

Principal's Newsletter

St. Ann's Model School

September 2010



**1 Junior High
retreat**

**6 Labor Day – No
School**

**8 12:30p Early
Dismissal**

12 Grandparents Day

13-17 Heritage Week

**15 8:15a Mass –
Kupuna Day**

**15 Launch: A Vision
Shared**

**17 Aloha Week
Begins**

**22 12:30p Early
Dismissal**

22 6:30p Open House

**23 Progress reports
out**

**24 Deficiencies
mailed home**



Sacred Hearts Core
Values:

Community and Acceptance

St. Ann's Model Schools' faculty and staff attended Mass of the Holy Spirit on August 23rd along with fellow Catholic School

personnel to celebrate the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Bishop Larry Silva presided and in his homily praised the good work that teachers do on a daily basis. With one voice in song and prayer, teachers, staff and administrators offered to God their intentions for the new school year. It was a day that was spent in community where hugs and well wishes, smiles and acknowledging nods upheld the meaningful visitation of faculty and friends who see each other perhaps once a year.

We wish St. Ann's faculty and staff a successful and blessed school year.



To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Honor and Glory!

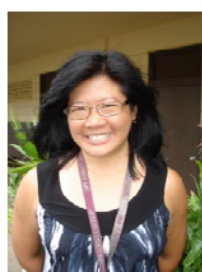
Welcome to St. Ann's Model School

Ms. Jessica Afable is the new aide in 1-A. She comes from California and has lived on O'ahu for a few years. Her past experiences include areas of interest ranging from Aikido and stretching classes to gardening to being an au pair in Spain to working to empower youth through art. She is extremely happy to be entering the field of education as a teacher's aide here and she feels blessed to have the opportunity to be working at such an excellent school as St. Ann's. We welcome her and wish her well.



Mrs. Kealani Riturban is the new teacher's aide in 2-B, but no stranger to working with youth. On the weekends, she is the Religious Education Coordinator for pre-school aged children through high school aged youth at St. George parish in Waimanalo. She is a proud parent of five children and has spent the last few years assisting in a program for at-risk youth at Kailua High School. She appreciates all she's learned from attending St. Ann's teaching academy and is excited to be a part of its 'ohana. We welcome Mrs. Riturban.

Mrs. Gerri Kelly is the Language Arts teacher for grades 6, 7, and 8 as well as the homeroom teacher for 8-A. Mrs. Kelly is no stranger to St. Ann's as she and her husband Barry were teachers here during the late 1980's. They moved to California, raised their family there and are now back home. We are delighted to have her back on campus, as she comes with a wealth of experiences that will make learning fun and exciting for students. We welcome Mrs. Kelly back home.



Ms. Jill Lubber comes to St. Ann's as a music teacher with a life enriched with music and other fine arts. She has over 15 years of teaching and previously taught in the public school system and most recently for Word of Life Academy. She grew up on a farm in Waimanalo and her family ran the "banana truck" in front of St. George's Church. She is grateful for the window of opportunity that the Lord has afforded her and is excited with where God has positioned her this year. She has two children, 3 hens that lay eggs, 2 ducklings, 1 rooster, 1 chick and a dog. We welcome Ms. Lubber to St. Ann's.

Mrs. Lisa Mahla is the science teacher for 5th-8th grades. She is excited to have the chance to spend some time with the students here introducing them to a wide array of science concepts. She has a huge passion for science and has taught for 4 years in the Catholic School System. Her husband is in the military and they've lived in several locations on O'ahu but the Windward side of the island holds a special place in her heart. She has four children and is an avid hiker, kayaker, and rollerblader. We welcome Mrs. Mahla to St. Ann's.



St. Ann's Students Begin a New School Year

Summer has come and gone and now the fall brings new days of school. Friends who had not seen each other for three months have much with which to catch up. New uniform colors of red on gray give the students a different and exciting look. Here, students line up for morning assembly when they salute the flag and say morning prayers. Everyone seems ready for the new school year.



7th Graders Plan for the School Year

7th grade is planning some exciting things this year, especially with class activities. The 7th grade class plans to team up with Special Olympics Hawaii for their service-learning project. The dream is to help with the organization's fundraising and to participate in one of their major events. In addition, plans are to take a trip to Ka'ala Cultural Learning Center on the Waianae coast so that the students get a chance to experience the art of cultivating taro and making poi.

In their Hawaiiana studies students will learn about the importance of the different parts of the taro plant and its significance to the native Hawaiian.



5-A News

Our new 5th grade students have adjusted well to their trek up the stairs. The beautiful view of Kaneohe Bay



from our upstairs room has softened the blow of a longer walk. The new subject of

vocabulary with definitions needing to be memorized was easily accepted and all seem ready to meet the challenges of a new grade level. October will bring us our first field trip of the year to the Honolulu Academy of Art. We will visit a mock up of an early New England colonial home, which ties into our social studies curriculum. We all look forward to a wonderful year filled with new learning, new friendships, and new adventures.



2nd Graders First Day of School

A week before school started, our second graders received a welcome letter from their teachers. At the end of the letter they were asked to bring in items that represented something they did over the summer. These items were used as a sort of cue card to jog summer memories. It sparked excitement on the first day of school. It was a great way to get our students interested and talking to one another.

Counselor's Corner

Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School

- ❖ Use time in the car with your child or other pockets of time to squeeze in a little more learning. She can't write an essay in the car but she can talk about what she's going to write or perhaps review spelling words.
- ❖ Set priorities. Our children are so important to us and because of that it is helpful to decide how to spend our time with them. Setting aside time to work on homework with them or just talk about their school day will show them that they really matter and school work is important.
- ❖ Spend one-on-one time. Children need both quality and quantity time with you. There's nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special. Every week, make an appointment to spend some alone time with each of your children. Get out a calendar and write it in, then treat that appointment as seriously as you would an important business meeting.
- ❖ Find your child's time for studying. This may be a key to his success in school. One mother found that after her daughter, a real early bird, set her study time for 5am. Her grades went up. Another family of night owls found that late evening study hours were best. Work with your child to find the homework time that's best for him. You might find that prime time works to your advantage too.

Our children need all the tools we can give them to help them be successful in life.

The Parent Institute

Traffic Reminders



- ◆ Use the turn around for morning drop off and afternoon pickup. Only students who are in morning care should be dropped off in front of the Food Court.
- ◆ We ask that parents do not park beyond the cones in the afternoon when picking up their children from Extended Day or sports practice.
- ◆ JPO's are volunteers who are helping with car and people traffic. We ask for cooperation from drivers to drive slowly and patiently on St. Ann's campus and to help JPO's by being mindful of their presence.

Heritage Week September 13-17, 2010

St. Ann's Model Schools is proud of its heritage. We are also proud of our Kupuna Generation.

If you are a Kupuna and want to celebrate Kupuna Day with your grandchild on September 15th, let your grandchild's teacher know. Response sheets went home with the students.

