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Warrior News

St. Anthony School Kailua Newsletter

Let Us Give Thanks!

Fall is the season of gratitude! The holidays are just around the corner making this a busy time of the year. This is why it is so important to stop and reflect on the things that we are thankful for including the wonderful people and activities from the last few weeks.

We want to thank our many Veterans in our school community for your service to our country. Students wrote letters that were shared with the veterans at Tripler Army Hospital. You are always in our hearts and prayers.



Let's give thanks and help those in need. Saint Anthony School's Annual Canned Food Drive is currently underway and runs through November 22. This drive benefits our Parish Outreach program, which works with families in need. All the donations will help families in our community to have a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving. Donations are being accepted in classroom boxes, which will be blessed during our Thanksgiving Mass on Friday, November 22.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For all your gifts of nature

And of grace,

For health and strength,

For homes and family

For true friends and

wise teachers,

For all the blessings of this life

and for our hope of

a better life to come.

Happy Thanksgiving!

With a Grateful Heart,

St. Anthony School



Congratulations to Father Joseph Diaz

We were very happy to celebrate the 25th Ordination Anniversary of our former School Chaplain, Father Joseph Diaz (Fr. Bong), on October 25 with a Mass and reception. We were very blessed to have both Bishop Larry Silva and Monseigneur Gary Secor in attendance, along with both school and parish members, and a featured performance by comedian, Mr. Frank DeLima.



Welcome Father Roel Delos Reyes

We would also like to welcome Father Roel Delos Reyes to our parish and school community. He comes to us from the Philippines and is excited to get to know everyone in our school and parish family. He has already celebrated Mass with the students this month!

Thank You for A FaBOOless Harvest Fest!

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, students, and other volunteers who contributed to the success of our Harvest Festival on October 18. The amazing Haunted School House, photo booth, games, food, fun, and all the costumes made it a memorable event! Mahalo to Mrs. Millie Gilmore (Jaron, 6th) and Mrs. Veronica Kinzer (Victoria, 6th) for coordinating and running the Haunted House ("staffed" by the wonderful Middle School students), and a huge mahalo to Mrs. Nikki DeWitt for coordinating the whole event. What a faBOOless way to kick off the Fall season!



Congratulations to Grace for Winning the Vocations Art Contest!



The **Vocations Art Contest** features original drawings by children about Vocations. Many students from 2nd through 8th grade participated and produced beautiful artwork which made the judging very difficult. Thank you and congratulations to all the participants. Here are the grade level division winners: Lily DeWitt, 2nd, Samantha Diaz, 6th, and **Grace Delehanty, 5th**. Special **Congratulations to Grace for winning First Place in the Diocese** in the 3rd to 5th grade division.



Pumpkin Patch FUN!

The Preschool, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten students have been busy learning about their community helpers with visits to the Kailua Fire Station, Police Station and Library. The Preschoolers have enjoyed having their parents visit their classes and sharing about their careers!

The Early Learning Center students also visited the Waimanalo Pumpkin Patch to take a hayride, pet the animals, learn about bees and even picked their own pumpkins.

They will also attend their first school Mass on November 22nd!



Scholastic Book Fair

Mahalo to everyone who came to help with this year's Scholastic Book Fair organized by our school librarian MaryPat Kinsey. The funds raised support purchasing new materials and books for our school library. Family Night was lots of fun with this year's mascot Pete the Cat joining us! There was also a wonderful selection of books, videos and religious gifts from the Sisters of the Pauline Book Store. They are a Catholic bookstore, located in downtown Honolulu with a nice selection of books for children focusing on the Saints, Advent and Christmas.



ACRE Exams are Next Week!

Fifth and Eighth grade students will be taking the annual ACRE exam next week. The ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) helps schools, parishes and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. This will be the first year that our students will take this exam online.



We Are the Champions!

We want to congratulate the St. Anthony School Catholic School League Girls Volleyball Team, and Coach Mrs. Stewart, who finished in First Place in the CSL League with a 20-0 record. They were undefeated all season for the second year in a row! We are so proud of them!

Box Tops for Education Will Continue!



Box Tops for Education has announced that they will continue to accept the clipped paper box tops but there will be fewer as time goes by. So please send them in. We also hope that you will continue to support the program and adopt the new method of scanning your receipts to the company. Congratulations to the Second grade for being last month's Box Top winners. November Box Tops are due Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Thank you to Mrs. Lambert for being our Box Top coordinator!

Hawaii Theater for Youth

Did you know that St. Anthony students attend many of the Hawaii Theater for Youth (HTY) productions? These productions are entertaining, inspiring and even magical! For our younger students, we are fortunate that HTY travels to perform in our school hall, allowing even our preschoolers a chance to enjoy live productions including, "SHHHH..." This week, our older students went to see "Jackie Robinson and the Year of the Boar". The students really enjoy them and there are more to come!

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS!

Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 24 for the Parish Ohana School Mass at 8:30 a.m. All children who want to sing may sit with the choir, and our gift bearers and lectors will be from Grade 4! Wear your school uniforms and receive a free dress on Monday, November 25th.

November birthday students and teachers are invited for a snack treat at recess on Wednesday, November 27th in the office! Happy Birthday!

Warrior Shirt is Wednesday, November 27th!

School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 27th and will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, for Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Monday, December 2.

Upcoming December Happenings!

First Reconciliation Mass for Second Graders will be held **on Wednesday, December 4th at 9:00am.**

Feast of St. Nicholas is on **Friday, November 6**

Habitat Christmas Tree/Wreath Pickup will be on **Saturday, December 7th.** For those who ordered through the school office, the tickets will be sent home next week with your oldest child and an email will be sent to you.

School Mass for December will be on **Monday, December 9th at 8:00am** to celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

St. Anthony School Holiday Shop will be on **December 9, 10 and 11th.**

Students may purchase gifts for their family and friends for Christmas! Volunteers are needed to wrap presents for the children. More information will be coming home soon.

Try-outs for our **School Talent Show** will take place on **December 9th after school at 2:45 to 4:30 in the Hall.** See Mrs. Chang for more information.

Friday, December 13, will be the **PTSG Christmas Light Trolley Rides, Snow and Craft Fair in the Hall.** More information to come!

The **Parish Advent Penance Service** will be held on **December 18th at 7pm** in the church. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars now! Everyone is invited to attend **Saint Anthony School's Annual Christmas Program** on **Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.** This year's theme is *"A Mele Christmas To You"*.

The **Christmas vacation** will begin on **December 20th at the noon dismissal.** Students will **return to school** on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020!**

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY WITH A LITTLE SECTION IN OUR NEWSLETTERS. LET US KNOW ABOUT AN SAS WARRIOR'S STORY THAT WE CAN SHARE!