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VEX teams are "In the Zone" with competition wins

The Academy's **High School VEX** students scored a monumental feat on September 30 at the **North Shore VEX Tournament**. They joined teams from *Waialua* and *Pearl City High Schools* to form the winning alliance and win the **"Tournament Champion"** trophy!

The three teams out-dueled the other 34 challengers to master this year's challenge and get **"In the Zone."** This requires manipulating some of the 80 cones throughout the competition zone to complete certain tasks and earn points.

This victory comes after team members tested their robot in earlier competitions and made appropriate adjustments.

Under the guidance of **Advisor Peter Park**, the team also improved their Skills abilities, finishing fourth overall in this critical scoring category.

With this win, the Academy teams earned a berth in the **VEX State Championships** in January at the Kamehameha Schools and still have the remaining tournaments to continue their vast improvement.



The Academy's High School VEX team, (from sixth from right) Isabel Allen, Katelyn Amoroso, Lesna O'Donnell, Jenna Tanna, Kiara Flores and Christina Dang, and their alliance partners enjoy their tourna-

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From the Head of School

BUSY SECOND QUARTER LIES AHEAD

The students have finished the first quarter and are excited for Fall Break. Hopefully, this will be a time to enjoy a different pace with some relaxing time with family. The second quarter is a bit more hectic with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas activities and celebrations.



Our students are tying some of the October activities to the natural disasters in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. The funds from the Halloween Costume and Dress Down Days will go to hurricane relief. However, Reme Tam and her faithful volunteers are excited about keeping Aloha United Way as the beneficiary of the annual Bake Sale.

Thank you to the Parent Organization for spending many hours preparing the back campus for Fright Night.

Hopefully, you already have your family tickets reserved for "Sister Act." Once again, the Academy is grateful for the outstanding tutelage of Drama Director Kyle Kakuno from Saint Louis School. Kakuno and his wife, Kathy, are outstanding examples of individuals who consistently model their spirituality to our students as they train them for the stage.

The Academy has several faculty members traveling over Fall Break – from Spain to Iceland and from the mainland to Asia. Randy Fong will travel to the Pacific Northwest with 30 students and will visit 11 colleges in four days. Alyssa Okimoto will chaperone seven students in China.

Join us in prayers for their safety, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on October 16.

Betty White



ANNUAL BAKE SALE OCTOBER 19 – STUDENT CENTER 7:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

- > Donate or purchase one item with proceeds benefiting Aloha United Way.
- > Donations of snack and baked goods, including preserved fruit and drinks, are needed. Liquids should be in manufacturer-sealed containers and other items packaged in small quantities for sale under \$2.
- > Items can be dropped off in both Autolines beginning at 6:30 a.m. on October 19

Opening Hearts For Harvey

Touched by the situation of people impacted by **Hurricane Harvey** this past August, the **Lower School Student Council** spearheaded a campaign to collect donations and elicit prayers for the victims of this natural disaster.

From October 1 to 6, Council members, including (below) **Treasurer Anna Casupang** and **Division Representatives**

Julia Wong and **Macy Markham**, urged students to open their "**Hearts For Harvey**," and purchase a paper heart for \$1. These remembrance hearts will be displayed in the Marian Building.



Lower School and Junior High School VEX programmers take the ring

The Academy's **Lower School** and **Junior High School (JRHS) VEX IQ** teams were well-prepared and ready to be the "Ringmaster," this year's VEX IQ challenge, during the **Hanalani School Royal Robotics Open** on September 30.

The Ringmaster task is to attain the highest score by emptying starting pegs of colored rings and placing these rings on floor goals and posts.

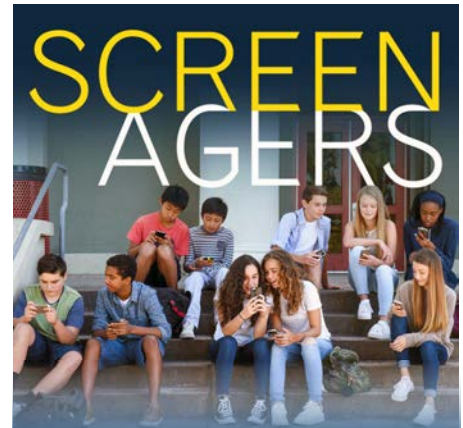
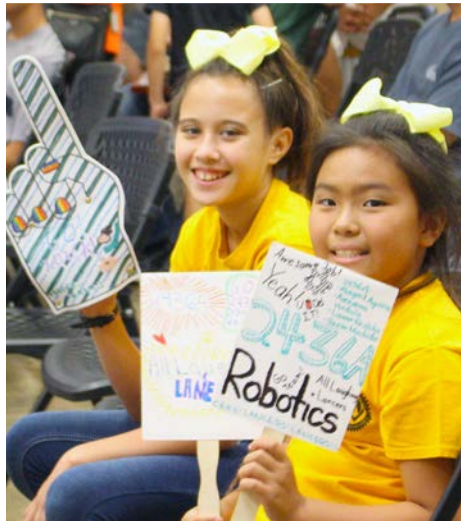
For their overall, outstanding performance, including strong scores from the judges and a second-place *Finalist Ranking*, the **JRHS team 2437A** won the "Excellence Award."

With this award, the team of **Ayla Hakikawa, Kammie Ardo, Nanami Mehring** and **Kammi Nguyen** qualified for the **VEX IQ State Championships** in mid-January.

In addition three of the other five Academy teams entered fared extremely well, with one Lower School group finishing second and another in fourth, and the other JRHS group finished third.

The school's 38 Lower School and JRHS VEX IQ participants and **Advisor Peter Park** are currently prepping when the "ring" comes to the Academy's campus for the **Airgas Lancer VEX IQ Challenge** on October 14.

RIGHT: Lauren Kealoha and Aureanna Vendiola cheer on their Lancer teammates; **BELOW:** The members of the Lower School and Junior High School VEX IQ teams celebrate their outstanding performance after the Royal Robotics Open.



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

“ MUST SEE FOR ANYONE WITH KIDS IN THEIR LIVES ”

October 26, 2017
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mary, Star of the Sea School Cafeteria

> A film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance.

> Special presentation includes a post-screening question and answer session with Producer Lisa Tabb

> Sponsored by the Augustine Educational Foundation and Mary, Star of the Sea School

TO REGISTER:
<https://tinyurl.com/screenagers-marystar>

JOIN THE ART ADVENTURES OF



NOVEMBER 5
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
BISHOP MUSEUM

*A FUNraiser organized by
Academy freshman
Juliette Cramer*

> “What Makes You Happy” art exhibition and painting session with local artists

> For a minimum \$10 donation, purchase an 8x10” canvas and a ticket for entrance. All other art supplies will be provided.

> Proceeds to benefit the *Ronald McDonald House of Hawai’i*

> *Kidz For A Cause* is a non-profit organization of students focused on helping kids in need

TO REGISTER:
<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1066232>

New families gather for fun and fellowship

Thirty-five students new to the Academy this year and their families “got to know” the school and its personnel and academic and extra-curricular offerings a little better on September 24 during the **New Family Social**.

Coordinated by the **Parent Organization**, the event also allowed new members of the school ‘ohana to meet and fellowship with other new families as well as current parents.

In addition to a delicious offering of Mexican food, the families also learned their way around and discovered some fascinating details about the school’s personnel, facilities and traditions during a fun scavenger hunt, which took them across campus.

The spirited Social included an energetic performance by the school’s cheerleaders and prizes of school logo gear were awarded.



TOP: Beatriz Lomas, seventh grader Melina Lomas and Pablo Lomas; **BOTTOM:** Ninth grader Felicity Fittante and her family, Mike Fittante, Milania Fittante, JoAnne Fittante and Michael Fittante