



August 17, 2022

Aloha Saint Anthony School 'Ohana,

After a quiet summer, it is so nice to welcome the students back to school and to hear their happy voices, talking and laughing around the school. Our first two shortened weeks of school have been busy and fun. We have been getting to know each other, developing school routines, and learning.

Tomorrow, **Thursday, August 18**, there will be **no school** as all the teachers will join Catholic school educators from across the islands for the Mass of the Holy Spirit at Saint Ann Church in Kaneohe to pray for a successful school year! On **Friday, August 19th**, there will be **no school** due to Statehood Day. The school will resume on Monday, August 22nd.

As the current **Covid policy** states that masks are optional, we are asking our parents to please monitor their child's health and to keep them home if they display symptoms. If your child displays symptoms at school, your child will be sent home and may not return to school until they are symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. If your child tests positive for COVID, they must isolate at home for five full days. They may return to school after the fifth full day if they have no symptoms, and if they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication. After their return to school, they must wear a mask for days six through ten. Please inform your child's teacher that your child will be wearing a mask during this time so that the teacher can help your child to remember to keep the mask on. In the first 6 days of school, we have already had a number of positive Covid cases within our student body, and we have been notifying parents when we are informed that there is a positive case in their child's class. Those who have close exposure and are unvaccinated or not up to date with their vaccinations must quarantine for five days and can return to school with a mask.

Last week Friday, we celebrated our first **School Mass** led by the **Eighth grade**. We also met and welcomed **Father Clement Beeri**, our parish Parochial Vicar who con-celebrated the mass with **Fr. William Kunisch**. This year, each grade level will lead a Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass and our eighth grade will celebrate on Sunday, August 28th! Everyone is always welcome to attend.

School uniform attire for Fridays and Mass for students in K-8 is the red polo shirt uniform, except for a PE uniform should your child's class have PE on a Friday.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Back to School Mass** this past Sunday. It was so nice to see our families, both new and returning, dressed in their uniforms who came out and received a blessing for the new school year. Thank you to the PTSG volunteers who greeted everyone, distributed treats to the students, and took pictures!

Parents can register their children for **Sunday Children's Ministry** (Grades 1-5), **Middle School Youth Ministry** (Grades 6-8), and **High School Youth Ministry** (Grades 9-12) beginning the weekend of August 20-21. The form will be available on the parish website and a QR code will be available at the Aloha Kiosk and church bulletin board for easy registration. There is no fee to enroll your children.

Fr. William visited the Fifth through Eighth grade homerooms to invite Catholic students to consider signing up to become an **Altar Server**. Registration forms were distributed, and training will be held in September for those who are interested in serving on this ministry.

For students in **First through Third Grade**, there will be a **Parent Orientation** tonight, **Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 PM** in the hall. This will be a parent-only event. We also ask that you keep attendance limited to one parent from each household. Following introductions, you will gather in your child's classrooms.

Middle school students who are interested in running for the **Student Council** will have the opportunity to do so next week. Candidates may hang posters and present speeches to their peers on Monday, August 29th. The Student Council advisors are Mrs. Emily Ingram and Miss Camden Harlan. For more information and permission slips, have your children see one of these teachers.

Our school handbook states that all **socks must be visible**. No-show socks are not permitted. Sock colors can be solid white, black, navy blue, or newly added, gray.

Haircuts for boys are to be off the collar and above the ear. This is also stated in our student handbook. If you have any questions, about either one of these items, please feel free to e-mail your child's teacher.

School hats are on sale in the office. Students in Preschool through Third grade are expected to wear the school hat on PE days, but all students are encouraged to wear a hat while outside in the sun.

We are happy to inform you that information is coming home regarding the **Athletic After School Programs** for students in Fourth through Eighth grades for the Christian Schools League and the Catholic Schools League. Catholic Schools League **Volleyball signups will take place on Monday, August 22 from 3 to 3:30 pm for Sixth through Eighth-grade boys and girls**. Meet Ms. Stewart, in the courtyard, if you are interested in participating. We are also looking for volunteer coaches so if you are interested in helping, please let Ms. Stewart or Ms. Kam, our school secretary know.

The **Cub Scouts of Pack 223** will be having an **Open House** informational recruitment night on **Thursday, August 25** in the hall from **6:00-7:30 pm**. Students in Kindergarten through Fifth grades may sign up.

The parish is hosting a faith sharing opportunity with an exciting program called the **Forty Days of Prayer**. For more information about this and all parish activities, please visit the [parish website](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful long weekend,

Mrs. Olsen

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, August 17:	Grades 1 - 3 Parent Orientation at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 18:	No School
Friday, August 19:	No School
Monday, August 22:	CSL - Boys and Girls (grades 6-8) Volleyball sin-up from 3-3:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 25:	Cub Scouts Open House from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.