



# St. Anthony School News

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## Upcoming Dates

**Tuesday, October 4**

3rd Grade Mass  
Blessing of The Animals

**Wednesday, October 5**

Picture Day, Red Shirt Day

**Monday, October 10**

NO SCHOOL! Discoverer's Day

**Tuesday, October 11**

Parent/Faculty Tech Tuesday: How to Use Google Docs

**Friday, October 14**

SAS PTSG Fall Festival

**Tuesday-Friday, 10/18-10/21**

Terra Nova Testing

**Friday, October 21**

Free Dress Day - Wear Pink

**Friday, October 28**

Safe and Caring Meeting- Wear Family Colors

School Play-The Wizard of Oz  
Middle School Halloween Dance

**Saturday, October 29 6:30 PM**

The Wizard of Oz

**Monday, October 31**

HALLOWEEN! Orange and Black Free Dress Day

*We'd like to welcome you to October, and the official start of the Fall season. As we prepare for the hustle and bustle of the upcoming holiday season, may we remember to take some time, everyday, to "count our blessings".*

## Safe and Caring, Thanks for Sharing

Saint Anthony School had its first school wide Safe and Caring Schools Meeting. Students had an opportunity to meet with their families, participate in ice-breaker activities, make name tags and create a "family cheer, as well as take part in "Silly Sports", a fun Kagan activity. Safe and Caring family groups consist of students from every grade level, with eighth grade leaders and a faculty advisor. Family names are made up of the English and Hawaiian meanings of various virtues. This is the first of many fun and educational meetings that we look forward to this year.



## Blessing Of The Animals

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi (the Patron Saint of Animals), we hosted the annual Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4th. The third graders began the day by leading a special Mass at 8:00 a.m. Following Mass, parents brought the pets (on leashes or in cages) into the courtyard for the blessing. Father Clarence and Deacon Ernie prayed over the numerous pets which included a variety of dogs, cats, birds, fish, mice, and even a tortoise. As Father Clarence made his way around the courtyard, he

blessed the animals, photographs of pets and stuffed animals by sprinkling them with Holy Water. Suddenly, a big gust of wind blew across the courtyard and the skies opened with a sudden rain shower. Fr. Clarence was over heard saying that he was getting some help from above to bless the pets as the droplets fell on the crowd. At the end of the event, all the animals were blessed and everyone had enjoyed a wonderful time with our beloved pets!



## Terra Nova Standardized Testing

The Terra Nova Test is a series of standardized tests used to assess student achievement in the areas of language arts, mathematics, reading, science, social studies, vocabulary, and spelling. It is also used to evaluate cognitive skills. Schools use test results to measure student progress, as well as, to evaluate and develop curriculum. All students in 2nd through 8th grade at SAS will be administered the Terra Nova tests from Tuesday, October 18 - Friday, October 21, 2011. Please try to ensure that your child comes to school during test days as it is difficult to make up missing tests. It is also important that students arrive to school on time, as late students will not be able to enter the room once the test starts. The Terra Nova testing periods will last for the first few periods of the morning with regular instruction to follow. To prepare for the tests, please make sure that your child eats a good breakfast before coming to school. We ask that each student bring two #2 pencils with erasers for test taking.

## Raising Funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Saint Anthony School will be holding a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude Hospital is a wonderful organization that provides care and support to sick and hurt children and their families. Throughout the month of October, a donation drive will be held to raise money to benefit the hospital. We will be collecting the money from October 17-28th.

## It Pays To Be An American....Savings Bank!

American Savings Bank is sponsoring the "Bank For Education" program. The program runs from 9/26 through 12/15. When you open a new checking account with a \$30 minimum deposit, ASB will contribute up to \$30 to SAS. More information is available in the school office or at ASB.

## ELC

Our smallest blessings are growing in a big way, as they expand their horizons, create friendships, and build their educational foundation. The community and community helpers have been amongst the topics being discussed, both within the school and beyond. What is a community helper? What do they do? What tools do they use? How do they help us? What do you want to do/be when you grow up? Way to go, wee warriors!

Growing in faith and learning for life!

## Our Hallowed Halls are Hooked Up

In keeping with our 21st Century skills and mindset, our school has updated and improved our infrastructure, with a new bell system, new phones, a new wireless network, and intercom. All these facilitate clearer communication, higher accessibility, and allows information to travel faster within our school and beyond; as well as allowing the faculty, staff and administration to put our technology skills and knowledge to good use!

We are also in the process of purchasing new computers and i-pads for students and teachers to use. Global learning, here we come!

## Bulb Blitz!

October is National Energy Awareness Month, and Blue Planet Foundation aims to replace 100,000 incandescent bulbs with energy-saving CFLs this month with your help! Blue Planet will reward SAS \$0.40 for every bulb exchanged. Exchanging 100,000 CFLs will save Hawaii residents more than \$14 million on their electricity bills, displacing 81,000 barrels of oil and 40,000 tons of carbon pollution. To learn more about the program go to <http://blueplanetfoundation.org/cfl-fundraiser.html> During the month of October bring your incandescent bulbs to SAS before or after school and receive a free CFL bulb! If exchanging less than four bulbs, please bring a small container for your bulbs. Some suggestions are small milk cartons or a to-go-cup with a lid. Also, The Green Club will have a station set up at the Fall Festival on October 14th to exchange bulbs. The bulbs are free and equivalent to a 60 watt bulb. We have 1,000 bulbs ready for exchange! Email [egarrison@saskailua.org](mailto:egarrison@saskailua.org) with any questions.



David Aquino from Blue Planet, Elise Avila, Emilee McDonald, and Mrs. Garrison help kick off The Bulb Blitz Fundraiser.

## PTSG News

Give Aloha....Say Mahalo

A big mahalo goes out to all of you who supported Saint Anthony School with your donation during the Give Aloha Fundraiser in September. We are also grateful to Foodland for their generous support to various non-profit groups in our community. We are still awaiting the final total, but, as they say, "every little bit helps". For information on these and more fundraisers, as well as how to get involved, please visit the PTSG website at <http://sasptsg.weebly.com>. The Student/Parent Directory is still being compiled. Please note that only authorized information will be used for publication. We ask all families to respect the information contained in the directory; it is for the private use of the school community and should not be used for any business or commercial purpose. This is a great way to keep our school informed and united.



PLEASE NOTE: Due to both the Pro-Bowl and Super Bowl festivities, ice skating at the Ice Palace has been rescheduled to Sunday January 8th.

## Syrup is Sweet... And So Is Fellowship



The Parent Teacher Student Guild (PTSG) hosted a Pancake Breakfast in Father Henry Hall on Catechetical Sunday, September 18th. Father Clarence blessed the teachers during Mass. Afterwards, parishioners, faculty, parents, and students gathered in Father Henry Hall to enjoy delicious food, friends, and fellowship. We were even able to feed 6 adults and 7 children as part of Family Promise. And to "top it all off", a total of \$1500 was raised to help our school. The PTSG received many compliments about the fabulous food and camaraderie. What a wonderful opportunity for our church and school to come together and live in God's love through fellowship and service.



## Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall Festival!

This year's PTSG Fall Festival will be held on Friday, October 14. Bring in the fall with some Halloween frolic and fun, complete with Trick-Or Trunk, games, and a costume contest! Be there...or BEWARE! A big mahalo to Mrs. Stephanie Caires (5A) for chairing this year's event. Please feel free to check the PTSG website <http://sasptsg.weebly.com> for more information.



Above left: The Oliver Family enjoy pancakes after mass. Above: Clark Miller, Mr. Miller, and Nicholas Thornhill help serve at The Pancake Breakfast.

## October is the Month of the Rosary

In celebration of the Rosary, students will learn about the Rosary and how to pray the Rosary from a special guest speaker. Special student volunteers will also be constructing some special Rosaries for students to use. The Rosary is such a vital component in our Catholic identity and in faith formation. It is an important tool in developing a greater understanding and love for God and service to him through prayer.



The cranes shown in the picture on the left are a result of a collaborative effort between students and parishioners. They were hung in the church to commemorate the anniversary of September 11.

## Meet Our New Student Council

Our Student Council is an integral part of our school ohana. They are very active in boosting school and student morale, and brainstorm creative ideas for fundraising and “FUN” raising at our school. Previous events have included: school cheers, selling bracelets to raise money for the Women’s Abuse Shelter, spearheading the fundraiser to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness, and sending out Hallograms to allow for the purchase of Halloween treats.



Our 2011-2012 Student Council Members are, from right to left:  
President: Cade Pedro  
1st VP: Maia Graham  
2nd VP: Fabian Pallares  
Secretary: Kaisah Kaaihili  
Treasurer: Briana Andrade  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Kelsey Perreira

Congratulations to our new Student Council Members! We look forward to another exciting year!



### We Are Gathered Here Today....

To give our warmest and most sincerest “CONGRATULATIONS!” to our beloved K-2 teacher, Miss Tammy Beaucage, who just a few short weeks ago, became Mrs. Tammy Oakes. We could not be happier for her and wish her a lifetime of happiness.



## S'more September Fun

Saint Anthony School's eighth grade students spent two nights and three days at Camp Erdman honing their leadership skills and learning the value of teamwork. The Odyssey and the Alpine Tower, high ropes courses, were highlights of the trip for most of the participants. On the Alpine Tower, students challenged themselves individually as they worked their way to the top of a thirty-foot tower; getting down from the top platform and were belayed to the ground by their tireless camp counselors. Teamwork was the order of the day as students faced challenges and fears while tackling the Odyssey. They encouraged and helped each other as they worked in groups to make it across the physically and mentally daunting course 40 feet above the ground. At the end of camp as they returned home, students regaled parents and teachers with silly campfire songs. The students came back to school filled with confidence and enthusiasm for their roles as student leaders.



## The Green Scene

Some of our own community helpers, SAS Brownie Troop and Green Club participated in a recent beach clean up at Kailua Beach Park. Thank you, Brownies (and Greenies!) for your service and dedication to making the beach (and the Earth) cleaner and “greener!” Also, Mrs. Marcia Braden and 20 middle school students removed invasive plants and helped to mulch native plants at He’eia Stream. The focus at this site is to restore native plants and reduce erosion. Students pulled weeds from among a native garden of ‘awa and ‘uala and learned to identify several other native plants, such as mamaki and kukui. They also helped to mulch new plantings to reduce weeds and retain water. It was a fun, if muddy and wet morning! What wonderful examples of the joy and benefit of God’s love for us and for the Earth that He created.



Top left: Middle School students help out at the He’eia Stream, even in the rain. Left: Green Club members and siblings participate in a beach clean up at Kailua Beach Park on Ocean Conservancy Day.

## BLC Conference

### Building Learning Communities

Reflection by Mrs. Cecelia Izuo,  
Kindergarten Teacher

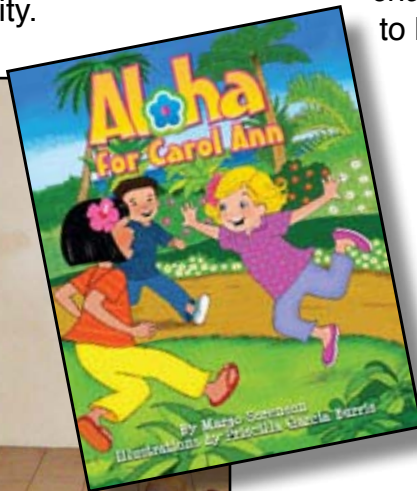
This summer, I had the opportunity to attend the Building Learning Communities Conference in Boston. Alan November, an international leader in education technology, was one of the keynote speakers, along with a clinical and organizational psychologist. These keynotes stressed innovation in teaching and learning. The Internet is a vital tool in this, with its vast explosion of available knowledge. It is drastically changing the role of teachers and learners; getting both away from the “paper and pencil” education and instead, empowering children to find the problems and needs of society, as well as innovative solutions through created projects and products.

Another vital component to 21st Century Learning is the need for cooperative learning, empathy, and passion, all of which are important ingredients to critical thinking. Our challenge as teachers in the 21st Century is to provide the basic knowledge in the core curriculum, nurture creative thinking and empathy, guide our students in finding their passion and link our classrooms to a global community.



Bridget Olsen, Cecelia Izuo, Alan November, and Elizabeth Garrison share a moment at the BLC. Alan November was also the keynote speaker at the recent Schools of the Future Conference in Waikiki.

There are a lot of challenges in creating this type of learning environment in our schools. One of the challenges is the inherent resistance to change. To make change more tolerable, we need to administer it in small doses at a time with a clear direction of where it will lead us. Another challenge is the need of educators, parents, administrators, board of education members, college administrators and lawmakers to understand the necessity for this change. We need to explain the “what,” “why” and the “how” in understandable terms. All in all, the change is warranted in order for our students to be successful in the 21st Century.



### Say Aloha To... Margo Sorenson

We were pleased and blessed to have Margo Sorenson, a well-known children’s author, come visit us on Monday, Sept. 26th, 2011. She spoke about reading and the writing process with our pre-K through 5th graders. The students had read Aloha, Carol Ann, one of her 27 published books, in our library, so it was wonderful to listen to her share this book’s beginning. Mrs. Sorenson is best known for her delightful stories about the clever little mouse, Ambrose, who never gives up, never thinks too small, and never thinks of himself first. Connecting children and authors inspires lifelong readers and writers. So we say mahalo to Mrs. Margo Sorenson for inspiring our young readers to write and our writers to read!

Left: Author, Margo Sorenson answers questions from students.