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Freshmen spend week Dancing Through Life

To welcome the freshmen to the ranks of the upperclassmen, their junior "big sisters" organized a week of fun, spirited activities this past week during *Freshman Initiation* festivities.

This year's activities followed the theme "*Dancing Through Life*," beginning with when the freshmen were born, through their transition to high school and beyond.

Events culminated on September 23 with the annual Initiation Assembly. Each group of juniors choreographed numbers to a music mix from the period beginning in 2002, the year their little sisters were born, through 2016, and the freshmen were the talent.

For the Initiation festivities, the two divisions were assisted by *Junior Advisor Elizabeth Gabriel* and *Freshman Advisor Lurline Choy*.

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ABOVE: A group of freshmen finish their dance number during Friday's Initiation Assembly.



LEFT: A freshman duo perform during a music mix from 2009.



BELOW: Twins were spotted on campus during "We Match Wednesday" with the "sisters" sporting matching accessories.

From the Head of School

SISTERS CARRY ON TRADITION



The week has focused on initiating the Freshman class into high school as each member of the Class of 2020 was paired with a "mentor" and friend from the Junior class.

This 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 – just huge doses of fun, love, caring and friendships.

These Little Sister-Big Sister relationships often last many years. This weekend, I look forward to following the accounts of alumnae on social media as they reminisce about their own Initiation and their relationships with their Sisters.

Approximately 30 clubs set up booths to attract fellow students this past week. The Student Center was filled with noise, dancing, games and food; students immensely enjoyed this Club Fair.

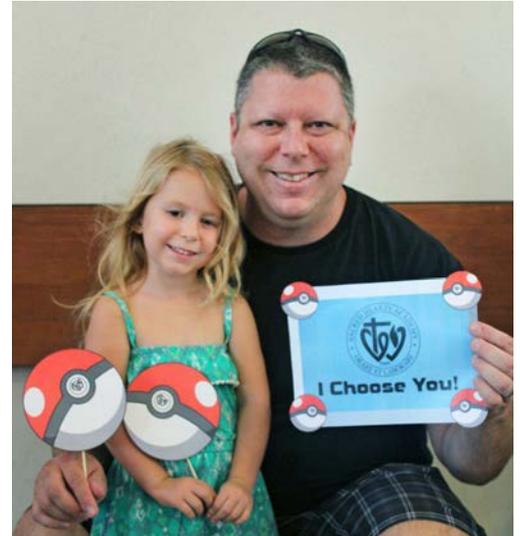
The Academy thanks Student Activities Director Cleo Eubanks for her leadership with so many extracurricular activities on a daily basis, including organizing the Club Fair.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend for your family.

Betty White

Getting to know you!

The Parent Organization hosted a Social on September 18 in the Student Center for parents and family members new to the Academy 'ohana this year.



Kylie Eloph and Tom Eloph

The event is an outstanding opportunity

for new members of the community to meet other parents, teachers and members of the Parent Organization.

The attendees also got a "primer" on the history of the school through information stations, learned the Alma Mater, discovered how to get "plugged-in" using Social Media, and enjoyed Academy-themed games and prizes.



Randy Amine, Katelyn Amine, Kylie Ann Amine and Susan Amine

Educators empowered in technology during #iTeach808

The Academy hosted the eighth #iTeach808: Empowering Teachers in Technology Conference on September 10.

One-hundred-twenty educators from 40 schools around the State participated in this year's event.

The #iTeach808 Conference,

co-sponsored by the *Augustine Educational Foundation*, is an important teaching tool which helps teachers keep abreast of trends and learn to leverage technology to assist students drive their own learning and give them the tools to succeed.

Technology expert *Alan November*, co-founder of the



The Academy educators who participated in this year's #iTeach808 Conference

Stanford Institute for Educational Leadership Through Technology, was the long-distance keynote speaker. His discussion focused on his book *"Who Owns the Learning? Preparing Students For Success In the Digital Age."*

After the keynote address, participants attended workshops on topics

ranging from Google Classrooms to Virtual Reality and Early Education to Photo and Literature Journaling.

Mahalo to *Media Specialist Laurel Oshiro* for organizing this important event.

BAKE SALE (Benefiting Aloha United Way)

OCTOBER 18 | 8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. | STUDENT CENTER

Looking for donations of baked goods and non-perishable items, such as packaged snacks, preserved fruit, jams and jellies and drinks.

Non-perishable items can be dropped-off beginning October 1 in the Lower School Office.

Baked and perishable items can be delivered the morning of the sale in either Autoline.



Science screening helps students problem-solve

During a recent science investigation in *Jolene Yoshioka's* class, the second graders became an amateur construction crew and learned that a mixture of sand, gravel and pebbles are often used to build highways, sidewalks and houses.

However, they quickly learned that these three elements must be separated by size for a solid construction.

After discussing the sorting issue in small groups, the students decided that separating the items by hand would take too

long. They concluded that they needed a tool to make the process faster and more efficient and were given three different screens to use for sorting.

This activity helped the

students, including hone their teamwork skills and think critically.



LEFT: Terina Chang and Selina Lam

ABOVE: Sofia Graham and Anuhea Cosner

Finding Flowers of Fortitude

The Academy's 53 sixth graders focused on personal gifts and how to grow these throughout life during "*Flowers of Fortitude*," their *Class Retreat* on September 16 at the Saint Anthony Retreat Center. The activities, facilitated by the school's *Living In Faith Experience (LIFE)* members ranged from "planting a seed" to "sprouting" to "blooming into a strong flower."

The primary purpose of school retreats is to foster a special time for each student to bond with God and with each other, building a "sisterhood" in the process.

Each sixth graders, including (*right*) *Brooke Matsubara* and *Mikena Yamamoto*, was given a keepsake of the Retreat – a heart with a Cross – to remind them that God is always present in the heart.



Freshmen and juniors carry on Initiation tradition *(continued from page one)*



LEFT AND BELOW: Members of the Class of 2020 perform during Friday's Freshman Initiation Assembly.



ABOVE: The freshmen and juniors enjoyed a candy bar featuring treats from "small kid time" on "Tasty Tuesday."

RIGHT: In honor of 2002, the year the freshmen were born, class members donned baby accessories on "Mini Monday."

