



May 3, 2018

Dear St. Anthony School 'Ohana,

May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i, and our students have been busily preparing for our annual May Day Program. The theme for this year's program is **"E Hele Mai Hula me A'u - Come Dance with Me"** and the children have been practicing their dances to perform for you tomorrow Friday, May 4th at 8:15 a.m. in the courtyard. Thank you to the families who donated plants, flowers and greenery for the decorations, and for helping us set up tonight! Thank you also to those who have generously volunteered to bring and set up a pop-up tent for your child's class to have some shade or rain shelter! Set up will begin early tomorrow morning around 6:30 a.m. on and the pop-up tents should be tied down to cinder blocks or buckets, so please bring something to secure them. Tomorrow, we will also be celebrating and honoring our **Blessed Mother Mary with a May Crowning** of flowers and lei.

For our May Day program, parking will be limited, with the Outreach parking lot and street available. Please be a good neighbor and park safely and not block driveways.

The band, choir, and hula halau will begin the program at 8:15 a.m. and the show will end around 10:00 a.m. The PTSG is hosting a parent booth distributing light morning refreshments and coffee and juice from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. near the bike rack at May Day! Please be sure to stop by and visit them. There will be no Hawaiian plate lunch service this year, so all **children in After School Care will need a home lunch. Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m.** on this day.

May Day is a great tradition at St. Anthony School! Many hours go into the May Day Program and the children love to see their families in attendance. We hope you can join us!

Enrollment Forms and Summer School:

Thank you to the families who have completed their **Enrollment Forms** for the upcoming year. Having accurate numbers is essential to our school so that we can complete our planning. Please be sure to recommend our school to your friends and family members as we will continue to enroll new families. **Summer School registration** is still ongoing, and forms can be turned into the office. The five week, half day classes help to strengthen and enrich students through the summer. We may be offering the Title 1 classes in reading and math for students who are part of this program. It's a great way to build reading and math skills!

An Education at St. Anthony School:

We know that parents have choices in the education of their child and that one concern of any parent is if St. Anthony School will adequately prepare their child for high schools. We are confident that our middle school students are prepared and competitive for admission at all of our island high schools. To instill that same confidence in our parents, here are our current 8th graders' acceptance statistics: We have 14 graduates who collectively submitted a total of 45 applications to various high schools across Hawaii. Our acceptance rates were 100% for applicants to Catholic high schools (Maryknoll, Sacred Hearts, Damien, and St. Louis.) All 10 of our 14 graduates who applied for admission at a Catholic high school were accepted. We also had a 100% acceptance rate at Le Jardin (7 of 7 applicants), Mid-Pac (4 of 4 applicants) and Trinity Christian (3 of 3 applicants). Our students are extremely competitive for admission at all private schools. We had a 70% acceptance rate for applicants to Punahou and 7 of our



graduates were offered admission. Of our four 8th grade applicants to Kamehameha Schools, 3 were offered admission and one was wait-listed. Two of our sixth graders were also offered admission at Kamehameha Schools and two of our 8th graders were offered admission at Iolani School. Our graduates who chose to go to a public high school can take advance classes in Spanish, join the band and chose advance academic courses. **We are proud of all our graduates and we are confident they will go out to make their mark in the world!**

When it Breaks, it Pours:

Due to a water pipe leak, two of the Early Learning Center classrooms experienced some flooding that resulted in new carpeting and repairs to two classrooms. We are happy to say that repairs are completed and the classrooms are now open. **Thanks for your patience!**



Welcome:

We are happy to introduce you to some of our new staff members. In the preschool, PK2 we've enjoyed having a new aide, **Mrs. Faith Burroughs**. Faith comes to us from Pennsylvania, where she worked as an Early Education teacher. We also welcome, **Mrs. Suad Lacalamito** into our cafeteria/school kitchen. Mrs. Lacalamito brings her cooking skills and desire to spice up our lunches, having already introduced some new tasty entrees.

Big Island Adventure:

The **Fourth Graders** had a fantastic trip to the **Big Island of Hawaii on April 9, 10, and 11**. The students flew into Kona accompanied by their teacher Mrs.



Peterson, and chaperones: Mr. Quinn (PE), Miss Fass (ELC), Mrs. Braden, and Mr. Palacat (AD) and visited the ancient heiau at Pu'ukoholā and the place of refuge Pu'u honua o Hōnaunau



before traveling through the southern coast and heading up to stay at Kilauea Military Camp in Volcano National Park. While at the park, they experienced walking through lava tubes, hiking to see Pele's tears and watching the active lava lake at Halema'uma'u Crater. They visited the 'Imiloa Observatory and learned about how the islands were born. It was

a great growing and learning adventure! Stop in the office to see their photo display!



Helpers Needed for ELC Playground:

If you have a big shovel, a wheelbarrow, muscles, and time, the Early Learning Center is in need of assistance moving the giant sand mountain outside of their playground.

The sand will be used to fill in the sand area around the playground equipment, and a few low areas on the grass. The keiki are so excited and have been helping to move it too! A special thanks to Nicholas Anderson and his son Callan in PS2 for shoveling sand for hours on the day it arrived! Please let one of the teachers know if you can help! Thank you!!



School Library:

Thanks to the fundraising of our **PTSG we have been able to purchase new 21st Century tables and chairs for our school library** that are mobile and allow for regrouping tables to fit multiple group sizes! We are also going to update the **carpet**. The improvements will start during the summer. The Pali Lions Club has agreed to help us with the project with packing up books, sanding and painting the library! They are going to be at SAS on **Saturday, June 23, 2018!** If you are interested in helping us, please let Ms. Kinsey or the school office know. It's a big job to pack up the books and we may want to do this prior to the day so we welcome all volunteers. Thank you to the **PTSG and Laura and Mark Ayers**, parents of Rune (Gr. 3), the architects who have donated their time and talents for this project.

First Eucharist and Confirmation:

This year our parish will join the Restored Order of Sacraments that the Diocese of Honolulu has adopted. This means that approximately 70 students from 2nd to 8th grade will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during Pentecost in May. The students have been preparing in school learning about the gifts of these sacraments, along with their parents and god parents who have been attending many Family Session classes on the weekend, instilling our Catholic faith belief that parents are the primary educators of their children. Learning about God and living it in our day to day life is modeled at home and we want our families to know that we are praying for you as you continue to grow in your family's faith life. **The Second Graders will celebrate Communion and Confirmation on Saturday, May 19th at the 5:00pm Mass. The students in grades 3-8th will be confirmed at the 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 20th. High School siblings will also receive their Confirmation that day at the 6:00 p.m. Mass.** Lots of celebrations and blessings to all!

Religious Education:

We also want to welcome to our parish **Mrs. Cindy Kaul**, mother of Raleigh (Gr. 4) and Ransom (Gr.6) who will become **the Director of Religious Education**. Mrs. Kaul has been working alongside Mrs. Donna Estomago, who will be retiring in June, to prepare the children and families for this special day. We want to **thank Mrs. Estomago** for her years of service and welcome Mrs. Kaul for helping us grow in our faith and service to God.



We are also excited to extend an invitation to Middle School and High School students to join **Mrs. Niccole DeWitt**, mother of Max (Gr. 4), Ben (Gr. 2), Lily (K1) as the **new Youth Minister Director for Middle School and High School**. She is a dynamic member of the PTSG and she looks forward to working with your children to help them with their spiritual

growth. The 8th graders will have an opportunity to work with her as they will be going on a Retreat on May 16th! (Photo: 6th grade on retreat at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi!)

Math 24 Club:



For those of you who have a hard time making Math “add up”, this is the club for you! Started by **Bella (Gr. 6)** and her mother, **Mrs. Benedetto**, and supported by **Mrs. Ronscka (Gr. 3)** this club offers its members participation in a Math game that is so much fun, you will forget it’s Math!!! Students of all grades have met to practice while playing Math each week. A fun end of the year tournament challenged the teams and the student’s math skills and confidence grew. Be sure to join us next year!



Student Recognitions:

Lani Pearce (7) was selected by the Pali Lions as the winner of the Peace Poster contest. She won a gift certificate and a monetary prize at a special dinner. Way to go, Lani!



Congratulations to **Harper Allen (2A)** who was selected by Zaner Bloser for the Best Handwriting in the Second Grade for the State of Hawaii. Harper won a special medal, a diamond paperweight for his teacher and \$200 gift certificate for the school to purchase new materials.

Yuna Cho (4) was the recipient of a special award from the YMCA for her winning Peace Art Poster and Reflection on Peace. Yuna received a special certificate and a \$50 gift certificate.





Hawaii's Middle School Prudential Spirit of Community Award Winner Grace Kennedy:

SAS 8th Grader Grace Kennedy (on right) was congratulated by Olympic gold medalist and World Cup champion Lindsey Vonn on being **named Hawaii's top Middle School youth volunteer for 2018 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**. Grace was honored at a ceremony on



Sunday, April 29 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History,

where she received a \$1,000 award. Grace was recognized for her service work to raise money to help children in need in Hawaii through Kidz with a Cause. Thank you, Grace for your giving heart and your creativity in helping others in our community.



PTSG Family Bingo Night:

Come join us for **Family Bingo Night on Friday, May 11, from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. There will be a short PTSG meeting, then on to a spaghetti dinner (\$5 a plate) and then BINGO!!! There will also be a Silent Auction set up, which will include items such as reserved seating for school events. See you there!!

SAS Warriors Make Malasadas at I Love Kailua:



Thank you to the PTSG, SAS families and friends who came out to support **St. Anthony School's Malasada booth on Sunday, April 29th**. We had a great time making and selling our SAS malasadas and having fun together. A special thanks to **Mrs. Millie Gilmore**, mother of Jaron (Gr. 4) and her mother, **Mrs. Perreira** for sharing their special recipe and leading us!

ELC Garage Sale:

ELC Garage Sale next Saturday, May 12 at the school!

Be sure to join us! Donations are still being accepted at the ELC, through next week Wednesday, May 9th. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new playground materials and equipment to help upgrade the play areas in the ELC.



Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school!

God Bless You, Mrs. Olsen, Principal