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## Teachers prepped hard to meet the parents

Think Greg had butterflies before meeting his future in-laws in the movie *"Meet the Parents?"* Imagine what the Academy teachers of students in grades seven to 12 felt when prepping to welcome parents to their classrooms for **Back-To-School Night (BTSN)** on August 25!

Like Greg, the teachers spent much time preparing before meeting the parents – classrooms were scrubbed and brightened; appropriate and thoughtful activities were crafted to share information; and the educators put on bright smiles when their guests arrived.

Approximately 300 parents attended BTSN and got a "feel" for what to expect this school year.

They not only traveled from room-to-room, mirroring their daughter's schedule – yes, eight changes of classes, including homeroom – but, they also congregated in the Auditorium for a welcome and "virtual" introduction to the Counseling and Athletics Departments.

It's definitely no lie that the night was very informative, and teachers, parents and students alike all hope the year goes off "happily ever after."



## From the Head of School

### LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR YEAR

For new or veteran teachers, the feelings are the same! Meeting the parents on the annual "Back-To-School Night" is a big deal!



"Back-To-School Nights" are changing a bit as teaching methodology is refined. Last evening, when the Academy welcomed its parents of students in grades seven to 12, it was exciting to see parents engaged, not sitting quietly in their seats, when reviewing the year's syllabus and the teachers' expectations. Whether it was perfecting some voice techniques, floating a boat with pennies or giving interpretations of a literature passage, teachers enjoyed their time with you.

For the most part, the opening of school jitters are over, and all the elements are in place for a successful school year – students are in the swing of academic rigor; teachers know their students by names and know the ones who may need extra mentoring; and, parents are calling with sincere concerns and requests of help for their daughters.

Individual conferences are scheduled in the fall; however, do not wait for these appointments if there are immediate concerns. Many parents find it convenient to contact the teacher via email, and the school expects teachers to answer inquiries by end of the day. Administrators and counselors are always available to lend a helping hand, regardless of the question or need.

Enjoy the weekend with your family.

*Betty White*

## Calling all coders!

The Academy is looking for a few enthusiastic and dedicated coders to join the "**Girls Who Code**" Club.

**Advisor Deborah Kula** and members of the Club meet each Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. in room A323.

Parents should encourage their aspiring coders to attend a meeting and check out the exciting things the Club is doing.



NEW PARENTS INVITED TO

# NEW PARENT SOCIAL

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 | 2 to 4 P.M.  
STUDENT CENTER

- > DISCOVER new facts about the school
- > FORM fellowship bonds
- > ENJOY light refreshments and fun activities

**RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 14 2016:**  
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SHANEWPARENT16](http://tinyurl.com/shanewparent16)

## Mentors share LEI of ideas for succeeding



**"Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Inspiration" (LEI)** were the topics of focus when 14 Academy students engaged with 14 mentors from June 20 to 22 as part of the **"Changing Faces Women's Leadership Seminar."**

Sponsored by the University of Hawai'i's East-West Center, this year's mentors hailed from countries around the world, including Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and the United States.

Each mentor has founded or built a successful business in their port country, and they shared the



Seniors Kaycee Selga and Carlee Matsunaga and their Changing Faces mentors on campus

processes required to establish and operate these organizations.

They also provided the students with valuable information on being an entrepreneur, building their own projects, developing leadership and making their dreams a reality.

A highlight of the experience was the **#galswithLEI Forum** at the East-West Center. From the workshop mentors and community leaders, the Academy students left inspired.

## Lancer Robotics members are starstruck

**Lancer Robotics** hosted 24 other teams from public and private schools at the **East Oahu VEX Robotics Competition** on August 20 at the Academy.

This year's challenge, tackled by the middle and high school teams, is **"Starstruck."** Played on a 12'-square field, teams work in alliances to maneuver 24 stars and four cubes across a fence into scoring zones on the other side.

The Academy's teams fared well but came up short as the teams from Pearl City High School won the tournament title as well as a number of top awards.

**Peter Park**, the event's organizer, thanks the dozens of volunteers, from the Academy, Mid-Pacific Institute and Waiialua Intermediate and Waipahu High Schools who helped at the competition.

The **Lancer High School VEX teams** are currently prepping for the **Pan Pacific Championship** from October 7 to 9.



## Johns Hopkins searches for talented youth

Sophomore **Jenna Tanna** spent three weeks in June and July participating in **Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth Summer Program** at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore.

In the "**Whales and Estuary Systems**" session, Tanna focused on whales at Stellwagen Bank and estuary systems along the northeast coast.

The students investigated whale anatomy, physiology and behavior.

During the field component of the program, they resided on a 104-foot schooner and collected samples, analyzed water and marine life along the way and learned fundamentals of sailing a ship.



## LANCERS LATELY

...returns  
to the air

The Academy's morning news show, **Lancers Lately**, is back on-air!

Produced by **Advisor Alyssa Myers** and the Academy's **Video Production classes**, viewers get the latest updates, breaking news and fun facts every Tuesday and Friday morning!

Students see the news in homeroom, and parents and friends can view broadcasts anytime online at [www.sacred-hearts.org/lancerslately](http://www.sacred-hearts.org/lancerslately).

## Exploring possible career paths

In June and July, junior **Taylor Rayray** joined other students from across the country at two informative programs in Lowell, Massachusetts – the **Congress of Future Medical Leaders** and the **Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders**.

During both programs, participants attend sessions and are mentored and inspired by pioneering leaders in the science, technology and medical fields, including inventor Jack Andraka and Dr. John Mather, a Nobel Prize Winner.

The aim of both Congresses is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct top students, who are nominated and chosen based on their academic achievements.



## Saks Fifth Avenue blessed with Academy flair

**Kumu Carol Young** and a contingent from the Academy helped usher in a new era at the International Marketplace in Waikiki when **Saks Fifth Avenue** was formally blessed for opening on August 25.

While Young emceed the program, her dancers performed six numbers, including the opening and closing *oli*, or prayer.

Blessing participants included **Zandrina Cambra, Samantha Europa, Sydney Europa, Rylie Goto, Clara Ontai, Mari Oyer, Lola Poerzgen, Ivana Salon, Logan Shiroma, Sydney Shiroma, Kira Stone, Suzanne Tsukenjo** and **Jasmine Basug**.

