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Freshmen initiated into High School life

The ninth graders participated in fun and spirit-filled activities as part of **Freshman Initiation** last week.

The week-long event marked the freshman milestone of transitioning into the upper school community, where the students have been welcomed by their older colleagues.

Initiation events help foster strong friendships between the ninth graders and their junior "big sisters" during varied and exciting activities which follow a different theme each day.

This year's highlights included "Movie Magic Monday" and "Twin Tuesday," when everyone was seeing "double" in the hallways.

Festivities concluded on September 28 with the annual Initiation program, following a television-based theme. The juniors choreographed group dances related to "ESPN," "Teen Titans," and more, while the freshmen provided the talent.

The classes were assisted by **Junior Advisor Kimber Brown**, who organized the week's activities, and **Freshman Advisor Leilani Asuncion-Tagupa**.



LEFT: The group representing the ABC Family network perform their dance during Freshman Initiation



ABOVE: Alissa Bautista, Clarissa De Smet, Shelby Mattos, Chloe Ines, Brooke Iverson and Emily Truong get into the spirit of NBC



LEFT: Meadow Miyamoto and Malia Davis and their junior "big sisters," (middle) Michelle He and Danielle Ogawa

From the Head of School

FRIDAY FESTIVITIES



Last Friday afternoon was such fun as the ninth graders celebrated the milestone of entering High School and were welcomed into the upper school community.

Freshman Initiation is a valued and cherished tradition that spans many decades at Sacred Hearts. There is no hazing, bullying or harassment of the freshmen as they enter high school life – ust huge doses of fun, love, caring and friendships.

These Little Sister-Big Sister (Freshmen-Juniors) relationships often last many years. It was quite interesting last week to watch the accounts of alumnae on social media posts. One relationship that came up expanded over three generations.

As you receive this e-Parentline, the 20th Scholarship Gala's doors will be opening at the Sheraton Waikiki.

The event is sponsored by the Academy's Board of Directors, but its success depends upon the collaboration of the entire school community.

We have approximately 60 parents helping with the various phases of the evening. Since, all the proceeds go directly to scholarships, it is fitting that nearly 200 students will also be play are appreciative of your support.

Have good weekend and look forward to Fall break on October 8 and 11.

Betty White

Exchanging conversations in Japanese and English

On September 18, the Academy's upper-level Japanese language students participated in the first in a series of **Japanese-English conversation exchanges** with English students from Japan enrolled at the University of Hawai'i.

The theme of this introductory session was "Getting To Know You." And, over the course of their meetings, the students, including (*below middle*) **Amily Tam**, are looking forward to discussing "Home Is Where the Heart Is," "We Love Food," "On the Red Carpet" and "Pop Culture Trivia."



CSL volleyball thrives

The **Catholic School League (CSL) volleyball team** played their best against Saint Francis School on September 18.

Coach Shirley Labisores said, "The team represented the Academy very well, and they were united with every player competing with fun and purpose."

Most important, their parents, siblings and grandparents were also in full attendance with tons of cheers!



Journalists learn tricks of the trade from professionals

The Academy's ***Ka Leo staff*** had two recent opportunities to learn the "ins and outs" of the newspaper industry from seasoned professionals.

First, six staffers attended an all-day journalism workshop at the University of Hawai'i of Manoa on September 12. The students participated in sections highlighting news writing, features, sports, photography and video production.

The students, senior ***Shajaira Fiesta***; and juniors ***Kailaianna Ablog***, ***Ashley Marie Lardizabal***, ***Mariko Galton*** and ***Frances Nicole Tabios***, attended the workshop with ***Advisor Gaylen Isaacs***.

Then, on September 22, former *Ka Leo* editor and 2003 Academy alumna ***Celia Downes*** visited the journalism class and discussed her

journalism studies at Marquette University and current employment at the ***Honolulu Star-Advertiser***.

Despite her official job description as an online copy editor, Downes related that she thinks of her position as a "utility person" tasked with completing a variety of jobs to get the paper published.

She also related that the most important piece of being a journalist is developing collaboration skills since working well with others not only

lessens the work load and makes the day more enjoyable, but also creates a better product.



Celia Downes and Ka Leo staffers, Shajaira Fiesta, Aileen Jornacion, Janelle Medrano and Celina Isabella Arnobit

Esteemed director motivates with music and song

On September 26, the Academy's ***Select Choir*** joined singers from the choral community during a special concert performance in the Chapel for ***Dr. Tim Sharp***, an esteemed fine arts professional who serves as the executive director of the ***American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)***. This was the first time a national ACDA director visited the Islands during its 55 year history.

The Academy singers were one of only two high schools invited to perform – the other from Mililani High School. They joined the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Chamber Singers and the Hawai'i Vocal Arts Ensemble.

The Select Choir, under the direction of ***Dr. Alec Schumacker***, performed "Barso Re," a song sung in Hindi and composed by two-time Academy Award-winning composer A.R. Rahman.



Fourth graders mock rocks and cause eruptions

The fourth graders have been exploring about **rocks**, and using what they learned, including that a rock is made of more than one mineral, each student constructed her own "mock rock."

They proudly displayed their mock rock and shared their i-Pad presentations on their findings with the second graders who visited the for a special showing on September 23.

In addition to their rock research, the fourth graders explored the phenomena of volcanoes and volcanic eruptions in **Hawaiian Studies class**.

Using salt and flour, the students constructed their very own, man-made volcano. And, they were thrilled when, once the paint on their volcano dried, they were able to make their volcano erupt.



LEFT: Destinee Aaron and Alexandra Gustafson watch the ensuing "eruption" after adding liquid to their volcanoes; **ABOVE:** Amber Wolfe describes details of her rock to second graders Anastasia Lee and Ellah Nakaoka

Discovering living marine art

During a learning trip on September 25, the second graders interacted with a variety of living and non-living sea organisms at the **Living Art Marine Center**.

With over 20,000 gallons of salt water aquariums in the Center, the students examined and observed marine creatures from tropical oceans and learned about the varied eating habits and food preferences of each.

The highlight of the trip was visiting the Center's **Discovery Zone**, which features interactive touching tanks, where the students, including (right) **Lilah Kuhia** and **Mikena Gillis**, "felt" different creatures and observed close-up while some were feeding.

