



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

May 31, 2018

Dear St. Anthony School Parents and Students,

The month of May passed quickly and with much celebration. This year's [May Day Program](#) entitled, "E Hele Mai Hula Me A'u", or "Come Dance with Me," was a great success. The students and teachers proudly performed songs and dances that represented different aspects and times of our island culture and home. It ended with a wonderful tribute to Mrs. Mau performed by the teachers and faculty and staff. Her presence here was so large and we have felt her spirit with us all year as we have honored her memory.

The teachers were overwhelmed by your creativity and generosity during [Teacher Appreciation Week](#). From the beautifully decorated doors, to the delicious baked goods, to the beautiful flowers and all the gifts and goodies, our hearts were warmed and we all felt so special. We truly appreciate you and all your support of us and our school, and value your partnership in your child's education.

Our biggest [liturgical celebration](#) of the year was of 68 St. Anthony School students who became fully initiated into the Catholic Church on May 19 and 20th. This was the first year of the Restored Order, which allowed for full initiation for students as young as second grade. This process brought families closer together in their faith. We are so very proud to welcome these students as new fully initiated members of our church. A big mahalo to our new Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Cindy Kaul, who co-coordinated this process of initiation, along with Mrs. Donna Estomago, who is retiring as the Director of Education at this school. We thank them both for their service.

Today the Father Marlon Belmonte celebrated a **Commissioning Prayer Service** to bless and promote the students to the next grade. After this, the End of School Year Awards were presented. Congratulations to all the students for their achievements.



The [Athletic Banquet](#) celebrated the accomplishments of our students who participated in after school basketball, volleyball and track. Along with their coaches and parents, students had a fun time recapping the year and receiving awards. We look forward to another great year ahead.



As we bid farewell to another school year, we also bid farewell to **Mrs. Cecelia Izuo**, who is retiring after 25 years of service teaching Kindergarten at our school. She has been so dedicated as a teacher that her former students are now coming back to her as co-workers! Mrs. Izuo, "You are one in a Minion." You will always be a part of the legacy of our school, and although we will miss you, we wish you nothing but the best in your retirement.

We also bid a fond farewell and send our best wishes and prayers to Mrs. Elizabeth Thiel, who will be relocating to Washington; Mrs. Alyssa McCarthy, who will welcome her first child, Baby Jameson in early September; Mrs. Stephanie Ronscka, who is relocating to Florida; Ms. Casey Engelhardt, who is moving to San Diego; Ms. Lauren Eggleston who will be relocating to Florida to complete her Master's in Education program, and Ms. Zoe Balmy, who is relocating to Northern California to be closer to her family. We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication this year. Aloha a hui hou.



St. Anthony School was blessed to celebrate not only one but two graduations this month. The first **Class of 2018** was comprised of our mighty leaders, our 8th grade students, over half of whom who were eleven-year students at our school. This group was made up of intelligent, creative, talented young men and women who served with gracious hearts and accomplished much during their time here.



The second **Class of 2018** was made up of our Small but Mighty Warriors, the **Pre-Kindergarten** classes, who crossed the preschool finish line and will now be crossing the street to Kindergarten next year. Way to go, Little Warriors!



We would like to extend our warmest gratitude to our wonderful [Parent Teacher Student Guild](#) (PTSG) for a year filled with not only fundraising but “fun” raising! Thank you to Mrs. Stephanie Guy, (President), Mrs. Veronica Kinzer, (Vice-President), Lynelle Thompson, (Treasurer), Millie Gilmore, (Secretary), Nikki DeWitt (Communications), and Shawna Smith, (Faculty Representative). Thank you for all your tireless dedication, your drive and determination and your can-do attitude. You truly make our school a better place and we value and appreciate you more than you could ever know. The PTSG is always looking for willing and able bodies to join the ranks. If interested, contact Nikki DeWitt at nichole.dewitt@gmail.com.

[Summer School](#) begins on Tuesday, June 12th. It is a five-week program and we are still accepting applications. Class time runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and morning and after school programs are also available. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Patricia Barros at pbarros@saskailua.org.

Light up the sparklers as St. Anthony School is entering the **Fourth of July Parade** again! Plans are currently underway. If you are interested in participating in the parade or assisting with preparations, please contact Ms. Katie Wayman at kwayman@saskailua.org. She said, “Be prepared to, ride, walk, march, run, dance, sing and SHINE for AMERICA.” More information to follow!

Thank you to newly-minted Alumni Grace Kennedy, Class of 2018, who coordinated the schoolwide silver coin collection, which raised \$1000.00 for **Kilauea Kids**.





The **Knights of Columbus** presented scholarships to three St. Anthony School students to support Catholic education. The students were nominated by teachers and the selection was based on living Catholic values for kindness, responsibility and service. Congratulations to Sureya Jago (7), Hi'ipoi Nicely-Akana (7), and Nai Akana Smith (8) for their awards.

Enrollment Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be sent electronically on Friday, June 1st. Forms must be completed and returned to the office by Friday, June 15th to begin your eleven-month tuition payment beginning in July through FACTS. The Enrollment Contract can also be found on the school's website under the Tuition Tab or can be picked up in the school office.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at St. Anthony School, I would like to thank you for another great school year. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

May God Bless You All,
Principal Bridget Olsen