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Unique educational system celebrated across nation

This past week, the Academy joined over 8,400 schools across the United States in celebrating the gift of their unique educational system during **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)**.

Educators in Hawai'i participated in this celebration of 160 years of providing outstanding Catholic education to students throughout the Islands.

In Hawai'i today, there are 41 Catholic schools providing education to approximately 15,000 students in 23 elementary schools, ten early learning centers, seven high schools and a university.

During CSW, the administration, faculty and staff of the Academy extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who support Catholic education in Hawai'i, especially its own parents and other members of the school community.

The Academy's students also celebrated the week in special ways (*below and page four*) – those in the **Lower School** enjoyed daily activities coordinated by their **Student Council**, and grades seven to 12 were immersed in **Living In Faith Experience (LIFE)** events, including the annual **LIFE Mass and Walk**.

Catholic educators in Hawai'i concluded this traditional week on February 2 with Mass, celebrated by **Bishop Larry Silva** (*above with Mike Rockers, Betsy Gunderson, Madeleine De Vos, Sr. Katherine Francis Miller, Destiny Carter and Betty White*), followed by opportunities for professional development for faculty and administrators.

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LEFT: January 29 in the Lower School was devoted to being active and healthy. For their day's activity, the fourth graders did "Harry Potter yoga" from the Comic Kids website.



From the Head of School

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR LANCERS



As all of you know, Sacred Hearts is not known for being a super athletic powerhouse, but it is a joy to work with Athletic Director Ryan Hogue and observe how our program is getting better and better.

The school can boast of two State Championships this year, and in every sport, so much progress is being made.

Our Lancer athletes enjoy the program and are learning valuable lessons that cannot necessarily be taught in other settings.

The Athletic Department asks for the support of your family for the Lancer Athletics' Country Fair on February 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. — all happening on the back campus.

Lots of activities and fun games are scheduled, but Huli Huli Chicken and a Farmers' Market are receiving much attention. The entertainment is also commendable: Hoku Zuttermeister, Puamana, the Royal Hawaiian Band and, perhaps, more.

Thank you to the athletes' parents for making this Fair happen, and we hope your family can join the Lancers!

Betty White

Aspiring journalists go behind-the-scenes of PBS Hawai'i

Aspiring journalists from the Academy's **Video Production and News Broadcast class** received a very informative, behind-the-



scenes look at what goes into running a prominent television station during a recent visit to **PBS Hawai'i**.

The students were "trained" by **Jason Suapaia**, the station's **vice president for Integrated Media Production** who oversees the studio and production crew and mentors college students. The group, including (above) **Alexiz Hicks**, took turns operating professional studio camera equipment, "stood-in" as the on-camera host and "called the shot" as the director and producer of the segment from the control room.

The Academy group also explored the professional, high-tech editing bay where they were privileged to observe a video editor in action who was working to meet a tight deadline.

And, they explored other key areas (below), receiving a better idea of sets, backgrounds and the technology utilized behind-the-scenes.



Lancer paddlers navigate sea currents

The **Lancer paddlers** closed their season on January 23 with a six-plus mile race, one of the longest of the season.

Throughout the season, the **Varsity I** crew performed well at each regatta and finished in fourth place in the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH)**, a mere four points shy of qualifying for the State Championships!

The **Junior Varsity (JV) II** paddlers battled throughout the season, aiming to unseat the Punahou crew for the top ILH spot.

Despite winning their last race – marking the second time they defeated Punahou – they came up just five points behind the top-ranked Buff and Blue.

With the final race, three seniors who filled key roles on the team – **Kodeelyn Himuro**, **Kau'ilani Murakami** and **Kimi Tokunaga** – closed out their paddling careers. Their leadership and mentorship will be truly missed by **Head Coach Elizabeth**



Loo and their teammates!

However, the future forecast for the program remains bright, with four returning Varsity crew members, juniors **Rebecca Meyer**, **Eliza Otenbriet** and **Abbylyn Sanchez** and sophomore **Lexy Freitas**.

Members of this season's JV squad

poised to step up next year included: junior **Angela Lowell**; sophomores **Camille Arnaiz**, **Maria Domingo**, **Isabella Francisco**, **Lucy Gentry**, **Kaila Kawamura-Jeremiah**, **Victoria Marr** and **Cynthia Nguyen**; and freshman **Patience Friedman**.

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through 6:49 p.m. on
02.25.2018)

- **FORM A TEAM** to tackle fun and interactive online challenges in which members play cyber protection agents protecting an important operation base.
- In the process, **EXPLORE** the exciting worlds of code cracking, cyber security tools, security flaw detection, penetration testing, digital forensics and more!
- Teams should be one to four Academy students in **GRADES NINE TO 12** and have a faculty advisor

● **MORE INFORMATION:**
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Celebrating Catholic Education

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RIGHT: Students in grades seven to 12 participated in week-long activities celebrating Catholic Education and the school's Living In Faith Experience (LIFE) program. On February 1, athletes and other avid runners led the school community during the annual LIFE Walk; **BELOW LEFT:** Members of the LIFE team cheered on participants along the Walk route; **BELOW RIGHT:** At Palolo District Park, the Walk's finish line, students participated in fun games and activities, including a spirit tug-of-war competition.



BELOW: The Academy's Lower School activities celebrating Catholic Education included a day devoted to "twins," with students encouraged to dress similar to their friends. The week culminated with a movie viewing of "Smurfs: The Lost Village" which included a tasty popcorn treat!

