

Principal's Newsletter

St. Ann's Model School

October 2011

October

- 3 School Fundraiser Begins
- 5 NO SCHOOL
- 11 7p Parent Council Meeting
- 12 8:15a School Vocations Mass
- 13 7p Parenting Safe Environment Workshop
- 18–21 Terra Nova Test Week
- 19 12:30p Early Dismissal
- 21 First Quarter Ends
- 22 9a Parent Workday
- 31 School Fundraiser Ends



"Given the right conditions, all children can learn."

October: Month of the Rosary

St. Ann's students are praying to the Blessed Mother with fervor and zeal. This is the month of the rosary. Students bring out their rosaries during morning assembly and with the guidance of student speakers who lead the prayers, voices are heard saying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father in unison. This week, the students of 2-B will lead the rosary and one decade a day will be recited by all. We offer our prayers for all those in need. We also offer prayers for the special intentions of our faculty, staff, students, and parents. Continue to pray the rosary. May all find comfort and peace in our Blessed Mother.



*Sacred Hearts Core Values:
Trust and Respect*



Learning to See in Art Class

Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 are drawing self-portraits from direct observation. The students are looking in a mirror and are discovering that what they always thought is not really so. For example, ears are much larger, necks are much wider, eyeballs are actually round instead of oval and shoulders are much broader. The great discovery is that drawing yourself is not that difficult if you focus in earnest. The result of all this effort is wonderful self-portraits presented with pride.



Jake Carbajal 2A



Rylee Ramirez 2A

A Language Rich Home...

*Narrate everyday activities like driving or cooking. Hearing unfamiliar words in conversation will help your youngster understand words in books ("Please hand me the *colander* so I can drain the spaghetti").

You can build these strong language skills just by talking to your child. Strong language skills can make your youngster a better reader, writer, and all around student.

Portuguese Chamber of Commerce Adopts St. Ann's

St. Ann's Model School recently became the adopted "child" of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce. On Friday, October 7th, Ms. Zoe Williams and Mr. Noel Jaderstrom, representatives of that organization announced to the student body that St. Ann's has been voted in by the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce as their choice as an adopted school. Also gifted to St. Ann's was a \$400 check to be used towards school needs. Thank you to the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce for making St. Ann's Model School their educational choice.





Early Civilizations Revisited

St. Ann's fifth graders are showcasing their Social Studies creativity by creating a poster which compares and contrasts the early Aztec, Mayan, and Inca civilizations. They are also reviewing 50 facts that every fifth grader should know. Perhaps they'll be ready to interview for the TV show, "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?"

"Who is Montezuma?"
 "What is Machu Picchu?"
 "How do you say Oaxaca?"

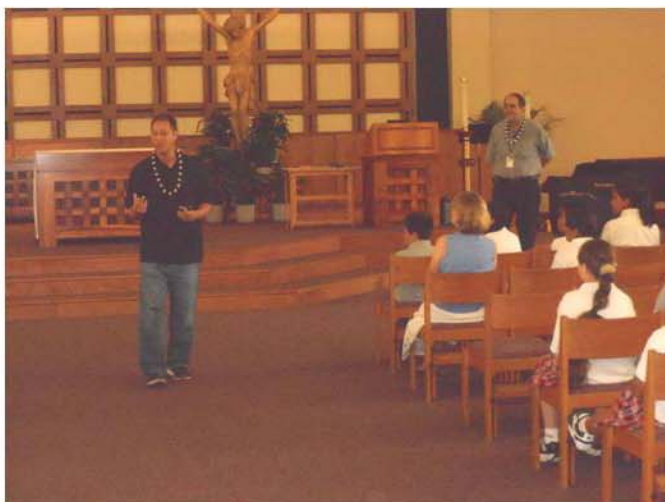


Ask a fifth grader for the answer.

Internet Safety is a Must!



Mr. Bruce Law, dad of Caleb 3B and Chandler 5A spoke to students from grades one through eight about good decision making as users of the computer. Along with the use of the computer,



Mr. Law talked about social networking sites and the dangers that come with giving too much information. Mr. Law works for the federal government as a representative from the office of Homeland Security. Mr. Robert Jahier, a former educator who currently works for the state Attorney General's office accompanied Mr. Law. When it comes to the computer, it is vital for parents to know what their children are doing. Computers should be set up in a place that is a common, high trafficked, family gathering place. Having a computer in the quiet and out of site place like a child's bedroom is not a good idea. Enjoy the computer responsibly.

4th Grade Ecosystems

The 4th graders have been learning about different ecosystems in science with Ms. Olaso during the 1st quarter. Their project directions were to create a project board that describes a type of ecosystem. On their project board they had to identify the type of ecosystem they created and name the animals' and plants' roles that sustain their particular type of ecosystem.

Nice job, fourth graders!





Terra Nova Testing

WHEN: OCTOBER 18—21

WHO: STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8

**WHAT: STANDARDIZED TESTING
TAKEN BY ALL STUDENTS IN THE
HONOLULU DIOCESE**

Tips for Students:

**Get a good night's sleep.
Eat a healthy breakfast.
Be on time for school.
Enjoy the tests.**

Counselor's Corner

Different children have different ways to learn and understand something new. Learning styles vary. While many learners favor one way of learning over others, most individuals are a combination of styles.

Three styles of learning are:

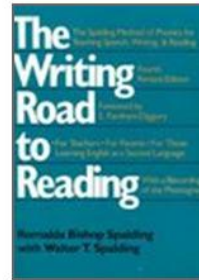
1. Auditory Learners: They prefer listening to explanations over reading them and may like to study by reciting information aloud. This type of learner may want to have background music while studying or may be distracted by noise and needs a quiet place to study.
2. Kinesthetic Learners: They learn by doing and touching. They may have trouble sitting still while studying and they are better able to understand information by writing it down or doing hands-on activities.
3. Visual Learners: They process new information by reading, looking at graphics or watching a demonstration. Children with this learning style can grasp information presented in a chart or a graph, but they may grow impatient listening to an explanation.



Understanding your child's learning style can reduce homework frustrations and make it easier for your family to communicate. Once you know your child's primary learning style, it's a good idea to let them strengthen their new skills in their comfort zone. Although it may be tempting to stick with what works, keep in mind that your child's preferential learning style may change as he gets older. Help your child use different kind of skills and balance these preferences in the ways that work best for your child.

Phonics Training

K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade parents are invited to a phonics training using the Spalding Method of teaching reading, writing and spelling.



- **Thursday, Oct. 27th**
- **7pm**
- **School Library**
- **Limited Space**

Come and see what your child does in learning this research based method of saying and using phonogram sounds.

Please KOKUA



Parents are asked to drop off and pick up children at the designated turn around site. In their hurry, parents are still dropping off children in front of the Food Court. This causes traffic to back up and prevents ELC parents from continuing on to park and drop off their children in a timely manner.

Dangerous Moves

The school driveways have been used by drivers going the wrong way. Cars were seen going out from the IN driveway and coming in from the OUT driveway. It takes one quick lapse for an accident to occur. All of us are in a 'hurry' but we cannot forget our children's safety. Thank you to all who are respectful and who knowingly do their best to help keep our campus safe.

