

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 HONOLULU

Maryknoll School

Pictured are our **middle and high school students** with **Mr. Wendell Bacnis** and a representative from **Catholic Charities Hawaii** with holiday donations from Maryknoll School. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Maryknoll School continues its community partnership with Catholic Charities of Hawaii for its annual **“Adopt-a-Family”** program. This year was a huge success as they were able to adopt 63 families for the holidays and have the support of every homeroom, advisory and department. “We are many parts; we are all one body, and the gifts we have, we are given to share.” **No-lesse oblige** is alive and well at Maryknoll School! Mahalo to Mr. Bacnis for coordinating this project. *(Reported by Lori A.K. Carlos)*



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2 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

Our school conducted a **Marvelthon Turkey Trot** on Nov. 23. All students had been divided into groups representing four Marvel characters: **Thanos, Nebula, Black Panther, or Captain Marvel**. Students in the first through eighth grade ran or walked around Enchanted Lake on Keolu Drive (approximately three miles), while younger students ran or walked around the campus. Several families also chose to participate in the run. Several volunteers assisted with monitoring students, roads and intersections along the route. ... On Dec. 6, the school was visited by **Santa’s elves** (members of our faculty). Santa’s elves collected unwrapped toys or gift cards from students from our **Early Learning Center** through **grade four**, then delivered them to our parish for its **Giving Tree** and **Toys for Tots**. Older students also participated and brought their gifts to the school office. ... The school conducted a **Holiday Concert** on Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the church. The concert featured our bands, orchestras and choir performing traditional holiday selections. Both parents and parishio-



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who pitched in to help. Pictured with our administration team is HCCF executive director **Michelle Meredith**. *(Reported by Julia Hudson)*

4 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph School

We are super proud of our talented students! The **Taste of Waipahu** celebrates our community of Waipahu. This year a poster contest was offered to all Waipahu residents and schools. St. Joseph Parish School had the most contest entries! The top winners each received a certificate and gift cards. First place: **Ria Bagay**, sixth grade; **Alec Zander Manantan**, fifth grade. Second place: **Jake Duropan**, fourth grade; **Ariana Caris**, third grade; **Josiah Lamug**, third grade. Third place: **Samantha Cabico**, third grade; **Railey Ganitano**, fifth grade. Honorable mention: **Meryle Batol**, fifth grade; **Chloe Deliz**, third grade; **Falesau Laufasa**, third grade. *(Reported by Keala Kia)*



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ners thoroughly enjoyed the music and singing. ... Our school's **Christmas Pageant** took place on the last day of school, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. also in the church. The entire student body participated in a very musical celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Another enjoyable event. ... Our school will be on **winter intersession** and **Christmas break** from Dec.

11 through Jan. 2. All classes will resume on Jan. 3. ... Wishing everyone a **holy Advent season** and a **joyful Christmas**. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

3 HONOLULU

Holy Family Catholic Academy

Just before Thanksgiving break our students gathered to en-

joy a **Turkey Trot** of activities to celebrate the culmination of our November community outreach project benefiting the **Hawaii Children’s Cancer Foundation** (HCCF). Mahalo to assistant principal **Jocelyn Burch** for planning such a memorable day, to our amazing families for donating a collective \$3,537.41 to HCCF, and to our many parent volunteers

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St. Theresa School

Preschool students have been learning all about plants. Today they practiced labeling the parts of a plant on a chart as well as a real plant. Students examined two real plants, making observations and comparisons. They enjoyed this hands-on experience and are looking forward to planting their own plants from seeds. *(Reported by Magdalena Collins)*

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