

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 HONOLULU

Saint Louis School

Our school ushered in the season with **Ash Wednesday Mass** in the Clarence T.C. Ching Athletic Center gym for our middle and high school divisions. **Father Roland Bunda, S.M.**, celebrated and a thoughtful homily was delivered by a special guest from the Marianist U.S. Province headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri: **Deacon Pat Wheadon**. A former Catholic school administrator, Deacon Pat represented the Office of Sponsorship in a three-day accreditation visit to Kalaepohaku, meeting with all school constituent groups in a marathon of appointments and discussion groups. Sustaining a viable Marianist identity is crucial to our school's commitment to share the Marianist charism. We have an active and dedicated Mission Integration Team (MIT) chaired by religion 10 instructor, **Ms. Rachel McGann** — a Marianist high school alumna, and guided by a lay Marianist, **Mr. Joseph Nugent**, who also serves on the President's Council as Director of Mission and Community Relations. (Reported by *Chrissy Naruo*)

2 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

The students received a visit on Feb. 10 from **Shannon McCann** from the **Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation**. She educated the students on being good stewards of the land and the animals that God created. They saw first-hand how the ocean changes color after a large rain. How putting things in the ocean pollutes it and what we can do to keep it clean. The children also learned how to protect the turtles and monk seals that are laying eggs or nursing on our beaches. Pictured is Shannon McCann, Humane Education Department representative, that presented a container of water and the children added one by one everything from sunscreen, dirt and motor oil to depict the pollution on the ocean. Then last, she dropped in a fish-shaped sponge and the students saw how the fish was covered by the pollutants. It was an eye-opening activity for all. (Reported by *Helen Souza*)

3 KAHULUI

Christ the King Child Development Center

Our school celebrated **Dr. Seuss Day** honoring the celebrated author on March 2 by wearing hats from his book "The Cat in the Hat." **National Read Across America Day** is celebrated each year on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. **Theodor Seuss Geisel**, also known as Dr. Seuss, was a children's author and cartoonist. He was born on March 2, 1904, and died on Sept. 24, 1991. Dr. Seuss is one of the student's favorite writers. (Reported by *Mildred S. Chargualaf*)

4 HONOLULU

Holy Family Catholic Academy

Each Friday during Lent, our students are working together on a different parable to further understand their Catholic identity



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through scripture. Our **upper grades (fourth-eighth)** have partnered with our **lower grades (preschool-third)** to discuss each parable with their younger classmates and help them relate to the lesson in an age-appropriate way. Pictured are sixth-grade students with their third-grade friends discussing Matthew 21:28-32, the **Parable of the Two Sons**. (Reported by *Julia Hudson*)

5 HONOLULU

Maryknoll School

Our **Class of 2023** enjoyed their

visit with **Bishop Larry Silva** on March 3, the annual **Bagels with the Bishop** event (turned "Selfie with the Bishop"). Pictured is Bishop Larry with members of the senior class. It was a cherished opportunity for our seniors to visit and spend time with the bishop before they embark on their future endeavors as graduates. (Reported by *Lori A.K. Carlos '87*)

6 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

On March 8, we welcomed our **Western Catholic Education As-**

sociation and Western Association of Schools and Colleges 2023 accreditation visiting team. It included chairperson **Dr. Denise Valadez**, Diocese of Orange, Department of Catholic Schools, **Ms. Heidi Rezentes**, Kailua High School, **Ms. Chris Loomis**, Maryknoll School, and **Ms. Chelsea Malefy**, Maryknoll School. They were on campus from Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon, March 10. We were excited to introduce our school community to these visitors. Accreditation is the recognition that an institution maintains a certain level of educational standards. This

assures families that we are providing their child with a quality education, and our Catholic identity is the primary focus. For the past two years, our faculty and staff have been working diligently in preparing written documentation and evidence in anticipation of this accreditation review. We wish to thank a wonderful group of people and our students who volunteered to help refresh our campus for the accreditation visit. We are grateful for their willingness to lend us their time and muscle to help with cleaning and completing several projects. ... Our **hula halau** performed at the **Kuhio Beach Hula Show** on March 11. The show was sponsored by the **City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Visitor's Bureau, and the Hawaii Tourism Authority**. The stage or hula mound is located just left of the Duke Kahanamoku statue in Waikiki. We are proud of our halau and grateful to our **Kumu Hula Jack McKeague** for being such goodwill ambassadors for our school. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

7 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Mary, Star of the Sea School

During **Catholic Schools Week**, our school proudly celebrated our students, parish, nation and vocations. We also had a special day of celebration around our diverse international community. Our student body includes students from over 40 different countries — a surprise to many! The day kicked off with an international campus parade where students proudly showcased their cultural attire, colors and flags! Pictured are students with the flag of **New Zealand**. Students, faculty and parents joined in the school-wide gathering on our great lawn with **Hoku, our school mascot**, and proudly sang our national and state anthems and last but not least our traditional school song. It was a great way to celebrate the unity of our community and mark the end to Catholic School's Week until next year! (Reported by *Lorena Vogeler*)

AIEA

St. Elizabeth Middle School Ministry

Our **Edge middle school ministry** presented the second annual **Bookfest** but added a bake sale feature. Our core team donated their specialty of desserts. **Ms. Irene Sayaboc** deep fried mochiko flour and shredded coconut to share the Filipino delicacy called "**cascaron**." That was a sellout, not to mention **Jonathan Castro's** moist brownies and butter mochi. We had crunchy Chex mix presented with a pretty red ribbon and more. All children's books, DVDs, stuffed animals, and balloons were free. All the books and items were donated by our staff and parish community throughout the year. We'd like to thank everyone who supported us as we continue to promote literacy to all our St. Elizabeth students and community. Proceeds from the bake sale will go toward the funding of their annual Edge retreat they look forward to every year. (Reported by *Bernadette Manoa*)