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## Gala attendees go off to see the Wizard

On October 2, attendees at the *Scholarship Fund Gala* went "Off to see the Wizard."

Following "*The Wizard of Oz*," the school's fall play production and the evening's theme, the Academy's diverse and talented students brought the mythical land of Oz to life through music and movement.

It was not just on-stage where the Academy's students shined, they also served as greeters, hostesses and bidding assistants.

No matter what their role, the event, held annually to raise funds to offset tuition costs for Academy families, showcased the essence and character of the school's students.

In addition, six Distinguished Alumnae were honored for their personal and professional lifetime achievements.



The Lion, the Scarecrow, Dorothy and the Tinman inspire the audience to get into the spirit of the Wizard.



*LEFT:* Lower School Choir members Alicia Kim Seu, Ariana Sun and Kaitlyn Choy sing "If I Only Had a Brain."



*LEFT:* Shadee Edralin performs with hula students in the Silent Auction area; *MIDDLE:* The Academy's High School Choir performs the finale, an a cappella version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow;" *RIGHT:* Members of the Band's Woodwind Ensemble, Sola Nagaoki, Neicy-Mae Fujiwara and Taryn Wong perform selections from "The Wizard of Oz" and "Wicked."

## From the Head of School

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

*Fright Night is back by popular demand of our students and many parents. Thank you, Parent Organization, for sponsoring it on Friday, October 30. The ghost and goblins are busily getting ready to welcome you and your family from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*



*The young students love the excitement, and the older students enjoy serving and working to make Fright Night possible.*

*Sacred Hearts is truly committed to developing leadership qualities in girls. Every day, we encourage the development of confidence, integrity, risk-taking, empathy and a global perspective in our students.*

*I fully appreciate all that Sacred Hearts offers to our students: spiritual, academic, artistic and athletic excellence. The encouragement of individual growth and the empowerment for leadership comes rather easily in our all girls' environment. And, not the least of these is service to home, school and community.*

*It is often through service activities that leadership is developed. There are so many options to which the girls can gift their time. Among several this weekend are the Komen Run and the Hospice Hawai'i Memorial Service, the latter here on our campus.*

*Remember to stay tuned for appointments for conferences and academic assessment notices as the first quarter comes to a close.*

*Betty White*

## Senior breakfasts with champions

Lancer runner *Phoebe Kirk* received a \$1,000 scholarship as a *Triple-Impact Competitor* from the *Positive Coaching Alliance*.

Kirk was one of nine athletes from around the State honored on October 2 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Accompanying Kirk was (below) Assistant Track and Field Coach *Llewellen Biven*, Head of School *Betty White*, Athletic Director *Ryan Hogue* and Track and Field Head Coach *Kelly Figueira*.



## Newbies mark end of first quarter

To celebrate their successful completion of the first academic quarter, approximately 30 freshmen who are new to the Academy this year, including (right) *Clarissa De Smet* and *Olivia Bruce*, enjoyed a special treat during lunch on October 8.



The yummy goodies were provided by *Class Advisor Leilani Asuncion-Tagupa*, *Counselor Anna Miyashiro* and *Director of Student Activities Toni Normand* to mark the academic milestone and also to develop fellowship among the new students.

## Eighth graders encourage peers to “donut be afraid”

During their *class retreat* on October 8 at Saint Anthony Retreat Center, 57 eighth graders embarked on a spiritual and social “journey.”

Led by members of the school’s Christian Leadership team, the eighth graders reflected on the day’s theme of “*Donut Be Afraid*,” based on the words of the Angel Gabriel to “Do not be afraid.”

The students stepped out of their comfort zone during a donut-eating contest and made banners depicting the values and beliefs of those in their small groups. Each student also received an “*affirmation plate*,” detailing her special qualities and made by her peers.

The day’s concluding activity was a ritual in the Academy Chapel when each eighth grader received a “*Guardian Angel*” pin, affirming her uniqueness and reminding her that she is loved.



Tiidii Lum, Amanda Giang, Jennalyn Wong, Lesna O’Donnell, Kaila Kawamura-Jeremiah, Agia Lee and Kayla Galima work on their group banner.

## Senior kindergartners search for the great pumpkin

The *Senior Kindergarten (SK)* class visited *Aloun Farms Pumpkin Patch* in Kapolei to celebrate fall, acquire hands-on knowledge about the farm and searching for the “great pumpkin.”

After getting a primer about the various plants grown on the farm, the students took a hayride and saw not only pumpkins, but cantaloupe and honeydew melons, sunflowers and corn growing in the fields.

After disembarking, the kindergartners traveled through the pumpkin patch, in search of a perfect pumpkin, and with assistance from parent chaperones, each student picked a pumpkin, which was brought back to class.

In class, the students will observe and “explore” their pumpkins investigate its circumference, height and

weight and complete some related estimation exercises. Their journals will also be documented with lots of pumpkin facts!



ABOVE: Hadley Kasprick, Ayuna Daibo and Embree Sakamoto examine a pumpkin vine.



## Skyping galore in Library

The third graders are learning about authors and writing their own stories on their iPads during their sessions in the Lower School Library.



On October 5, during their visit, they were overjoyed to connect with former Academy teacher *Melissa Carlos* in her new home in California via Skype. Carlos read the story "Snow Day" and shared how great writers find "small moments."

From October 13 to 16, in another Skype session, the second and third graders connected with children's author *Martha Rodriguez*, who resides in New York and is the mother of 2013 graduate *Jacqui Rodriguez*. Rodriguez shared her book "A Reel Cool Summer," and the students participated in several dramatic role-playing activities with her to help them learn to use more descriptive words when writing.

## First graders unlock mysteries

The first graders have devoted part of the first quarter to unlocking some geographic and scientific "mysteries."

The first graders learned to observe and document plants as they progress through life cycle stages, and they made a hypothesis based on their observations.

As a concluding activity to their plant study, each student brought in an edible plant part to share with their classmates. The students, including (above) *Jessica Matsubara* and *Anuheia Cosner*, identified the plant and the part that could be consumed, and the tasting party was underway!

The students were amazed to try vegetables they had never eaten before, such as an artichoke, and learn a myriad of fun facts, including broccoli is the flowering part of the plant.



## Read 100 to succeed

The *Lower School Library* has a new, exciting challenge for students as part of its "Read to Succeed Program!" Beginning on October 1, students in grades Junior Kindergarten to six are challenged to read 100 books through March 31, 2016.

Currently, 151 students, including (right) *Madeleine Villamil* and *Danicka Tamanaha*, have taken on the challenge and are on their way to reaching the minimum quota of 15 books read per month.

Those completing the entire challenge are eligible to earn medals and other great prizes!

