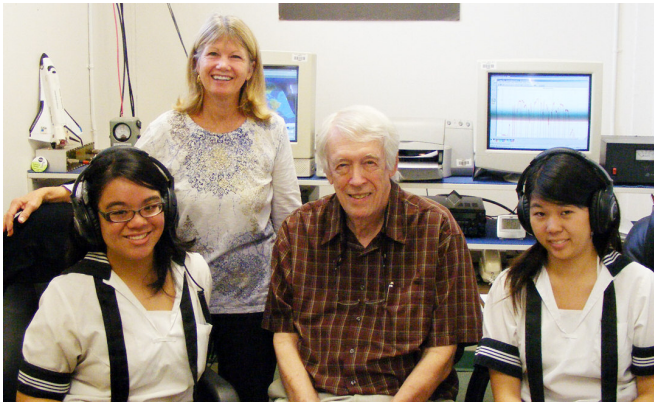


Can you hear me? Over!

The *NASA Amateur Radio Ground Station* at the Academy linked the *International Space Station (ISS)* with students at *Nuvviti School* in Iqaluit Nunavut, Quebec, located 1,200 miles north of Montreal, Canada, on December 5 at 8 a.m.



Radio Club Advisor Nancy Rocheleau, Dick Flagg and Club members, Brittany Viloria and

The contact occurred as the ISS flew above Hawai'i at 18,640 miles per hour and lasted about 10 minutes.

The Nuvviti students asked questions of ISS astronaut Dan Burbank.

The Academy has connected schools around the world, from Kuwait to India, since its inception in 1994. It has participated in 111 contacts, helping to connect people on Earth with astronauts in space.

Nancy Rocheleau is the Academy's *Radio Club* advisor and coordinated the school's first conversation with astronauts in 1994.

And a Merry Christmas to all!

On December 7, Academy students and teachers held their annual Christmas party for the 44 families of Loliana Hale, a transitional shelter in Honolulu. Santa Claus, with the assistance of the school's Interact and OUR Clubs, delivered 90 Christmas gifts purchased and wrapped by the various homerooms in grades seven to 12.

The families enjoyed the student-run activities, including caroling, balloon tying and temporary tattooing, while eating hot dogs and chili.



Q & A Student Center Q & A

How many truck loads of demolition debris was moved from the project site?

(First person to submit winning answer to Andrea Hamilton at ahamilton@sacredhearts.org or

734-5058, ext. 229, by December 14 will receive a \$10 gift card)



From the Head of School

It has been a joy to welcome parents, relatives and friends on campus to enjoy the sharing of Christmas joy and spirit during this beautiful holiday season.



No doubt, your family is sending and receiving greeting cards and newsletters filled with thoughts of thanksgiving for our blessings and hopes for a New Year. At the Academy, we have a common holiday prayer that is said at Christmas functions. I share with you an excerpt from the prayer that has been very meaningful to me:

**“This Christmas,
mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Keep a promise.
Forgo a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.
Apologize.
Try to understand.
Laugh a little more
Take pleasure in the beauty and
wonder of the earth.
Speak your love and
then speak it again.”**

Long after the colorful lights are only a memory and the financial obligations of this season have been handled, our hope is that God will fill each of us with his grace and goodness so that our lives may be lights and joys for ourselves and for others.

Betty White

Let's hear it for the girls

▶▶▶ A CONGENIAL FINISH

Congratulations to Academy junior *Tori Natividad* (below left with her sister, Academy freshman *Bobbie*) who placed fourth in the *Miss Teen Hawai'i* competition in October. For her efforts, Natividad was named “*Miss Congeniality*” among the field of 12 contestants from across the Hawaiian Islands.



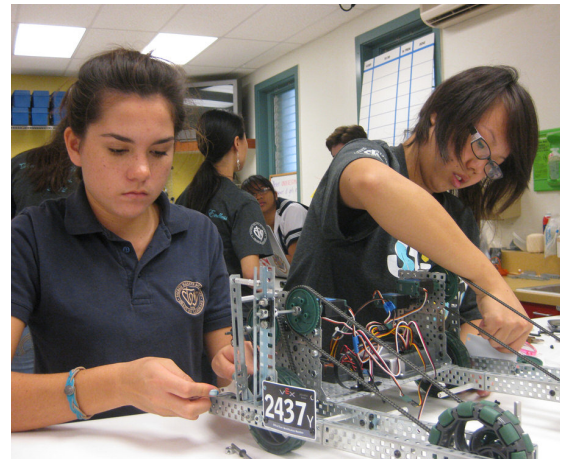
Natividad was supported during the event by her sister and her parents Robert and Selaina.

▶▶▶ A VEXING SITUATION

Kudos to the *Lancer Robotics* on their success at the *Pan Pacific VEX Robotics Tournament* from December 1 to 3. The Academy's Robotics team, including (below) *Jessica Baginski* and *Connie Wu*, worked tirelessly to form alliances to match other teams, re-design their robot and fine-tune their autonomous program.

The Pan Pacific Tournament is the largest regional competition in the world for VEX Robotics, with 104 teams from Hawai'i, the mainland and China participating.

The Lancers brought home the *Energy Award* for outstanding enthusiasm, sportsmanship and poise.



Christmas is the season of sharing

The story of Jesus' birth in a humble stable in Bethlehem has been told and retold a million times, but everyone loves to hear it over and over again – especially at this time of year.

The Academy students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six unraveled the story once more in song and narration for parents and relatives on December 6.



ABOVE: The three kings, Lola Poerzgen, Kiana Kostihia and Kanoelani Contreras



RIGHT: The angel, Lisa Fukumuro, appears before shepherds, including Mariana Sablan, in the field

Fundraising efforts net \$5,197 for AUW

This fall, members of the Academy community supported various fundraising efforts to benefit *Aloha United Way (AUW)*. And, on December 1, a check for the proceeds, \$5,197, was presented to *AUW Chairwoman Kim Gennaula* by members of the school's *Lower and High School Student Councils*.

The monies were raised through the annual *Bake Sale* and *Coins for a Cause*.



Lower School Student Council President Alana Glaser, Director of Special Programs Toni Normand, Chair Kim Gennaula of the Aloha United Way, Lower School Vice Principal Remee Tam and High School Council President Jiaxin Lin

The results are in

Test results for the *PSAT* for students in grades 10 and 11 and the *ReadiStep* for those in the seventh grade have been received and will be mailed to seventh grade, sophomore and junior parents this week.

Parents should discuss the scores with their daughter and encourage her to review the returned test booklet.

Questions about the test should be referred to the appropriate counselor: Chantal Seitz, grade seven; Donna Eisen, grades nine to 11, last names N to Z; Lisa Vega, grades nine to 11, last names A to M.