth of these plants will hopefully be symbolic of the greatness that is produced through work and care. On Tuesday, students **made lei** for their family members. On Wednesday, the students participated in **Makahiki games**. The week was completed with a **parade** on Thursday! Classes paraded to reveal their class's island, color, Hawaiian value, and spirit! Ultimately, the faculty and staff hope the students were able to become more knowledgeable and spirited about the beautiful home, culture and ohana of Hawaii. May this year continue to be filled with aloha! (Reported by Chantelle Luarca)

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