

BLESSINGS

during

Thanksgiving season

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I AM TRULY THANKFUL TO GOD and my family. I am also grateful to the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts for having the wisdom and courage to establish such a fine institution for young women of Hawaii and for allowing me to humbly serve. Finally, it is with great gratitude that I thank the many parents, students, alumnae, faculty and staff for their dedication and support of our Academy.”

– Mike Browning, Board of Directors chair



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For over 100 years of the Academy's history, countless blessings have flowed upon us from the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. We thank the Sacred Hearts of our dedicated, hard-working administration, faculty and staff, for our devoted parents, alumnae, benefactors, friends and for our wonderful students. To each and all, may the blessings continue to flow.”

– Sr. Regina Mary Jenkins, ss.cc.,
Provincial

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I AM SO GRATEFUL for my eyes so I can see beauty; for my ears so I can hear laughter; for my legs so I can play soccer; for my arms so I can give hugs; for my kind heart so I can care about everyone; for my brains so I can learn. I am blessed to be a part of Sacred Hearts Academy where everyone is my sister.”

– Gabrielle Barker,
fifth grade

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I AM GRATEFUL for the gift of sleep that renews and refreshes me each night, so I am able to wake up the next morning ready for a new day; for the eyes of a child which remind me that life is magical; for God's love which makes everything possible. This is the song of my Thanksgiving this year.”

– Sr. Katherine Francis Miller, ss.cc.,
Campus Minister

HAPPY

From the Head of School

Togetherness, along with delicious food, often defines Thanksgiving. But, of course, the true purpose of Thanksgiving is for all of us – our entire nation – to pause and give thanks.



I share with you some emails from the week:

"Aloha, Betty! It is sincerely our pleasure to work with the LEO's at Sacred Hearts Academy. Their energy, enthusiasm and heartfelt commitment is a real blessing that has truly revitalized our Lions organization.

*Jim Bryan, President
Kamehameha Lions Club"*

"Dear Betty: The collection of canned goods from students in grades Junior Kindergarten to 12 were all boxed and delivered to outreach centers at Loliana Hale, St. George Church and St. Augustine Church.

These receiving centers have related that with the growing number of people requesting help this year, the generosity of Academy families has been even more appreciated.

Sr. Katherine Francis, Campus Minister"

On behalf of the Academy 'ohana, our best wishes to your family for a beautiful Thanksgiving. May the day nurture your soul and spirit!

Betty White

“ Recently, the first floor of my house flooded, due to half-century old pipes. **So, I am very grateful** for the yellow pages, 24/7 plumbers, technology that can send a tiny camera through 100 feet of pipe, tool rental shops, electric fans, clorox and a brother who is in the insurance business. Though this was quite traumatic, it was nothing compared to homes around the world ruined by hurricanes or lives lost in a tsunami. Thank you, God, for my small troubles and your huge blessings!”



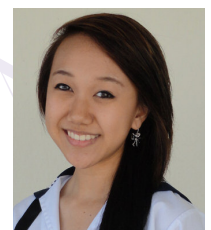
– Michelle Tuzon, fourth grade teacher

“ **I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE** of Our Father because He gave me my family. My family is the best gift of all. I am so very grateful for food, water, shelter and everything I need to survive.”



– Mahina Cole, third grade

“ **I AM THANKFUL** for my siblings because without them, I wouldn't have learned how to be the person I am today.”



– Tyler Yoshida, ninth grade

“ **I thank God** for giving me a chance to make each day better than the day before.”



– Nancy Wysard,
World Language teacher

“ *Thanksgiving is always a double feast for the Sisters because we remember our Foundress, Henriette Aymer de la Chevalerie whose feast day is on November 23rd. Without her founding vision and spirit, the Sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts would not exist, and the Academy would not have the rich spiritual heritage that compels and guides it.*”



– Sr. Irene Barboza, ss.cc., Theology Department chair

“ **I'M THANKFUL FOR:**

*my family (even my sister)
 food (esp. American Kit Kats)
 music (MY IPOD)
 Pretty Boys
 Comics (not wordy books)
 jackets, sweater and blankets that keep me warm
 GOD because he gave me life.”*



- Alison Nguyen, ninth grade

“ *I AM THANKFUL FOR the Lower School Library and the Librarian (Laurel Taylor). This place is an 'awesome asset' to the school, and the books are the lifeline that makes the school grow. The Library makes the most difference for our daughters' young and eager minds.*”



– Mike Kim Seu, parent of Alicia

“ **I AM ESPECIALLY THANKFUL** for Skype. My siblings and I are spread across four different time zones. We Skype with each other every week so the time between our visits doesn't seem as long.”



- Lisa Vega, high school counselor

“ **I HAVE TAUGHT BAND AND MUSIC** at all levels and feel extremely blessed to have been given the opportunity to do the Lord's work here as I help each student find her musical potential and ultimately make beautiful music when she performs with others. My deep sense of gratitude keeps me motivated to continually do my best for all of my students, parents, staff and administrators.”



– Keith Higaki, band director

“ **TODAY, I SAW THE EXCITEMENT** in 18 pairs of eyes followed by squeals of delight as our classroom butterflies emerged from their chrysalids. Later, as we sat cross-legged on the rug and read a book, I had a captive audience as I revealed to them the real word for that flap of skin on a turkey's beak – snood. They learned that a snood changes color depending on the turkey's mood. We laughed together at the thought of a moody snood! I feel so blessed that my days are peppered by such spontaneous moments of wonder, enthusiasm and joy.”



– Keri Sarbida, first grade teacher