# Principal's Newsletter

**St. Ann's Model School** **October 2010**

**Month of the Rosary**

**6 No School – Accreditation Workday**

**7 1st Grade Retreat**

**8 School Picture Day**

**12 7p Parent Council Mtg.**

**13 8:15a Vocations Mass**

**14 7p Parent Workshop on Juvenile Law, Bullying w/ Officer Montgomery**

**18-22 Terra Nova Testing**

**20 12:30p Early Dismissal**

**22 End of the 1st Quarter**

**23 Parent Work Day**

**28 7p Phonics Night**

## Sacred Hearts Core Values: Trust and Respect

## Junior High Retreat

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 spent a day in recollection and prayer as well as getting to know their fellow schoolmates doing activities that centered on trust and cooperation. On the green and lush property of St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi, students walked the short distance to the chapel to say prayers from the "Liturgy of the Hours".

The day went quickly with activities where students worked first in pairs back to back helping each other up off the floor. They added two more people then another two until a group of 8 or 10 had to rely on the cooperative attitude of the whole to be successful. One activity had students in a small group, standing on one foot with the other in the air and counting the seconds that all could touch fingers perched on one foot. They learned that it takes cooperation, trust and respect for others' to allow the whole group to experience success.

A short story about St. Damien and his life of struggle reminded the students that hard work, love of one's neighbor, and prayer created the powerful combination that depicted Damien's life.

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

## Rules to Help You on Campus and in the Computer Lab

**Students from grades 1-8 have been assigned topics and placed in groups to create and illustrate rules on a poster board. Grades 1-3 have topics such as hand washing, the Quiet Signal, and how to enter and exit the computer lab. Grades 5-8 have topics that include responsible social networking, bullying, and student learning expectations. All are responsible to paraphrase rules and to illustrate in picture form representations of their writings. Copying and pasting from the Internet or the use of Clip Art is not allowed. The intent of this project is to instill and encourage responsibility, patience, listening skills and cooperative grouping with the knowledge and respect for the computer and its programs and usage.**

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## 8th Grade Art Project

Every 8th grade class has a project that they work on throughout the whole year as part of their culminating task that will complete their years at St. Ann's. In the past, self-portraits and wire sculpting were undertakings that were done. This year's class is working on creating him/herself in a future profession. The students will be creating this character using a bowling pin. They are sanding the pins until they become smooth. Each 8th grader will dress up the pin using cloth, raffia, yarn, or any material befitting the creation. Parents may get involved by helping to look/find some materials. In the end, we look forward to the 22 fantastic, dressed up professionals.

## Tremendously Thriving Third Graders

**Did you know that our tremendously thriving third grade students have been planning and preparing to do some traveling across our great American nation?**
**Well…not exactly in person!**
**Every year in the third grade, students extensively study the geography and history of the fifty United States. They specifically learn all of the fifty state capitals and abbreviations and will also conduct research to write a report on a chosen state.**
**In support of this yearlong study, students have recently created his/her very own "Traveling Honu" (Hawaiian sea turtle) that will be doing some traveling for them. With parental support, students are asked to mail their honu to a relative or friend in another state. Accompanying their honu is a letter politely requesting that the recipient take photos of the community in which they live. They are then asked to mail or email the photos back to us and then send the honu on to one of their relatives or friends in another state. This "Traveling Honu" project continues throughout the duration of the year and students are able to view pictures of places all around our beautiful country. Last year, this project was a HUGE success with pictures and descriptions of over 40 locations throughout the United States. We are hoping to be just as successful this year!**

# Counselor's Corner

**On October 14th, St. Ann's Model School is hosting a parent workshop/meeting that will address juvenile law, signs of bullying, and cyber bullying. Parents are encouraged to attend this informative session given by Officer Candace Montgomery who has first hand experiences with the impact of bullying. She will share some personal experiences as well as address the widespread concerns about this epidemic behavior. Officer Montgomery is one of the DARE officer trainers and teaches in 22 schools, which include both the public and private sectors.**

**PARENTS:**
**Would you recognize the signs that a person may be the victim of cyber bullying?**

**Would you recognize the signs that a person is a cyber bully?**

**Do you know the laws that govern juveniles?**

**If you say no to any one of these questions, you'll want to attend this session.**

**WHAT: Parent Session on Bullying and Law**

**WHEN: October 14, 2010 at 7p**

**WHERE: St. Ann's Church**

**WHO: Parents and Guardians**

**RSVP via your child's teacher by filling out the response sheet sent home in the brown envelope.**

**Due by October 12th**

***Please provide childcare for your children, as some material may not be appropriate for them.***

# Fundraiser Time

Get ready for little people trying to sell their Zippy's fundraiser tickets to you. This year Zippy's has added options for the $7 ticket. There is a choice of chili, Portuguese bean soup, meat sauce, or chilled cookie dough (to make 18 cookies).
Prizes are phenomenal and will be fun incentives for our little sales people.
If you see a little St. Ann's person trying to sell a Zippy's fundraiser ticket, please smile, pull out your wallet and buy as many as you can.

St. Ann's Zippy's fundraiser will end on October 22nd.

# Principal's Feedback

**If you have any comments, concerns, suggestions, and/or questions, please return this section to your child's teacher. if you wish a personal response, write your phone number and I'll answer you as soon as I am able. Mahalo!**

# Launch: A Vision Shared

St. Ann's Model Schools launched the 2010-2011 school year on September 15th with a Mass, Kupuna reception and classroom visitation and the release of 50 gaily-colored homing pigeons. The students were treated to a flutter of color moving in unison towards the Ko'olau mountains. Pigeons, with feathers tinted in rich pastel, emerged from their cages and easily soared upward towards the blue sky. Below, students celebrated the launch with the burst of bubbles floating quietly among waving bubble wands.

# Kupuna Day: Celebration of our Legacy

Over 150 Kupuna graced our campus on September 15th as a response to the invitation to spend the day with their mo'opuna. It was a day of celebration as the young and the not so young spent a class period together with the former beaming with pride and taking many sideway glances at the treasured guests among them. After the class activity, Kupuna escorted their youngsters to the Food Court to enjoy a simple soup and sandwich lunch only to realize that the food was only the formality and the company was the reward.