

Principal's Newsletter

St. Ann's Model School

September 2011

September

- 5 Labor Day Holiday
- 7 12:30p Early Dismissal
- 8 8th Grade Retreat
- 12-16 Heritage Week
- 14 8:15a Mass Launch: A Vision Shared
Kupuna Day
- 15 Aloha Week Begins -
Students can wear Aloha attire
- 21 12:30p Early Dismissal
6:30p Open House
- 22 Grades 1-2 Progress Reports go home
- 23 Students can wear Aloha attire
Deficiencies Mailed Out
- 30 School Picture Day



Welcome Back to School! Accreditation Year 2012

Summer flew by so quickly that it was in a blink of an eye that we are now back together for another school year. This is a very important one for all of us at St. Ann's ELC and School because we will be visited by an accrediting team in February. We will be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Educational Association. Our teachers have been collecting data since last year and we will report about ourselves in a self study for the visiting team to read.

In the meantime, we continue to be advocates for the teaching/learning process and partners with parents. Mahalo to parents, guardians, grandparents and the network of people who support St. Ann's. We look forward to strengthening this relationship throughout the school year.

Sacred Hearts Core Values: Community and Acceptance

St. Ann's consists of a special community of teachers and students. It is within this community that the spirit of 'ohana exists—the spirit that is witness to the core values of community and acceptance. We welcome our new teachers on board and into our St. Ann's community. We welcome our new students from other educational communities on O'ahu and various cities on the Mainland. We extend our hands in acceptance of who you are and what you bring to our community. Let us always remember that we live not for ourselves alone, "A'ole nou wale no".





Ms. Ann Kaneta, who is the 3B teacher, is a veteran who has many years of teaching experience in the Catholic School system. She comes to St. Ann's from St. Theresa's in Kalihi and was a third grade teacher there. She also has experience as a first grade teacher. She has one daughter who is currently in college. She finds her students to be very nice and she is enjoying herself in the classroom. She is a resident of Kaneohe. St. Ann's welcomes Ms. Kaneta and we wish her well.

Ms. Loriata Leonhardt comes from a family of educators. Her mom is a teacher in the DOE and her dad is a college professor. Ms. Leonhardt has teaching experiences from the DOE where she spent some years as a reading resource teacher and also spent some time as a substitute teacher at I'olani School. She has a passion for running and was a cross country runner in college. She enjoys St. Ann's and her students. We wish her well and welcome her to St. Ann's campus.



Mrs. Jocelyn Burch, our 7th grade teacher grew up on Kauai. She attended and graduated from Chaminade University in Honolulu with a degree in education. Her first job after graduating from Chaminade was right here at St. Ann's as a teacher in the ELC. She has taught at various schools and recently comes to us from Holy Family School. She is married and has one daughter who will be celebrating her first birthday in mid September. She has fond memories of her days at St. Ann's and is glad to have gone full circle to be back at her old stomping grounds. We welcome her back.

Mr. Jorge Ochoa is the 8th grade teacher. He is a product of the Hawaii Catholic School system having attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and Damien Memorial High School. Mr. Ochoa pursued his undergraduate and graduate education in New York City attending Pace University and City University of New York. He owes his success in higher education to the devoted and Christ-centered Hawaii Catholic school teachers. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and usually involves food of some kind. We can all relate to that. :-)) We welcome him and wish him well.



Mr. Patrick Among is the new school office clerk. He hails from Kaneohe and has ties to St. Ann's. He is the oldest of three and his parents are St. Ann's graduates. He attended Ko'olau Baptist Academy. He comes to St. Ann's from Windward Community College where he worked in the registration office. One of his interests is dancing the salsa on the weekends. He also loves to read. St. Ann's Model Schools welcomes Patrick to our 'ohana and wish him well.



Servant Leadership Retreat

St. Ann's 8th grade class went to Pa'ewalani, the Sacred Hearts Sisters Kaneohe residence to take part in a servant leadership retreat. The students were guided by Mr. Robert Noguchi, St. Ann's Principal of Religious Education and Mr. Ochoa, the 8th graders' homeroom teacher. Upon their return to campus, a commissioning ceremony was planned and took place in Church to recognize and give blessings to the 8th graders as the leaders of the school. Mrs. DeSilva placed a blessed cross around their necks and congratulated each one to acknowledge that they are the ones to whom we look upon to be the role models.



Kupuna Day Celebration

St. Ann's Model Schools was a busy, fun, and energetic place to be on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. The day started off with giving praise to God at Mass. The students sang with joy as they sat next to Kupuna who graciously and lovingly assembled among the students. Proud expressions and loving smiles were shared.

After Mass, Kupuna were treated to morning refreshments while the students returned to their classes to get ready for the launching of the new school year. On the mound, colorful pigeons lay in wait for their release so they could fly home over the Ko'olau mountains. Students readied themselves for the countdown with bubbles and blowers in hand. In a moment's glance, rainbowed wings hovered overhead as bubbles floated lazily below. Excitement and laughter made the launch of St. Ann's new school year a chicken skin moment—the new school year was launched.

For lunch families enjoyed chicken long rice, lomi tomato, and pineapple tidbits. Capping off a long but enjoyable day, Kupuna sauntered off campus tired but thankful.



Counselor's Corner

School can occasionally be a challenging place for some students and they may display some behaviors that on the surface may seem like constant squirming and fidgeting when doing math homework or insisting on listening to music while studying for a history test. Take them to heart. Although it appears that your child may be trying to avoid their homework he or she is probably just using strategies that help them learn. Education is not a one size fits all process. Some children learn by hearing the teacher, some learn by seeing and some learn by doing hands-on activities.



Tips To Get Organized

Being organized is a skill that is learned and with help and some practice students can develop the organizational skills to be successful.

- 1) *Get organized:* Help your child gather supplies needed to complete the task.
- 2) *Stay focused:* Have a quiet place for homework. Help them stick to their tasks by saying "no" to certain distractions.
- 3) *Get it done:* Help your child learn to take their time, ask questions as needed, check their work and remember to put their completed work back in the school bags to take to school.

Helping children become organized is a practical approach to getting them to feel more self-assured and effective. When they feel confident, they will complete tasks and take care of responsibilities. They will also feel happy and have extra time to do what they like.



OPEN HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
6:30P
MEET IN CHURCH

**UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL
ADDRESSES WITH THE
OFFICE**



**GET A CURRENT TB TEST IF YOU
WISH TO
CHAPERONE OR
VOLUNTEER ON CAMPUS**



**Turn in your flu shot/mist
vaccination form by
September 9, 2011**

**Students may wear Aloha attire
on Friday, September 16th and
23rd in honor of Aloha Week.
Check the handbook for proper
attire.**

