

Principal's Newsletter

St. Ann's Model School

November 2010

November

2 No School—Election Day

3 12:30p Early Dismissal

3 1:30p Mandatory Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

5 No School—Mandatory Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

11 No School—Veteran's Day

23 Thanksgiving Luncheon

24 8:15a Thanksgiving Mass

24 12:30p Early Dismissal

25/26 Thanksgiving Holidays

30 Flu Shot Clinic

30 Science Fair Week



Sacred Hearts Core Values: Compassion and Sharing

With the holidays approaching, especially Thanksgiving, it has always been a time for families to get together to share food and laughter.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time to gather, to talk story, to check on the past year's growth of the cousins and to relish the once a year preparation of grandma's old style turkey, stuffing, and potato salad. For many it is a tradition that has been around for generations.

For others who are not as fortunate as most, it is a time of sadness and want. A family gathering will not be the state of affairs for them. Perhaps a meal from the Institute of Human Services or the Salvation Army will be their best celebration.

What can we do as fortunate members of St. Ann's community?

The students at St. Ann's school will be participating in a food drive that will start on November 7th and go until December 12th. Some make it a point to shop for food that would help the homeless, others choose to make a donation of a certificate for a turkey or ham and still others will help through some service or outreach. If you want to join in this outreach, send in your donations of packaged or canned items with your child.

The donation of packaged and canned goods is but one way that the students will share. They will attend a Thanksgiving Mass to pray for the less fortunate and to say thank you for their blessings.

Thank you to our St. Ann's 'Ohana for all that they share with us.



To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, honor and glory.

Parent Workday



Parents busied themselves preparing the walls of the school building for a fresh coat of paint. Paint scrapers, sandpaper, and elbow grease combined to take off the old and prepare for the

new. Students who wanted to lend a hand also got busy side by side with their parents. When the day was done, the back stairwell, and the brown of the downstairs classroom walls and doors were spruced up.

This hungry crew finished off the day enjoying a bento lunch, sandwiches, ice cold drinks and dessert before venturing off to continue their Saturday duties. Mahalo to Mr. Kenny, who organized the work crews and to all the parents who gave their time for St. Ann's workday.

Phonics Night

A mixture of Kindergarten, first and second grade parents eagerly showed up to learn about phonogram sounds, spelling rules, handwriting position and proper pencil grip. They listened to and practiced phonogram sounds while learning about the Spalding Method of teaching reading, writing and spelling. It was an evening for parents to learn the tools that their children use to strengthen their decoding, spelling, and reading skills. Great job, parents.



Fundraiser Time

St. Ann's Zippy's fundraiser has come to a close and two students who were in the hunt for the big prizes are now in the know. The 2nd place winner of the DSI bundle selling 164 Zippy's tickets is Kristian Leming of 6-A. The first place winner of the 8 G I TOUCH selling 166 Zippy's tickets is 7th grader, Castor Mattos. We congratulate and thank both boys and their families for a job well done.

Students who sold the minimum 26 tickets had their names placed in a jar. Four lucky winners came away with a \$50 cash prize. We congratulate Kelly Ann Kam-Wong and Shayden Keola of 1-A, Jacie Hayata-Ano of 1-B, and Kawelo Kalauokalani of 5-A.

Mahalo to all families who participated in St. Ann's fundraiser by either selling Zippy's tickets or with an outright donation. The monies received from the fundraiser will go to updating/fixing/replacing classroom equipment.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

**'Ohana Night has been moved
from November 10, 2010 to
Tuesday, January 25, 2011.**

Mark Your Calendars!

Saints Among Us

Our second graders brought “Holy” back to Halloween. They learned that the word “Halloween” means “ All Hallows Eve” and is the day before All Saints Day. They researched a saint of their choice, completed both a written and an oral report and created a saint’s costume to wear in the school’s Halloween parade. These busy second graders created and proudly displayed saint’s pictures outside of the classroom along with a life sized picture of St. Francis of Assisi standing near their garden. This holiday of which is usually a celebration of fun was St. Ann’s second graders’ way to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.



A special Halloween visitor spent her day in the first grade. She and Sr. Joseph Mary look great.



6th Grade Retreat



Sixth grade students spent a day at Paewalani, the site of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts Kaneohe home to reflect and ‘retreat’ from the daily rigor of the classroom. The theme for their retreat was “Give Thanks”.

A special structure called ‘Four Corners’ allowed the students to discuss about gifts... a special gift received and a special gift given. What was so special about these gifts and how did they feel? Many shared that some of the best gifts are free—like a smile or a kind word or a hug. Thank you cards were made for teachers and for other special people in their lives.

The sixth graders also read about parables with lessons that they could incorporate into their lives like being ready for God’s call, be prepared, treat others as you would have them treat you, be kind to everyone, and forgive all the time. Skits were prepared and presented and all of the students did a wonderful job.



DARE OFFICER VISITS ST. ANN'S

DARE Officer Candace Montgomery visited the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of St. Ann's school giving them a presentation on juvenile laws, bullying, and cyber bullying. Students heard about laws that govern their behavior such as truancy, parental obedience, and school attendance. Homework completion was mentioned as an important part of personal responsibility. Students who faithfully do homework on a daily basis are organized and are building skills that will help them in high school.

Bullying and cyber bullying in the state of Hawaii are issues that are happening in both the public and private schools. Videos brought the message home, that bullying and cyber bullying are hurtful and can be harmful.

Students were given 'homework' after the presentation by their Principal. Each was asked to perform one random act of kindness. Students were also asked to take care of one another.



SPEECH CLASS

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are learning the art of public speaking and sharing their talents in Mrs. Kelly's speech classes. Students have completed their first presentation, exhibiting expertise in arts and crafts, sports, and martial arts, and cooking and dancing in "demonstration" speeches. Students will continue to sharpen their skills in the genres of poetry reading, storytelling, persuasive and informative speeches. Specific areas of learning include posture, articulation, voice projection, expression, memorization, eye contact, preparation, and composition of script. Mrs. Kelly is noting the talent and is gearing up to enter the students in a speech festival next semester.



REMINDERS



Parents: We appreciate your cooperation in getting your children to school and being sure that they have the books and items needed for a productive school day. Listed are a couple of reminders in which your support and cooperation are valued.

- ◆ Use the turnaround to drop off and pick up your child. Early drop off in front of the Food Court is reserved for children in the Extended Day Morning Care. All others need to use the area designated for drop off. Pick up in the afternoon is in the same place and not in front of the Food Court. This presents an endangerment and traffic congestion.
- ◆ Be sure to pick your child up at the time of dismissal unless your child is in sports or in a supervised after school activity. Unless you've been contacted by the teacher for your child to stay after school, he/she should not be 'hanging around' on campus to talk with friends.
- ◆ Being on time for school is important to the success of a child's school day. When a student is tardy, he/she has already missed morning business and the opportunity to get ready and settle in for the school day. Sometimes a child may feel detached because the class is already in session, thus does not do best work.