

Principal's Newsletter

St. Ann's Model School

March 2011

March

- 2 12:30p Early Dismissal
- 3 School Spelling Bee competition
- 4 Lifetouch Picture Taking
- 9 8:15a Ash Wednesday Service
- 9 11:30a Early Dismissal—No Extended Day
- 10 7th Grade retreat
- 11 8:15a Stations of the Cross
- 11 Final Increment for Intent to Return Due
- 14-18 Scholastic Book Fair in the Food Court
- 16 Kinder-Grade 1 Exchange
- 18 3rd Quarter Ends
- 18 8:15a Stations of the Cross
- 21-25 Spring Break—Offices Open—School Closed



Sacred Hearts Core Values: Forgiveness and Reconciliation



Lent is the season when many try to better themselves. People may attempt to give up something that they love like chocolates or coffee and to show personal sacrifice and the good will to work on self improvement. Others may decide to be proactive and do physical exercise to get healthier. Some people could try reading a book as part of their weekly activities. Added to this, the time to relax and give the spirit the sense of calm and quiet are incorporated. Daily Mass for some becomes the routine for six weeks and the 'rice bowl' coins are collected and saved for the needy. For those who are stuck between the doers and procrastinators, there may exist an uneasy sense of guilt. Guilt for not committing to a means for self improvement or guilt for committing wholeheartedly only during Lent.

Let's not beat ourselves up. This is the time for forgiveness and reconciliation. Let's celebrate the blessings we receive and extend these to others. In our daily lives, if we learn to share one small act of kindness, that act may be the catalyst to 'pay it forward' so to speak. All of us can become the St. Damien of today—selfless, prayerful, and hardworking.

Let's give it a try. Forgive and Reconcile.

What would Jesus do?

May the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary be with all of you.



JUNIOR "HIGH-LIGHTS"

Honors at I'olani Speech Festival

Seven students from 6th and 7th grades participated in the I'olani Speech Festival in early February. In competition with the bigger independent private schools, St. Ann's came out holding their heads high. Under the tutorship of Mrs. Gerri Kelly, this small groups of participants came away with the second place prize of having the second highest percentage of superiors. Great job for this group of first timers. Congratulations to one and all.



Alyssa N. Marianne M.

Windward District Spelling Bee Winner

St. Ann's 8th grader, Alyssa Nakaoka, is the Windward District Spelling Bee champion. On February 24th, St. Ann's, St. Anthony Kailua, St. John Vianney, and Le Jardin were in competition to see who would spell their way to success as the district champ. The race was tough for the first couple of rounds and slowly students were eliminated. Towards the final rounds, Alyssa and two other spellers were in head to head battles and Alyssa came out on top. We congratulate Alyssa and Maria Annabelle Mesina, St. Ann's second speller for their fine representation of St. Ann's Model School. Alyssa will go on the state spelling bee competition to be held in a few weeks. Great job.




Catholic Schools League Track Meet 2nd Place finish in the Novice Division

Students from fifth through eighth grades participated in the CSL track meet held in Mililani in which ten Catholic schools were represented. St. Ann's students ran in events that took speed and stamina and several students came away with first place if not top five finishes. Congratulations to the students in the novice division who earned second place overall for both the boys and girls divisions. Mahalo to Mr. Aron Baker who oversaw student participation.



- * Congratulations to Kaina Tagupa of 6A on being chosen to have his science project go to the State Science Fair. What an honor. His project is called :Who Produces the Most Amount of Tears?". Good luck, Kaina.
- * Mahalo to seven 8th graders who participated in the very competitive "Math Counts" day at Punahou. It was an experience to remember. Junior high's math teacher, Mr. Lau worked with St. Ann's team.



First Grade Service—“The Gift of Reading”

First graders began their service learning project by gearing up to share their gift of reading. Each first grader read nightly and began gathering pledges for books read. The money raised was used to purchase books for the Head Start Preschool children at Kalihi Elementary. First graders walked to Windward Mall one day and shopped at Border’s Bookstore using their pledge money to buy books. Approximately \$1000 was raised to not only buy books but to put together two storage totes full of new books for the two classrooms visited at Kalihi Elementary. On February 7th the students took a short bus ride to Kalihi to meet the preschool children and to read to them. Smiles were abundant on their little faces and the gift of sharing began. It was a wonderful day of giving gifts of books, songs, camaraderie and Aloha. Great job, first grade!



Fifth Grade Service—“The Gift of Sharing”

The fifth grade class recently contributed to a garage sale held at McKinley High School. The sales which was sponsored by former Pan American Airlines flight attendants is held annually to raise funds for the St. Francis Hospice program. Students collected items from home, each bringing in a large bag. In class items were sorted, priced and boxed up. a good time was had by all while contributing to a good cause.





4th Grade Artists Make a Splash at the Hawaii Convention Center

Starting May 1st, six students from the fourth grade class will have their artwork on display at the Hawaii Convention Center. Eleven students were entered into the contest and six students' pieces were chosen. There were 96 students total whose pieces of artwork were chosen for the convention center. As an acknowledgement of their good work, the students' art will remain at the center on display for one year. We congratulate all participants and say mahalo to Ms. Louise Barr for her tireless support of the arts and of the talents of St. Ann's students.

We congratulate all the 4th grade students who participated in the competition. Great job everyone.



Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the following winners who came out on top at the St. Ann's Spelling Bee competition. Thirty two contestants started out the competition and each grade came out with one winner.

- 1A - Quintin Barrett
- 2A - Justin Baker
- 3A - Reagan Ramirez
- 4A - Tanner Souza
- 5A - Kawena Correa
- 6A - Dane Yamashiro
- 7A - Theresa Dao
- 8A - Antonia Gary

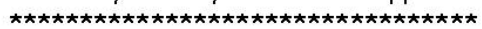


Reminders:



- ◆ **Use the turn around** to drop off and pick up your children. In the morning, only those students in the Extended Day Morning Care program may drop off in front of the Food Court.
- ◆ **Use caution** when driving on campus. Speed is a factor for some parents who are in a rush to get to work. Be reminded that children are all over the campus and need drivers to be alert and cautious.
- ◆ **Students are not allowed** to change out of their uniforms after school unless they are playing school sports.
- ◆ **On early dismissal days**, Windward Mall is a place where some students have chosen to spend time. Please remind your child that proper behavior is always expected, especially when in uniform.

Thank you for your valued support.



Scholastic Book Fair March 14th to 18th Coming Your Way!

