



Putting on a good act –

SISTER ACT

(that is)!

Forty-one talented and spirited performers stormed the stage at Mamiya Theatre during the Academy production of “*Sister Act*,” beginning on November 2 with shows continuing throughout this weekend.

The cast, comprised of Lower and High School students and led by *Mahea Sims-Tulba*, (right) in the title role of *Deloris (Sister Mary Clarence)*, and *Shannon Smith* (far right) as *Mother Superior*, displayed not only their vocal skills, but their dance and acting talents as well while telling the story.

The Academy held a special “*Donor Night*” on November 3 which not only showcased the talents of the school’s performers, who spent weeks preparing for opening night, but expressed appreciation for support given to the Academy throughout the year. Over 300 guests attended this special performance night.



From the Head of School

SHARING THIS SEASON

Next week will be very busy, but joyous, as we welcome hundreds of grandparents to spend some time with their granddaughters in our school environment.



The students are very proud of their kupuna, and the Academy looks forward to showing them a small slice of what the typical school day is like for their precious granddaughters. Email announce@faculty.sacredhearts.org if grandparents in your family did not receive their invitation.

The Canned Food Drive has been launched across the school, and it will be concluded days before Thanksgiving. Most of our gifts will go to Saint George Parish in Waimanalo and to Loliana Hale, the shelter in Kakaako that was "adopted" by the Academy 30 years ago.

I take this opportunity to thank our families for their generosity in sending in items of food or donating gift cards or money to make the holidays brighter for Hawai'i's families.

Sister Act runs through November 12 at Mamiya Theater. The combined cast from the Academy and Saint Louis has provided outstanding performances for packed audiences. Limited tickets are available for this weekend at www.sacredhearts.org/tickets.

Congratulations to our soccer and basketball teams that are quickly moving into season. Next week, e-parentline will feature the Academy's State Cheerleading Champions.

Betty White

Sharing *SPIRIT* of the *season*

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1 to 20

> CANNED FOOD DRIVE*

15 > GRANDPARENTS' DAY
(GRADES SEVEN TO 12)

17 > GRANDPARENTS' DAY
(GRADES KINDERGARTEN TO SIX)

> FALL CHOIR CONCERT
CHAPEL AT 6 P.M.

20 > SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
PARALITURGY
GYMNASIUM AT 7:50 A.M.

22 > FOUNDERS' AND
THANKSGIVING MASS
GYMNASIUM AT 7:50 A.M.

23 & 24

> THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)

24 > WAIKIKI HOLIDAY PARADE
FORT DERUSSY TO KAPIOLANI PARK
(VIA KALAKAUA AVENUE) | 7 P.M.

Sea-ing need and sinking into service

It was not the usual “day at the beach” for the Academy’s 45-plus sixth graders on November 3. While they saw much sun, sand and surf during their trip to *Maunalua Bay* in East Honolulu, this visit was rooted in ecological and scientific education – as well as service.

The students worked with *Malama Maunalua* and *Pono Pacific*, two organizations focused on habitat restoration, natural resource conservation, science and planning and education and outreach. During this trip, these groups covered the specific features and issues related to Maunalua Bay.

The students learned about the area’s watershed and the connection between “*mauka*,” the mountain, and “*makai*,” the ocean, and conducted an activity which demonstrated the connection between the effects of invasive species in the forests and erosion.

The sixth graders also learned about three major types of invasive algae currently flourishing in the surrounding ocean before embarking on a “*huki*,” to rid the water of these species. The students donned work gloves and “sunk” into this service activity, wading into the Bay and clearing the area of hundreds of pounds of the damaging algae.



LEFT: Ashlyn Dowda-Gates and Diana Lee; **ABOVE RIGHT:** Llana Lee and Summer McDaniel-York; **ABOVE LEFT:** Jondrina Cambra, Rita Komada and Daphne Ibrao closely examine samples of the bad, invasive algae growing in Hawai'i's oceans.

Digitizing learning for future schools

Members of the Academy's *Lower School Digital Media Club (DMC)* (right), Madeline Eakin, Danilla Monk and (far right) Kamryn Nguyen and Kylie Ann Amine, presented at this year's *Schools of the Future Conference (SOTF)* at the Hawai'i Convention Center on October 26.

The group discussed and demonstrated facets of the digital and technology skills they are learning in class as well as by participating in the school's DMC, which is advised by Laurel Oshiro.

The general theme of the group's "booth" focused on general movie-making, and the students filmed a "news" segment using audio microphones and an iPad. They also demonstrated some of the techniques used to create and produce stop-motion animation.

Over 3,000 educators participated in this year's SOTF.



Firefighters flame feelings of community

This month, the *Junior Kindergartners* in Sandy Arnobit's class are focusing on the unit about "Community."

During this exploration of different people, places and things that comprise a community, the students hosted a session with four firefighters from the nearby *Kaimuki Fire Station* on November 2.

The students learned that these individuals do not just douse fires, but are integral community members who help in instances of various emergencies. Other important "take-aways" imparted to the youngsters included how to "stop, drop and roll," designate a safe place to meet family if caught in a fire and dial 911 in case of emergency.

The kindergartners also were thrilled to explore the crew's fire engine and view the tools they used to do their jobs.



Good Act:

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ABOVE: The 16 members of the Children's Choir Ensemble

LEFT: Academy supporters Madeline Chun Lum, '47, and Loretta Whaley Apa, '52, enjoy the special Donor Night Reception.

BELOW: The Ensemble performs during Sister Act.

