

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 MILILANI

St. John Catholic Preschool

Our preschool students are shown here marching in the **Mililani Holiday Parade** Dec. 3. (Reported by Deb Zedalis)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

2 HONOLULU

Holy Family Catholic Academy

Our school challenged the students to see how the domino effect of donating at least **one box of cereal** per student could quickly add up to help people in need in a big way. Students gathered a total of 422 boxes to be donated to the **Our Lady of Good Counsel** food pantry in Pearl City. The cereal boxes were carefully placed in two lines and knocked over like dominos highlighting a heartwarming example of two parishes working together to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. HFCA principal **Celeste Akiu**, left, is pictured with OLGC outreach coordinator **Kathy Sunada**. (Reported by Julia Hudson)



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3 HONOLULU

Chaminade University of Honolulu

Chaminade recently welcomed the heads of six Hawaii Catholic schools to campus with an admissions tour. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Saint Louis School, **Glenn Medeiros**; St. Joseph School, **Maile Kipapa**; St. Anthony School, **David Kenney**; Damien Memorial School, **Arnold Laanui**; Chaminade University, **Brother Edward Brink**; Maryknoll School, **Shana Tong**; Sacred Hearts Academy, **Scott Schroeder**. In the front row, from left, **Shay Lynn Kuaana '26**, nursing major; **Noelani Tugaoen '25**, communications major; **Megan Nakamura '25**, psychology major. (Reported by Alyssa Mori)



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4 KAHULUI

Christ the King Child Development Center

Our children from the parish Child Development Center visited the **parish staff** giving us a glee of voices filled with **Christmas cheer** through patriotic songs and Christmas carols. It is always a joy and delight to have them around bringing lots of love. (Reported by Mildred S. Chargualaf)

5 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

The school **science fair** was on Thursday-Friday, Jan. 12-13! The **middle schoolers** of sixth-eighth grade presented their findings with the distinguished judges and the students of **preschool through fifth grade** shared their knowledge

on Friday. Science teacher, **Mrs. Sylvia Tsuda** organized a lively celebration of the gifts of **problem-solving and curiosity!** Twenty-seven middle schoolers are moving to the district level which will be an opportunity to progress to the **Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair!** The district competition will be held on Feb. 18. **St. Albert the Great**, patron saint of science,

pray for us! (Reported by Chantelle Luarca)

6 KAILUA

St. Anthony School

Our school has been very busy since returning from Christmas break. We had our school **spelling bee** with **Patrick F.** eighth grade and **Ryan L.** sixth grade our school winners.

They go on to the district championship. Good luck. Next was **Catholic Schools Week**, which was full of fun and celebration. We had a full week with: service to our community by beautifying our campus, International Day celebrating our many cultures, Healthy Heart Challenge where we participated in many activities to keep our hearts healthy and giving donations for the **American Heart Association**. On the last day, we came together as a school to participate in a Zumba activity and then a refreshing cool treat. Two of our teachers volunteered to get "slimed" (**Mrs. Kam's** healthy slime) by students who had the largest heart challenge donations. Mahalo **Mr. Cabansag** and **Mr. Romero** for being brave. Our teachers then gathered with the other Catholic Schools and attended Mass led by **Bishop Larry**, honoring long time Catholic school employees and then attending workshops. What a great day! What a great week! ... **St. Valentine's Day**, our annual **Shrove Tuesday Malasada Sale** and **Lent** are next on our agenda. We also have a **70th Anniversary Gala** scheduled for April 22. Check out our web site for more information. A great time to get together as SAS alumni! If you would like to learn more about our school, please visit saskailua.org or call at (808)261-3331. ... Pictured is our principal **Mrs. Olsen** trying her hand at jumping rope. (Reported by Patricia Barros)

7 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

We hosted our school's 12th annual **"Breakfast with the Bishop"** on Jan. 29, with **Bishop Larry Silva**. A delicious buffet was served at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon in the parish hall at 920 Keolu Drive. Over 400 people attended. Each arriving guest was greeted by the principal, **Mrs. DeMello**, the pastor, **Father Vincent Vu** and Bishop Larry who thanked them for supporting the school. Bishop Silva spoke on the success of our school and **Dr. Llewellyn Young**, Hawaii Catholic schools superintendent, spoke on the importance of a Catholic education. Several celebrity guests attended, including **Darth Vader** and a **Storm Trooper**. Entertainment was provided by the school's hula halau, directed by **Jack McKeague**, and our young singers and musicians, directed by **Sarah Young** and



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Shannon Ronald. The food was prepared by the school's chefs, and served by teachers and parents. Proceeds of \$53,000 generated will go toward our tuition assistance program. We thank our parish family and all the sponsors for a fantastic event. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*



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8 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

For **Catholic Schools Week** the students started off with a **Service Work Day** on Monday, Jan 30. They cleaned and visited the church wearing their school T-shirts. For Tuesday, Jan. 31. They participated in **Culture Day** where they dressed in cultural clothing. For Wednesday, Feb. 1, they had fun with **Pajama Day** and of Thursday, Feb. 2, the students enjoyed **Beach Day**. They got to wear shorts and casual wear and took part in an ocean-themed relay race that ended the week for them. The staff on Friday, attended a virtual livestream Mass and workshops. We also got to honor our school custodian **Paul Moskow** who received a 30-year anniversary award and acknowledgment. *(Reported by Helen Souza)*



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9 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

Camille Hesapene has been a cornerstone of our school for 30 years. She began in 1992, hired as a secretary for the school as it rebuilt after **Hurricane Iniki**. As the years went by, she took on more responsibility, assisting with office management as principals transitioned. Camille used her community relations and extended family supporters to expand the annual school fundraiser



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food booth offering. She and her husband, **David**, are the heart behind the famous **St. Theresa School kiawe chicken!** Camille and David proudly sent all three of their children here and are now enjoying watching as their grandchildren attend. To say that Camille has been

an employee of St. Theresa School for 30 years would be an understatement. Camille is an integral part of the foundation that makes our school special. She is willing to go above and beyond any job title, doing what is needed for the good of the school. She has a wealth of

experience, using her knowledge of the past to propel the school forward. She recognizes the value of each learner, staff member, and school parent. Camille is dynamic and open to change. She has a realistic view of our school and our community and is always open to

new ideas and ways of keeping our school thriving. Congratulations, Camille, on reaching this 30-year milestone. You are in the heart of this school. You have formed it, you have worked with it through ups and downs, you have poured endless love and time into it, and St. Theresa School is forever grateful to you. Happy anniversary to our most cherished office manager, business manager, carnival coordinator, fundraiser specialist, administrator, counselor, recess and lunch monitor, caterer, and above all, friend. We love you! *(Reported by Wendy Castillo)*

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Rosary Preschool

We recently celebrated **National Catholic Schools Week** and **National School Choice Week** with four themed school spirit days that ranged from Career Day, Multi-Cultural Day, Parent/Twins Day, and Fancy Dress/Grandparents Day. On **Parents/Twins Day**, parents were invited to school to enjoy class performances in their honor in addition to dressing as a twin with their child and spend the day playing games either with their child or vs their child. Some of the games included the potato sack race (parent vs child), the two-legged race (parent and child), and fill the bucket of water (parent vs child). There were lots of smiling faces and laughter all around. Lunch was served and families spent more time bonding together. On **Grandparents Day**, students honored their kupuna with class performances and activities in their individual classrooms. Grandparent and grandchild were also invited to spend lunch together bonding. *(Reported by Lora Ogawa)*



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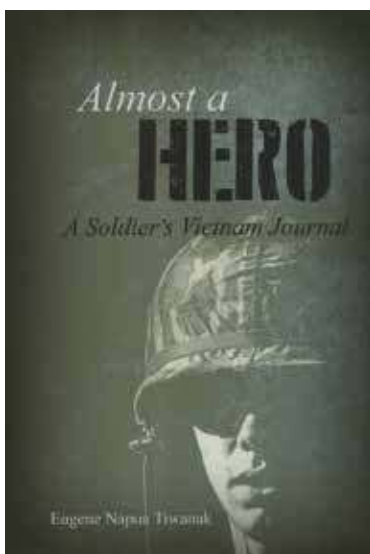
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