



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 7, 2020

Dear St. Anthony School 'Ohana,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year 2020! I hope you all had a beautiful Christmas and were able to spend time with your loved ones and friends, and of course, our Lord Jesus. With all the excitement that happens around Christmas, we sometimes feel so overwhelmed that we lose sight of the meaning of Christmas. For many, attending the Christmas Mass is one of the best gifts we receive, albeit, maybe annually for some, but who's counting! It was really special.

December was a fun and exciting month. The PTSG Winter Fest, which included the Trolley, Snow and Craft Fair was a great event. This year, we even rented a school bus to join the trolleys, as ticket sales continued to increase. The bus ride was also fun and the singing never stopped. Everyone on the bus and trolley enjoyed going with friends to sing Christmas carols, spread cheer, and watch the amazing homes decorated with Christmas lights. The kids loved the snow they had a great time playing in it. The Craft Fair had lots of talented artists and great gifts to purchase.

The Christmas Program focused on the Hawaiian Christmas theme. We were proud of our amazing students and thank you for coming out to support them. The Second Quarter ended with a beautiful Mass on December 20th to remember the reason why we celebrate Christmas, starting with our Kindergarteners dressed as the Holy Family, shepherds and angels, who sweetly sang, "Away in a Manger" for us.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we'd like to thank you for all the treats and gifts you generously gave to us. We sincerely appreciate them and are very grateful for you entrusting your children's education to us.

January is the beginning of the Third Quarter. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 10th. Please sign the envelope and return it to your child's teacher. Please note that we will have a Mass on Friday, January 10th and students should wear the red polo shirt. We will also have a Mass on Thursday, January 23rd at 8:00 a.m. to honor St. Marianne Cope on her Feast Day. St. Marianne is recognized for her work alongside Father Damien de Veuster with the victims of Hansen's disease in Molokai.

January is the month that we celebrate Catholic Schools nationwide. Catholic Schools Week is held on the last week of the month, with many events and activities to celebrate. We will kick off our Catholic Schools Week with our annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 26, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Other activities for that week include our Cultural Awareness Day, Jump Rope for Heart, and our annual Talent Show. Student work will also be put on display at Windward Mall starting on January 25th and some of our students will perform on the Center Stage on Tuesday, January 28th! We hope you can join us at some of these events. More information will be sent home soon.

There are two No School days in January. These include Monday, January 20 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and on Friday, January 31st, the teachers will attend the Annual Conference for Catholic Educators.

There will be an informational meeting about the Spring Break Spain trip on Thursday, January 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

It's almost time to register for the upcoming school year. Information will be coming home this month. The re-enrollment process will be much easier as it will require you to push a button saying "re-enroll", as all your family information is already uploaded. Financial aid from the Augustine Educational Foundation can be found on the school's website at saskailua.org.

May 2020 be a year of love, blessings and peace,

Mrs. Bridget Olsen
Principal