

You've got mail...and more

Sacred Hearts Academy's goal is to keep abreast of the pace of technology so that its students understand how computers affect society, including their effect upon the business community and the personal and private sectors of their lives.

To many students, the use of technology for the satisfaction of their personal needs is at the forefront. And, as result, they must be ethical, moral, courteous and considerate technology users.

The adults in students' lives must remain ever positive and encouraging, but constantly vigilant. For instance, the Academy's wireless network filters out websites that are considered inappropriate for the school environment,

including some social networking sites such as Facebook. However, students have discovered ways to access these sites during the school day. For example, a student's Smartphone may have Internet connection through its own personal data plan. This will not involve the school's filter of websites, allowing the student complete Internet access.

Since it is ultimately the student's responsibility to use good judgment when it comes to appropriate use of the Internet, the school is implementing a cybersafety program. Likewise, parents are encouraged to continue to talk to their daughters about the proper use of the Internet and all it offers.

Sacred Hearts joins parents in encouraging students to understand

about communicating positively with others through thoughtful discourse and with a respect for differences, not by bullying, teasing or harassing.



Members of the Ka Leo staff, Elizabeth Serrao, Alexis Senkow, Alyshia Kekuawela and Jaylla Pascua, access the Internet to complete the newspaper's layout.

It's a VEXing situation

Lancer Robotics has launched the 2011 VEX season of robotics competition.

In VEX, students, including (below) *Arisa Hirabayashi*, are assigned different roles to complete their robot, including computer programmer, construction and tele-operator, or practice driver.

This year's game, called "Gateway," is comprised of several balls and barrels used in scoring goals in a 12-foot field.

VEX competitions are slated for November 10 and 11 at Iolani School and December 1 to 3 at the Hawai'i Convention Center.



From the Head of School

With a goal of developing students who are effective, efficient and ethical users



of technology, our staff is continuously, but joyfully, challenged to keep current on relevant issues and strategies.

Recently, we were inserviced by Dr. Truc Nguyen (above right) from the University of Hawai'i. Her expertise covers a wide spectrum of students – teaching eighth graders at the University Laboratory School to teaching graduate students to handle emerging technologies in a Kindergarten to 12 curriculum.

Dr. Truc plays off scenarios that can be role played at the conclusion of a meal together with the family. For instance, Jessica and Kim are friends at school. Kim tells Jessica that she doesn't want to be her friend anymore. Jessica becomes angry and upset and uploads a photo of Kim that was taken at a slumber party a week earlier. Jessica sends the photo to everyone on her buddy list with a very negative message attached.

Feelings and ethical issues are not easy to discuss or resolve. Sometimes, girls can handle cyberbullying and not get upset. Others become upset, angry or afraid. What should Kim do? Should Kim's parents get involved? Should the school get involved?

Betty White

Let's hear it for the girls!

▶ ▶ ▶ YOUTH IS TALENTED

Bridgid Nunen was recently honored by *The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)* in an awards ceremony at Hawai'i Pacific University.

The Center honored Nunen, a participant in the 2011 CTY Talent Search, for her exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-grade-level test given to academically talented students in grades two to eleven.



Find The Voice On-line

Beginning this year, the Academy's student newspaper, *Ka Leo*, will be posted on-line. Staff members are excited and a little anxious at the same time. While reporters and photographers continue to complete their normal assignments, layout has a 90-degree learning curve.

The new *Ka Leo* will include polls, slide shows, videos and interactive puzzles.

Check it out at www.kaleo.sacredhearts.org.



Mass tradition continues

The *First Friday* of each month, the Academy gathers as a faith community to celebrate *Mass*, a tradition as old as the school and rooted in the spiritual legacy of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts.

At the Mass on October 7, the school welcomed *Fr. John Thompson* (right with members of the *Lit Corps*), a Marianist priest from the Campus Ministry Office of Chaminade University as president.



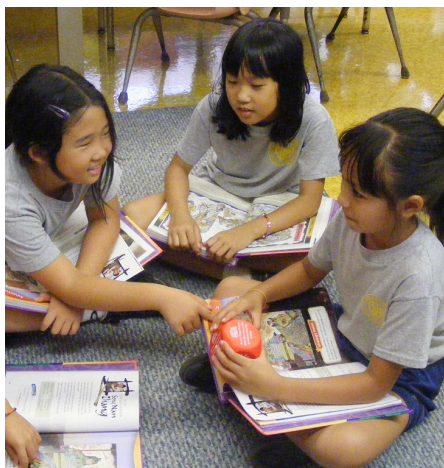
The students in the *Junior Kindergarten Gold* classroom enjoyed their recent walk around the school campus. They were delighted to find the interesting sites and various things around campus using their self-made binoculars.

The students, including (above) *Kelsie Taketa* and *Lilah Kuhia*, were especially entranced with the construction site for the new Student Center. Many had never seen bulldozers and backhoes up-close and were amazed by how gigantic they were.

Love those learning cubes

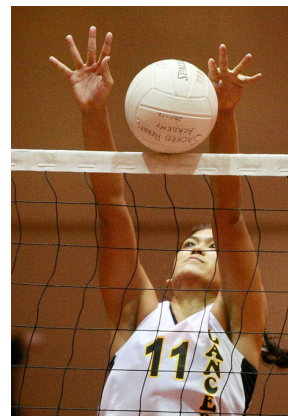
The Academy's third graders enjoy using *Kagan Learning Cubes* while working cooperatively in groups. Each cube has six sides with a different question or activity prompt.

These three-inch, foam cubes are squeezably soft and quiet to roll. Not only do the students, including (below) *Grace Oshiro*, *Jerica Fang* and *Danielle Felipe-Dick*, love rolling these cubes, they are equally excited to see which questions surface to which they must respond.



Lancer spike opponents

After a two-set loss to St. Francis on *Senior Night*, the Varsity volleyball team rebounded to defeat Le Jardin Academy and



University High School, earning a better draw in the league's Division II (DII) second round tournament.

The team is led by seniors *Shawna-Lei Santos* (above), *Cheyenne Chong* and *Jacqueline Baginski*.

Their *Junior Varsity* counterparts also posted two wins against St. Francis and Lanakila Baptist. They finished the season in third place in the *Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) DII*.

The *Intermediate* team also finished third in the ILH.

Other Lancer News

■ *Sporter Air Riflery* enters the State Tournament on October 25 as runner-up to league champion Punahou.

■ *Varsity bowling* can capture the league title with wins in their next six games.

■ *Junior Varsity tennis* improved to 3-5 and begins second-round play this week.