

THE SCHOOL NEWS

1 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center

Our school celebrated alongside our pastors **Father Edison Pamintuan, M.S.,** and **Father Napoleon Andres, M.S.,** for **Pastor Appreciation Sunday.** The students asked Father Edison to come up to the school courtyard to bless the new American and Hawaiian flags that were purchased and surprised him with a banner, gift card, song and lei. Father Nap was not in attendance but was given his goodies at a later time. Thank you, Father Edison, and Father Nap for all you do for the parish and preschool here at St. Joseph, Makawao. God bless! (Reported by Helen Souza)



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2 WAIALAE-KAHALA

Mary, Star of the Sea School

At Mary, Star of the Sea School, we celebrate the tradition of the **Living Rosary** every October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students from all grades from kindergarten and eighth represented each decade, wearing matching colored shirts, as we came together in prayer to honor this beautiful devotion. Parents and family members also attended, making it a truly special community event. This tradition serves as a meaningful way for us to reflect and spiritually prepare for the upcoming fall break. (Reported by Lorena Vogeler)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

3 AIRPORT AREA

Holy Family Catholic Academy

We were thrilled to celebrate **Custodian Appreciation Day** on Oct. 2 and recognize our maintenance team members **Mr. Kainoa DeMello** and **Mr. John Tavares.** Mr. Kainoa and Mr. John are integral to maintaining a safe and clean learning environment for our students, and their efforts and commitment to our school are a blessing to us every day. Each homeroom class created cards, leis, and gifts to honor Mr. Kainoa and Mr. John at our morning assembly. We pray they know how much they are appreciated and that God blesses them abundantly! Pictured are John Tavares, left,

and Kainoa DeMello. (Reported by Julia Hudson)

4 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

In honor of **Priesthood Sunday,** our students showered our pastor **Father Vincent** with love and appreciation at our School Mass on Friday, Sept. 27. He is such a wonderful member of our school community and an amazing, compassionate leader. The love he has for our keiki is evident in everything he does. There is never an occasion when he is not with us to participate or cheer us on! God was certainly watching out for us when he sent him our way!

... On Monday morning Oct. 14 our school will conduct an opening ceremony and pep rally for our annual **November Turkey Trot FUNdraiser.** This year's theme is Trot Wars and students have been assigned to one of the following teams: either First Order, Mandalorians, Jedi or Droids. Teachers, staff and volunteers are on the team Galactic Republic. Students can participate in Six-Weekly Planet Challenges where we will travel to different planets across the galaxy to receive an Intergalactic Passport Stamp. ... The church's parking lot will be transformed into a fun, spooky circle on Oct.

25, 6-8 p.m., with lots of car trunks and pickup trucks festively decorated for **Trunk or Treat.** Young trick or treaters will receive treats in a safe, sheltered environment. To enter the event, the suggested donation is a canned food item. For more information, please contact the school office at 808-261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

5 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy

We are proud to share with our school ohana that Academy students, **Tehana Maurice,** '25, left, and **Sara Inao,** '25, have been named **Commended Students** in the **2025 National Merit Schol-**

arship Program! A letter of commendation from the Academy and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to these scholastically talented seniors. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Sara and Tehana join an elite top 2% of students in the nation to have scored exceptionally well on the PSAT/NMSQT. We are so proud of you both and continue to wish you well in your future academic endeavors and beyond! Go Lancers! (Reported by Tiffany Kiyabu Nishimura)

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