

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

On Oct. 5, our school held its annual **Grandparents Day Celebration** and we were all thrilled about welcoming our kupuna back to the in-person event after the past two years have been virtual! The day began with a Mass which was followed by special performances by the classes. It was truly memorable, complete with a festive photo booth and brunch options for more enjoyment! Honoring our community's grandparents as special leaders and people of our families is always a special occasion. We give thanks for all they do for each of us! *(Reported by Mrs. Chantelle Luarca)*



EDITOR'S CHOICE



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Holy Family Catholic Academy

During October, we gathered wish-list items for the **Hawaiian Humane Society** (HHS) as part of our month-long celebration honoring **St. Francis of Assisi**. Our **fourth-grade class** led this community outreach project, which included a field trip to the HHS to understand the work they do in our community. The students later tallied up all the donated items, and packed them up to be delivered to our furry friends! Pictured is **Ms. Stevens fourth-grade class** standing with the statue of St. Francis on the HHS campus. Also pictured, HHS education programs coordinator, **Anne Mukai**. *(Reported by Julia Hudson)*



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Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

A new chapter of life! Early Learning Center director **Lisa Foster** is all set to enjoy retired life after 40 years of service. A retirement gala celebration was held in her honor on Oct. 12 at the Kahala Nui Banquet Hall in East Oahu. Present were teachers and staff at the **Montessori Early Learning Center**, principal **Margaret Rufo** of the elementary school, pastor **Father Francisco C. de los Reyes** and assistant pastor **Father Victor Diolata Jr.** Dr. Foster leaves behind a legacy of establishing a Montessori preschool that is well known in the community as **one of the best preschools** on Oahu. Generations of students from families have attended, Mary, Star of the Sea Early Learning Center. Her leadership excellence has come to define the Montessori



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method of teaching. She has been a pillar of the ELC — committed, innovative, a true leader. Her gift of self goes beyond measure. She was a great blessing not only to our students, teachers, staff, parents, school board, but also to our parish in general. As an educator, Lisa modeled attributes by her abiding dedication to family, faith and values. We continue praying for Lisa that her retirement years be packed with God's graces! *(Reported by Teddy Adorable)*

4 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. The laughter of our students at PE, the sound of pencils

filling in bubbles during **Terra Nova testing**, families dressed in costume and gathering for the annual **Harvest Festival**, classes beginning to practice for our Christmas program, teachers working hard on lesson plans and attending workshops, and of course our favorite — the **Scholastic Book Fair!** Our **PTSG** and **teachers** have been amazing with keeping the festive spirit alive with keeping the festive spirit alive on campus and looking after the wellbeing and health and safety of our students. Pictured are **Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Tupou, Ms. Ott** and **Mrs. Studt**. Thank you to our wonderful parents and teachers. We are planning an **Open House** so please go to our website at saskailua.org for more details. If you would like to have a tour, please be sure to call

us at 808-261-3331. *(Reported by Patricia Barros)*

5 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

A little gem is hidden in the passage-way behind the sanctuary of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church. The well-lit but narrow walkway has been transformed into a museum honoring the patron of the church and school: **St. Theresa of Lisieux**, the Little Flower. Hung on the walls are large posters that highlight her life, each lovingly framed by **Father Dominic Nguyen**. The handmade wooden frames and simple floral decorations designed by **Sister Mercy, SPC**, and her **Liturgical En-**

vironment Ministry, beckon visitors. A cell phone will unlock the **QR codes** created by **Ms. Faith Leasiolagi** attached to each display. Once activated, a narration and videos commence to recount the significance of each exhibit. Ms. Leasiolagi and **Mrs. Ashley Agcaoil** provide the voices of virtual docents. Both ladies did extensive research before composing the narrated reflections. A life-size model of St. Theresa that adds the saint's presence to the museum was gifted by **Deacon Ray and Tyra Lamb**. Embark on this pilgrimage and immerse yourself in the life St. Theresa. The brainchild of **Father Manny Hewe**, pastor of St. Theresa Parish, the gallery was completed one year after the idea was conceived. Surprised students and faculty of the school were invited to be the first to tour the museum as part of their celebration of St. Theresa, during the week of Sept. 26-30. The once small, unremarkable pathway has become a little treasure, welcoming all who wish to explore it — a befitting way to honor the Little Flower herself, St. Theresa. *(Reported by Fran Wong)* ... Our school honored our saints on Nov. 1. **All Saints Day** is celebrated school-wide, with students invited to dress up as a saint of their choice. After Mass, students showcased their costumes and presented a blurb on the importance of their saint. Throughout the day, teachers share lessons on the saints, from middle school doing research to elementary classes reading a book about a saint. Here at St. Theresa, we continue the celebration of dressing up as a saint yearly and honor and revere the saints who have gone to heaven. *(Reported by Alyssa Yabes)*

6 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Congratulations to both our 2022 **Hawaii Catholic Schools League Girls Volleyball Pool B Champions** and our coed **Hawaii Catholic Schools League Boys Volleyball Pool B Champions!** We are so proud of our teams and our fantastic coaches. On any given day during recess and after school care, one can see **Father Vincent** playing 4-square, volleyball, football, and all kinds of ball games with our students. A couple of weeks ago he stopped by the office with brand new balls and frisbees for grades 1-4 and after-school-care children. He had gone shopping and personally purchased new playground toys for our students (and

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Mother Marianne Cope
1832

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Sister M. Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF
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him) to play with during recess and after school. Our heartfelt thanks go out to him for his love of the school and our keiki. We are so blessed to have Father Vincent as the leader of our parish and school. ... The school's **Marvelthon Fundraiser** has started and will run until the **Turkey Trot** on Nov. 23! All students have been divided into groups representing four Marvel characters: **Thanos, Nebula, Black Panther** or **Captain Marvel**. This event is both an individual and team challenge. Each week individual students and their team can earn both points and rewards. Students may also earn points for their team through being top donors. The three top donors will win a pizza party (1st), an ice cream party (2nd), or a popcorn party (3rd) for their classroom! (Reported by Earl Walker)



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first-ever privilege for our school, and through the generosity of donor and former chair of our school **Board of Trustees, Robin Yoshimura '76**, five members of our faculty and administration and a former student and parent are sharing our story among over 300 workshops under the theme of "sovereignty, voice, youth and futures." (Reported by Chrissy Naruo)

9 WAIALUA

St. Michael School

After almost three years, our students are finally about to go on excursions again! For our **second graders** (pictured), they were not allowed to go on field trips due to COVID restrictions since they started in kindergarten back in 2020. What a joy it was to see them enjoy the bus ride and the educational field trip that included a hayride, learning about and picking their own pumpkin, and being in fellowship with each other. (Reported Anvie Alcayde)

7 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

For **All Saints Day** and in preparation of **All Souls Day**, the students in their school day to go down to the **parish graveyard** to visit the site of the first parish altar (1882) and took a photo with it. They got to respectfully clean and prayerfully read the markers on the graves. They created their own All Saints Day crowns with their names and commemorative titles. They also look forward to All Souls Day when the parish has a grave blessing and candle lighting ceremony. Their older brothers and sisters in the **youth group and young adult ministries** decorate around 500 graves for the ceremony. The students also enjoyed a wonderful **Halloween Day** of festivities at school the day before and look forward to more celebrations in the holidays to come. (Reported by Helen Souza)



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Rosary Preschool

Our **4-year-old classes** combined to honor the **Blessed Virgin Mary** on Oct. 7, the **Feast of the Most Holy Rosary**. Following the 100% participation of each child making a floral offering to Mary, the school celebrated by having a field day on the convent lawn with relay race games. ... The **Waialeale firefighters** visited the preschool during **Fire Prevention Week 2022**, which included demonstrations, a chance to climb into the fire truck, and practice shooting water from the hose. ... **Sister Catherine's class** was excited to perform two **Halloween** songs before parading around the school grounds where parents were ready to pass out treats. (Reported by Lora Ogawa)

8 HONOLULU

Saint Louis School

Over 175 years since our founding as a Catholic mission school, we have grown from a school for Hawaiian men to an established **Catholic Marianist institution of learning** for Ha-

waiian men. Beneficiaries of a royal land grant of **Kamehameha III**, and rooted in a faith-based stewardship of land, culture and people, our learning institution continues to serve as the only K-12 all-male school in the Hawaiian Islands. This unique story has captured the attention of organizers

of the **World Indigenous People's Conference on Education** who have invited a group of educators from Saint Louis School to make a special presentation at their annual event held in the Adelaide Convention Centre in Australia. Being selected to present at this global conference is a

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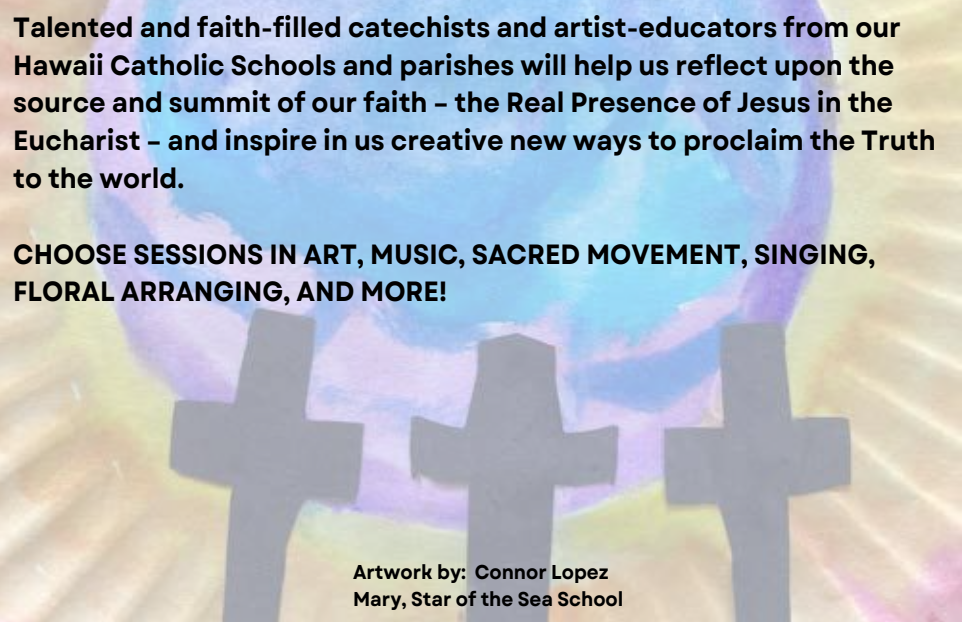
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